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Letter from the Editors

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Dear Reader,

If you are on a craft budget (and who isn't in the current economy?), have a look at this collection of 60 low-cost craft projects, sorted into categories such as needle craft, home decor, crafts for kids and more. We want you to know you can still enjoy your favorite hobbies without spending a lot of cash. With a few craft projects, you will have thrifty gifts for every occasion.

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## Candles and Soap

### How to Make Floating Candles

The key to a floating candle is a short shape with a slightly wider top than bottom. Wax naturally floats so you have little to worry about.

#### You Will Need

Paraffin Wax

Wicks and Wick Tabs (Usually sold together in craft stores)

Muffin/Cupcake Pan/Individual Jell-O Molds, etc.

Scissors

Melting Pot for Wax (I use a large aluminum can) and regular saucepan or double-boiler for melting wax

Thermometer

Optional- Candle Coloring and/or Scent Block

1. Find an appropriate pan or mold. For simplicity sake, a muffin pan will work fine. Grease with a little vegetable oil or cooking spray to help the candles pop out easily.
2. Prepare the wicks by inserting the wicks into the wick tabs.
3. Boil water in a large saucepan. Place the melting container in the boiling water, or use a double boiler specially for melting wax (you wouldn't want to use the pan for anything else).
4. Place several chunks of wax into the melting container. Be sure to monitor the wax as it melts with a thermometer and turn off the heat at 180 degrees F. Paraffin wax will ignite at 375 degrees F and must be extinguished with baking soda or a fire extinguisher, so be careful!
5. Once melted and the heat is off, add coloring and scent if you desire. You can use dye chips specially for coloring candles or liquid dye added with an eye-dropper. For scents, use shaved pieces from a scent block and avoid essential oils, since most are not designed for the high-heat of candles.



6. Pour about an inch of wax into each of the molds in the muffin pan and let cool slightly.
7. Once the wax begins to show some consistency with a skin on the top, press the tab of a wick into the bottom of each mold with a chopstick, spoon or skewer.
8. Once set, pop out your candles and float in water.

## Crafting with Kids

### Easter Egg Mobile

By: Mama King of 4 Crazy Kings

This wonderful project to do with kids this Easter comes to us from the ever-creative Mama King of [4 Crazy Kings](#). Have the kids decorate egg shapes cut from clear contact paper to create Easter mobiles that let the sun shine through. Use whatever collage materials you have on hand such as sequins, glitter, paint and more.



#### Materials:

- 2 identical egg shaped paper templates
- Clear Contact/Shelf Paper
- Ribbon
- Hole Punch
- Collage Materials (tissue, sequins, ribbon, feathers, glitter...)
- Tape
- Scissors

Tip: before starting any project with small children make sure your materials are set up. It helps the flow of the project and stops impatience on the child's part and frustration on your part.



### Instructions:

Cut out 2 egg shaped templates and tape one to work surface. I use an old drawing board so I can move it for snack, lunch or whatever comes up. The egg guide will help your child visualize where to put the materials. Cut out two rectangles slightly larger than your egg template. Peel off backing of one (set aside second rectangle) and lay sticky side up over egg template. Tape down on each end so it doesn't slide around. Start adding all your collage material -- paying attention to your egg guide. You want a good seal around the edges so try to keep collage materials inside of egg. When your done -- peel off backing of second piece of sticky paper -- place on top of collage and smooth with your hands. You can either take a permanent marker and outline the egg shape underneath or use the second egg template as a guide to cut out egg. I held it in place with my thumb and cut around it to ensure I wouldn't get any marker edging on my egg. Untape plastic sticky paper collage. Leave egg template taped to board for the next collage egg. Cut out egg. Repeat as many times as desired. You may want to do one large egg with several tiny eggs dangling from it...it is up to you and your imagination!



## Guest Tutorial: Recycled Crayons

By: Sara of Kitty Baby Love

This great, guest tutorial for how to recycle crayon bits into new crayons comes to us compliments of Sara of [Kitty Baby Love](#). You can also find the little, kitty-shaped crayons (perfect for child-sized hands) for sale in her [Etsy shop](#).



Cost: \$0 - \$20

Time: 15 minutes

### Materials:

- Crayons (tip: recycle the broken bits and ends of crayons that end up being tossed)
- Heating source (Oven, microwave, stove...)
- Mold (tip: cupcake pans or tin foil will work just fine)
- Baking glove or some kind of protection from the hot wax (we used a pair of pliers)

### Instructions:

1. Make time. This makes a perfect rainy day activity with items you can already find around the house. Make this an opportunity to bond with your children or even your

partner.



2. Find crayons. Standard crayons are easy and cheap to find at any drugstore. Make sure they are non-toxic!
3. In our experience, specialty crayons may not work as well, i.e. glow-in-the-dark crayons, or glitter crayons. You don't have to buy new crayons for this activity though, just use the ends and broken off bits you already have at home.



4. Peel paper off crayons and melt. You can melt them in a variety of ways: Heat lamp, oven, etc. We used the double boiler method- empty crayons in a heatable container and boil the container (with the crayons in them) inside another pan of water. Make sure you watch the crayons as they melt, which will happen fairly quickly (around 3-5 minutes).
5. We encourage using recycled cans. We molded ours to have a pouring spout and used an old meatloaf pan to boil it in. If you want to reuse the same can for making multiple

crayon molds, we recommend using a pot that you don't mind tossing at the end as it can get a little messy. Depending on the size of your mold, melt between 7-20 crayons. This part takes some experimenting. Also crayons will act like paint and colors will mix together- so unless you want brown, make sure to separate the reds from the greens!



6. After crayons are melted, pour the heated crayon wax into the mold. This is where the baking mitts come in. Always use caution and common sense when handling hot objects. Don't have a mold? Don't worry, you can make your own- be creative! Tin foil or a cupcake container can work just as well as a store bought mold.
7. Let the crayon wax cool. The wax will instantly start to cool and shrink a little. If necessary, refill the mold and let it cool again. The mold will take around 5 minutes to cool, however you can pop them in the fridge or freezer for a quicker time.
8. When cooled, release crayon from mold and start coloring. That's all! Experiment with techniques and create custom colors, crayons with swirls, or layers of multi-colored crayon bars. This is just a general guide; have fun with it!

## How to Make Silly Putty

By: Kelly Mellott

Who doesn't remember playing with silly putty as a kid? Make some at home for hours of fun for your child! It's simple and saves money from store bought toys!

Materials:

- Food coloring (whatever color your child chooses)
- 2 tablespoons Borax
- 2 tablespoons White glue
- 2 tablespoons Water
- Mixing Bowl

Steps:

1. In a large mixing bowl, stir together glue, water, and food coloring.
2. Once fully mixed, add in the Borax and knead thoroughly.
3. Let sit for a few minutes.
4. Your homemade silly putty is ready to play with!



## Crochet Patterns

### Scrap Yarn Crochet Slippers

By: Judy Longstaff

These easy slippers, perfect for beginners are very warm and very comfortable. I've been making them for years, and have many family and friends that request a pair at least once a year if not more. These slippers can be made so that they cover only the ankle or past the knee and any length between. Senior citizens like the warm up to just below their knees.



These slippers end up oversize. Wearers often find this very comfortable, due to their toes not being squeezed. Sock stays up and with the 2 strands they last forever.

Use 2 strands at a time. A quick pattern of 4 pieces (2 socks and 2 toes), often done in a weekend, depending on the size desired.



#### **Materials:**

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- Size "F", "G", or "H" needle is recommended.
- Any amount and any color or type of yarn

### **Tips:**

1. If you want slippers to MATCH, remember to use only about 1/2 of your yarn ball(s) so that you can use the same color in the second slipper. Also, if a toe and sock match, switch with the other toe and sock, so that they seem to be more of a pair.
2. When changing a color, change only one at a time. This provides greater diversity in the color scheme. DO NOT CHANGE COLOR in change of center of the sock piece, but try to change closer to the edges. The wearer will walk on the middle portion of this piece.
3. The 2 strands that you are crocheting with develop certain patterns and intensities. For a man, use darker colors together and masculine colors. For a woman, use a darker color with a lighter color for your 2 strands or both lighter colors. The lighter the brighter.
4. Colors that you may not think look good together really do in this pattern. If you try to create a pattern, you may become frustrated. Let the colors flow and don't worry about how.
5. The taller the sock, the tighter it will be to put on. Add an extra row(s) for allowance as needed.

### **Sock**

Measure from back of heel up the back of leg to the desired height of the 'sock' part of the slipper.

Using 2 STRANDS of yarn, leave a foot long or longer tail and chain the desired length. (i.e. 2 inches above my ankle, i chain 80 3 for turning). Turn and dch each row, adding 3 chain for turning.

Depending on foot length, normal is 9 rows. Tie off, leaving a tail long enough to reach the other end of your crochet piece. This piece will cover ankle from back of heel to arch, with the fold at the bottom of your foot. Repeat for second foot.

### **Toe**

Measure bottom of foot, from heel to longest toe(s), for 'toe' part of slipper.

Chain 5, sts into 1st chain.

Row 1: Chain 3, and then double crochet 12 stitches through the center of circle. Slip stitch into 1st stitch, chain 3.

Row 2: double crochet 2 x in each stitch, making 24 stitches around.

Slip stitch into 1st stitch, chain 3.

Row 3: double crochet 2 x in 1st stitch. double crochet 1 x in next

2 stitches. double crochet in 4th stitch 2x. Follow this count around to last stitch. Slip stitch into

1st stitch, chain 3.

Row 4: double crochet 2x in 1st stitch. double crochet 1x in next 9 stitches. Follow this count around to last stitch. Slip stitch into 1st stitch, chain 3.

If toes fit into this crochet without causing crowding, go to row 5. If toes are crowded, repeat Row 4.

Row 5-9: double crochet in 1st stitch, and 1x in each stitch around to last stitch. Slip stitch into 1st stitch. Chain 3, except in row 9.

This is very versatile. a short foot may only need 8 rows, or a long foot may need 10 rows.

Row 9 (last row): at the end, tie off leaving a tail that is longer than the size of the circled crochet piece.

Repeat for second foot.

### **Put It Together**

First, using the tail from the initial chain, put first stitch and last stitch together, and pull tail through. This will hold the back of the slipper together, and ensure you don't overlap the sides of the slipper. Pulling the tail around the next stitch, continue stitching sides together until you reach the fold. Separate the ends and pull to the inside through different stitches but close enough not to cause gap. Tie off, weave through. Cut.

Turn the 'Toe' inside out, and push into the 'heel', so that the edges match. Long tail of the toe should be at the bottom. Separate the 2 strands and begin pulling around stitch after stitch. 1 strand goes to the right and 1 goes to the left. Strands will meet at the top of the toe. Pull through.

At the top of the sock, pull the tail through the first stitch of the other side, and continue around each stitch until you meet where the toe is added. Pull all tails (4 strands) through to the inside, and tie off with each other.

Push toe out to front.

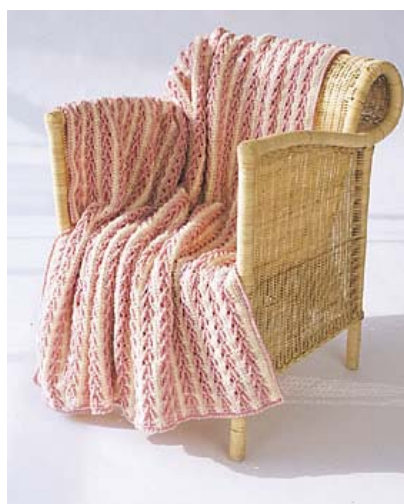
### **Variations:**

1. Do not close front side of sock, allowing for fold over. This may be an option for taller 'socks', and a long chain piece added as laces, hand stitch Velcro pieces so the sock can be wrapped around. For this you may need to add an extra row.
2. Have fun with this pattern. Each pair can be unique for each wearer.

## Arrow Stitch Crochet Afghan

By: Bernat

The simple arrow stitch in the crochet afghan pattern creates a lovely addition to any home. The rose and natural yarns in this afghan create a lovely palate of colors, but you can use any worsted weight yarn.



### Materials:

- Yarn: Bernat Berella 4 (3.5 oz/100 g solid) Main Color (MC) (Rose) 10 balls., Contrast A (Natural) 5 balls
- Crochet Hook: Size 5 mm (U.S. H or 8) or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 13 sts and 10 rows = 4 ins 10 cm in pat

Measurement: Finished Size Approx 51 x 62 ins 129.5 x 157.5 cm

### Instructions:

With A ch 201.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Ch 1. Turn. 200 sts.

2nd row: 1 sc in first sc and each sc to end of row. Join MC. Ch 3. Turn.

3rd row: Miss first st. 1 dc in next st. Miss next 3 sts. 1 tr in next st. Working behind tr just made, 1 dc in first missed st. 1 dc in each of next 2 missed sts. Miss next 3 sts after tr. 1 tr in next st. Working behind tr just made, 1 dc in first missed st. 1 dc in each of next 2 missed sts. Rep from to last 2 sts. 1 dc in each of last 2 sts. Ch 3. Turn.

4th row: Miss first st. 1 dc in next dc. Miss next 3 dc. 1 tr in next tr. Working in front of tr just made, 1 dc in first missed dc. 1 dc in each of next 2 missed dc. Miss next 3 dc after tr. 1 tr in next tr. Working in front of tr just made, 1 dc in first missed dc. 1 dc in each of next 2 missed dc. Rep from to last 2 sts. 1 dc in each of last 2 sts. Join A. Ch 1. Turn.

5th row: 1 sc in first st and each st to end of row. Ch 1. Turn.

Rows 2 to 5 inclusive form pat.

Cont in pat until work from beg measures approx 50 ins 127 cm ending on a 2nd row of pat and omitting turning ch at end of last row.

Fasten off. Edging: Join MC to any corner of afghan and work 1 row sc evenly around outer edge, working 3 sc in corners. Join with ss to first sc.

Next rnd: Working reverse sc from left to right instead of from right to left as usual, work 1 sc in each sc around outer edge of Afghan. Ss to first sc. Fasten off.

## Craft Gifts

### Recycled CD Letter Holder for Mom

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Help Mom stay organized with a personalized recycled mail station - showcase her favorite flowers and reuse an old CD. This project makes for a great mother's day gift or birthday present for a mom or another busy lady in your life.



#### Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
  - Heart, 6" x 1"
- Three or four recycled compact discs
- Floral fabric "fat quarter" (from quilting department)
- Coordinating silk flowers, two small bunches
- Serrated knife
- Paraffin or candle stub
- Scissors
- Wide flat paintbrush
- Ruler
- Paper towels
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks
- White, thick craft glue

Steps:

1. Cut three or four 5 1/2" squares from fabric. For each CD, spread thin layer of white glue over label side and smooth a fabric square over glue; let dry and trim excess.
2. Cut two 1 1/2" x 12" strips from fabric. Glue fabric strips around edge of foam heart, overlapping as needed. Clip corners and fold excess fabric to bottom; glue to secure.  
Note: If desired, trace heart onto wrong side of fabric and cut out; glue to bottom of heart.
3. To make inserting discs easier, first cut 3/8"-deep, equally-spaced parallel grooves into top of foam heart. Cut straight down, not at an angle. Apply thin line of white glue along each CD slit and press discs 1/2" to 3/4" deep into slit.
4. Glue silk flower bunch to each side of discs as shown.

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For more project ideas, please see [styrofoamstyle.com](http://styrofoamstyle.com).

## "Quilted" Christmas Treat Jar

By: Dena Lenham for Kreinik

Decorate a simple mason jar for those special Christmas treats. This quick and easy project will make your canned gifts look even more beautiful this holiday season.



Materials:

- Empty glass canning jar
- 100% cotton fabric with a Christmas theme
- 1/4" red satin ribbon
- Misc. buttons in red and green colors
- 1/16" Ribbon 002 Gold
- #8 Braid 009 Emerald
- #12 Braid 008 Green
- Diamond Beadlets®
- Shallow pan or tray
- 8x10 sheet of red liner, heavy duty double sided Treasure Tape™

Steps:

1. Cut out squares from your Christmas fabric (in our sample, we used teacup blocks and a patch with the words "Christmas Tea" printed on the fabric). Set aside momentarily.

2. Cut a rectangular piece of Treasure Tape from the 8x10 sheet to fit like a belt around the middle of your jar. Remove the white backing from this tape and attach it to your jar.
3. Using leftover pieces of Treasure Tape, cover the jar lid.
4. Peel off the red liner from the tape on your jar and begin embellishing: lay the fabric squares first, then the red satin ribbon, then the buttons. Lay the gold ribbon along the top and bottom as a decorative border, and fill in other sticky areas with the green braid colors.
5. When embellishing is complete to your satisfaction, lay the jar in your shallow pan and cover all remaining sticky areas with the Diamond Beadlets. Shake to dislodge loose beads.
6. Do the same with the jar lid to decorate it, then use your personalized, embellished holiday jar as a decoration or gift.



## Recycled Crafts

### Homemade Cork Board

#### **Corks, Corks, Corks** by Angi

I saw a picture of a corkboard made out of different sizes of corks. I'm not sure how they made it, but I'm assuming they took an 8x10 frame and glued the corks to the cardboard backing of the frame. After the corks were dry, assemble the frame as usual, minus the glass and you are ready to go. I'm sure you could make various sizes and styles of cork boards.

## 10 Things to Do With Old Wine Bottles

By: Caley Walsh

Instead of tossing those old wine bottles, use them in a variety of wine bottle craft projects. You can create lamps, decorative vases and hurricanes from old wine bottles and they make great gifts. Don't forget to save the corks to create a [homemade cork board](#).



To remove the labels from old wine bottles, soak in hot water with a few drops of soap for 20 minutes. Then simply scrape or peel off the label. You can also remove the [wine label intact](#) and create lovely wall art (especially with those fancy French wine labels).

Here are our top 10 ideas for wine bottle craft:

1. Using this [amazing technique](#) to give your old wine bottles a faux dichroic glass look. The fancy bottle can be used to store homemade oils or vinegars, or as a decorative vase.
2. Turn an empty wine bottle into a lamp. To do this, you need a ½ inch glass and tile drill bit or a diamond bit and a string of mini lights. Lay the clean and dry bottle on a cloth. Keeping the drill bit wet with cold water as you drill a hole about an inch from the bottom of the bottle. You don't want the bit to get too hot and crack the glass. Once the hole is drilled, push the lights into the bottle. Use a flattened out hanger with a small hook at the end to help you bring the lights up into the bottle. Leave the last bit of cord and plug free. You can also add glass beads to the bottle for another look.
3. Turn wine bottles into [drinking glasses](#). According to author of this tutorial, flat bottomed bottles of certain white wine varieties or Bordeaux wines are best for making drinking

glasses. The author also adds etched monograms for that extra-classy touch.

4. Cut off the top and bottom of a wine bottle to create candle “hurricanes.” Use a bit of wire to create a holder for a tea light or small pillar candle.
5. Use wine bottles to create garden edges. Bury upside down about halfway up or further. For another garden idea, learn about the great Southern tradition of [bottle trees](#).
6. Fill with layers of colored sand and set on a wind-sill to recall the beach.
7. After washing and removing any labels, fill with bulk dishwashing liquid and a few stems of silk flowers. This creates a decorative soap dispenser for your kitchen. Decorate the corks with small ornaments.
8. Use as decorative containers for flavored olive oils, such as by adding dried chilies, sun dried tomatoes, dried basil, or rosemary. You can purchase a plastic pour spout for the bottle top.
9. With a coat of chalkboard paint, turn old wine bottles into [stylish chalk art](#).
10. Turn an old wine bottle into a wind-chime. You can use the spout or simply cut off the bottom of the wine bottle and use a shell or other weight for the chime.

### **More Green Crafting Articles:**

[14 Things to Do with Old Jeans](#)

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[Recycled Leather Belt Bracelets](#)

[Recycled Tin Can Luminaries](#)

## 10 Ways to Reuse and Recycle Trash for Crafting

In addition to its positive environmental impact, recycled crafting material is especially frugal, being that it comes at no additional cost! Here are ten ways to recycle through crafting.

### Paper Bags

- Fans- Cut out a rectangular piece of paper from a paper bag. Paint it or decorate it however you desire. Fold accordion style (turning over after every fold) and secure the bottom of the folds with a dab of glue on each hold or drill a hole through and secure with a bit of string. Fan out.
- Envelope or Mailer- Use a plain paper bag (or with the pointing writing inside) to make a recycled envelope or mailer. Fold a large piece in half and seal the sides. You can even use your sewing machine to stitch the sides closed.
- Gift Wrap- Brown paper also makes fantastic gift wrap. Decorate with stencils or spray with a coat of glittery metallic spray (available at craft stores). For a minimalist look, use twine or neutral-colored ribbon to tie around the package.
- Spray-Painting Aid- Go outside, place an item to be spray-painted inside of a paper grocery bag and spray away. This certainly cuts down on the mess!
- Create a [flap album](#) from five paper bags.

### Plastic Bottles

- Use plastic bottles in your garden for a [homemade irrigation system](#). Decorate and/or paint them so they won't stand out in your garden AS garbage.

### Plastic Bottle Caps

- “Beaded Curtain”- Paint bottle caps different colors (you can paint them red and green for a holiday curtain). Drill a small hole into each and thread onto a string. For evenly spaced “beads” measure and tie a knot before stringing on the next bottle cap. Hang each string from a horizontal line for a beaded curtain.
- Use plain bottle caps to create a beautiful [lampshade](#).

### Metal Tabs (As on Soda cans)

- Create a surprisingly pretty [bracelet](#) with pop tabs and elastic cord.

### Cereal Boxes

- Magazine Holder- Cut the top off a cereal box. Halfway across the top, cut a 45 degree angle down to the side of the box, across, and back up at the same angle. Lightly sand with sandpaper. Paint the cereal box a uniform color and tie a ribbon around the box. Or, use stamps to decorate. For sponge painting, simple cut out your preferred shape from a sponge, such as a star or leaf, and use this to paint the box.

## Recycled Newspaper Beads

### Materials

Old newspapers  
Large pot or metal bowl  
Glue (Elmer's or other liquid glue)  
Sandpaper  
A drill to make holes in the beads  
Whatever string or ribbon you want to string the beads with  
Leftover paint  
Varnish

### Directions

1. Grab a few newspapers before they make it to the bin or recycling basket. Try a couple different papers for different colors. The Sunday comics might be interesting!
2. Rip the newspaper into small pieces in a large stock pot or metal bowl.
3. Cover the paper pieces with boiling water (easy if you have a kettle on hand).
4. Allow this mixture to sit for an hour or more, stirring occasionally.
5. Drain the water using a strainer or try to get as much water as possible out with the lid of the pot.
6. With the paper back in the pot, add enough glue so that the mixture sticks together.

7. Squeezing water out with your hands, roll the mixture into balls. You can make the balls as big or small as you like.
8. Place the balls on parchment paper or foil.
9. Roll them several times a day for several days as they dry. Roll them every 3-4 hours for a couple days for compact beads.
10. When completely dry, use the sandpaper to sand off any rough points on the bead.
11. Drill a hole through each bead for stringing. Bigger holes can accommodate ribbons and the like.
12. You can now paint the beads with any paint you have on hand. When dry, you can varnish them with Mod Podge, clear acrylic spray, or other varnish. For a great painting and drying rack, cut small notches into a shallow cardboard box, such as a shoe box. This will catch any drips when you paint and varnish the beads. Place long needles, coffee stirrers, or sturdy wire through the beads and secure in the notches of the box.
13. When dry, string the beads. Ribbons work especially well for these chunky beads, but you can experiment with other materials.

Enjoy your recycled newspaper beads!

## Recycled Tin Can Luminaries

With a little creativity, tin cans become surprisingly elegant luminaries instead of trash. Save money on expensive candle decor with this fun project.

### Materials:

- Empty Tin Cans
- Candles
- Thin Nails
- Hammer
- Tape Measure
- Pencil
- Paper (or Tracing paper)

### Steps:

1. Remove any labels or stickers from the can and clean inside and out. If your can has a jagged edge at top, use a metal file to file it down. Most safety can openers give you a clean edge.
2. Measure the height and circumference of the can with the tape measure. Cut a piece of regular paper or tracing paper to these measurements.
3. Fill the clean cans with water and place in the freezer.
4. While the water is freezing in the cans, create a design on the paper. You can use the tracing paper to trace a design from craft books or clipart, or you can print a design directly from the web. For the more adventurous, simply draw a design on the paper.
5. Check to see that the water is frozen in the cans. If so, tape your designed paper onto the can.
6. Use the hammer and nails to punch dots around your design. The ice will prevent the can from bending as you hammer.
7. Once you've punched along around your design, remove the paper and allow the ice to melt. Dry the luminary completely and place a candle inside.

8. Light the candle and watch as the light plays through the holes of your design.



## Repurpose an Old Spice Rack

### **Bath Salt Rack by Stacy Roller**

I had a small spice rack that only held five spice bottles that I didn't use anymore. Instead of just tossing it when I got a new and bigger one, I filled it up with five different kinds of bath salts and hung it up on my bathroom wall. You can go one step farther and decorate it with ribbon, shells, or whatever else matches the theme of your bathroom. Not only did I recycle it, but now my salts are easy to grab and dump in the tub. The rack also looks great too!

## Turn Old Jeans into Pot Holders

Turn the seat of an old pair of jeans into potholders. The jean pockets, already ready for slipping in your hands, make this sewing project a breeze.

1. Find a pair of old jeans. Perhaps you have an unsightly hole that is beyond mending like me?
2. Cut two 10 inch squares around each pocket, with the pocket as close to the center of the square as possible.
3. Cut out two 10 inch squares in fabric to match the denim squares.
4. For the insulation layer, use two layers of thick wool batting cut to equal squares, or use several layers of denim squares cut from the jean legs.
5. For each potholder, assemble the three square layers of denim, insulation, fabric. Align the insulation squares with the fabric square, with the wrong side of the fabric touching the insulation. Pin in place. Align this pinned piece with the denim square, with the right side of the denim touching the fabric piece. Pin in place.
6. With a ½ inch seam allowance, stitch three sides of each pot holder.
7. Turn inside out and press. Topstitch the remaining side closed. Repeat for other potholder.

Happy baking with your homemade potholders!

## Home Décor

### Re-Cover that Lamp

Update a tired old lamp with a new fabric covering for the shade.

1. If you want more light in your room, pick a lighter colored fabric to compliment your interior design. Recycle an unused tablecloth or pick up a cheap used one from a thrift store.
2. Remove the shade from the lamp and lay the fabric down on a table.
3. Place your shade on top of the fabric on the seam, so that the top opening of the shade is facing the middle of the fabric.
4. Starting at the seam, use a pencil or sewing marker to trace along the bottom of the shade as you roll the shade around the fabric. Finish when you've returned to the seam.
5. Making sure your shade is lined up correctly, again trace the smaller, top circle opening of the shade.
6. Cut out your fabric.
7. Using spray adhesive or other adhesive, glue the fabric around the shade, starting at the seam. Before gluing the end of the fabric over the seam, fold it over slightly so that you have a clean edge. Do not worry about excess fabric at this point!
8. Use clothes pins to secure the fold at the seam while the fabric is drying.
9. Once dry, trim off any excess fabric along the edges. Use bias tape at the top and bottom edge to give it a finished look.

I hope this new lampshade brightens up the room!

## Top 20 Craft Ideas for Seashells

By: Our Wonderful Beach-Combing Readers

### **Seashell Lamp** by Judith Pearson

Last year for Christmas, my sister used her collection of shells to fill the inside of clear glass lamps. Of course, large lamps take more shells to fill than smaller lamps. Another person had taken an empty lamp of clear glass and was filling it with match packets from every place he visited.

### **What to Do with Seashells** by Debi Pearce

1. Hot glue shells to a picture frame.
2. Give your bathroom an ocean theme by putting up a net and filling it with the shells. You can also put shells on the walls with stickpins.
3. Make a decorative box with seashells glued on top or around the sides.
4. Put the shells into an aquarium, but make sure you add the shells several weeks before putting fish in the aquarium.

### **Seashell Scene/ "Scented Oil Plug in"** by Jill Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Fill a rose bowl with seashells and wind a miniature 20 light set of Christmas lights through the shells. Top with a piece of crochet, or lace and tie with a ribbon - red or green for Christmas. Add a couple of drops of scented oil - plug in and you have a beautiful homemade "scented oil plug in".

### **Seashell Frame** by Tami Lott

I had someone build some plain flat wooden frames for me. Then I painted them, and glued the seashells on them. You can also use pine bark nuggets to make a pretty frame. Let your imagination run wild.

### **Seashell Chimes** by Jan Bachelder

Seashells make great wind chimes! Drill holes and string them from large to small, hang from crossed dowels painted in a complimentary color.

### **Seashell Ideas** by Jean, Minnesota Crafter

1. Use them to cover indoor plant pots. Hot glue should make it quick and easy.
2. Cover boxes with them.
3. Use them as the handles for other boxes.
4. My daughter gave me a larger one to use as a soap dish in the bathroom. Smaller shells were used for the feet. I don't use bar soap, so I use it as a trinket holder.

### **Shell Angels** by Kim Caswell

I have been making shell angels for years. They are quick and easy to assemble with hot glue. The hardest part is matching the right shells.

1. The bigger or wider shells are for the "skirt/dress." Lay the "bowl" part of the shell downward and color match two smaller shells for the wings.
2. Glue these together end to end to look like a bow tie.
3. Use one even smaller shell for the head. Glue this at the center of the "bow tie" (bowl side down).
4. Then, glue the "wings & head" to the top of the larger shell, so the rounder portion of the shell is at the bottom. No need for a face.

5. Make a tiny bow from 1/8" ribbon and use it to hide the area connecting all the shells. This creates the look of having a body. A small rosebud is a nice touch.
6. On some, you can even cascade tiny buds or flowers along one edge or side of the skirt.
7. Make a loop about 3" long of 1/8" ribbon and glue to the back of the head to hang inside the "bowl."

These make great ornaments, gift package toppers, and even to hang from a rear-view mirror.

### **Sailor's Valentine** by Anonymous

In the early sea going days, sailors would collect shells from all over the world and create what is called a "sailor's valentine." I took that idea and created many gifts! All it is a box (I use deep picture frames or sturdy decorative 1 to 2 in. deep boxes that prepackaged items come in like perfume gift boxes).

1. Cut strips from a plastic or paper milk container making them as wide as the box is deep.
2. Cover them with gold, silver, or any coordinating contact paper.
3. Trace a design (I use PA Dutch Hex designs) in the bottom of box.
4. Glue the covered strips onto lines to create well compartments.
5. Glue 1/4 " thick poly quilt fiber in each compartment and place shells into each well. You can sort them by color, type, etc. to create a visual design.
6. Next, take the lid, or make one. Cut out the top leaving 1/4 in. border around the top of the lid.
7. Glue a plastic window inside to create the picture frame glass. Place on box, make holes on each side corner of box to put straight pin in to secure.
8. Glue lid and put pins in.

Now you have a beautiful gift or memory box from a shore trip etc. I also use this same technique to make picture frames by making the wells only around the centered picture. I then put a picture in and glue a small shell at each corner of photo (on the wall sides, not on photo). This will help hold the photo so it doesn't fall forward when hung on wall.

### **Decorating with Shells** by Roberta Blan

Use small shells for decorating picture frames. Large clam type shells can be used for holiday decorations; use miniature trees and people with a picture of snow scenery. Drill a hole in the top of each shell, glue picture to inside of shell, and then glue trees and people (carolers, animals, etc.) to the back of the shell. Use paints to finish, add names, greetings etc. Then string a ribbon or cord through hole and hang. Mine have been hanging outside for 9 years. Use the ones that look like conch shells and glue silk flowers inside in proportion to size. My children took the flat sand dollars and painted them with Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, and all the other greeting that they could think of, drilled a small hole in each, and put wire through for hanging.

### **Seashell Collage** by Bonnie Turner, Juneau, AK

I've made several using small pieces of driftwood, sea shells and small, pretty stones - all picked up at the beach. Get a piece of board (plywood, etc.) and cut it into a 1 ft. x 2ft. size. Glue the driftwood, stones and shells in a pattern with a good strong glue (not Elmer's - an epoxy type is better). Add a hook on the back or string wire from the top to hang it. My Mother has 2 of them: one on an inside wall and the other on the outside. She removes the outside one when it's too stormy but it does survive quite well outside.

### **Decorating a Bathroom with Seashells** by Kathy

The latest thing I have done is I just recently decorated my bathroom with a sea theme, lighthouses and beach things. Of course I used shells. I filled a bowl with sea sand and put the shells on top in arrangement that was pleasing to me. I bought some gel candles from the craft store. I then melted the candle gel, put in a wick; you have to anchor the wick down. It will float to top otherwise (I found out the hard way.) Then pour (slowly) the melted gel in bowl on top of everything. After it set up, it was cute. You could hot glue tiny shells around top or tie raffia around the top of the bowl and glue a shell on the bow. I also have glued the small shells around the frame on a mirror, framed sea shells in a shadow box frame, and glued the shells on the roof of bird houses to look like shingles. Hope this will get your creative crafting juices flowing!

## Modern Wall Art

By: STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

All you need to make your own modern wall art are a few sheets of STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam and your favorite patterned scrapbook paper. You can mix and match whatever patterns and paper designs you like, your guests will be shocked that this project was so easy!



### Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
  - Three 1" x 12" x 36" sheets
- Nine 12" x 12" sheets scrapbook paper
- Ribbon, 1" x 12 yds.
- Serrated knife and old candle; or, dental floss
- Thick, white craft glue
- Straight pins (optional)
- Nine Sawtooth picture hangers
- Ruler
- Sharp pencil

### Steps:

1. Using ruler and pencil, score foam sheet to create three, 12" x 12" squares. Wax serrated knife with an old candle. Holding foam sheet firmly on a flat surface, extend one end and cut across score line, using knife like a saw. Or, try dental floss: stand the sheet on its



edge, and hold a 20" length of dental floss along the scored line, positioning one hand at the bottom of the board and the other at the top; draw the dental floss down through the foam sheet along the scored line. Repeat with remaining two foam sheets.

2. Spread white craft glue on foam square, center 12" x 12" paper, and adhere to foam. Repeat, covering all foam squares.
3. Pin or glue ribbon around edges.
4. Glue sawtooth picture hanger to back. For additional hold, insert and glue two straight pins through holes in sawtooth picture hanger.
5. Let dry before hanging.

Looking to decorate a whole room? This modern wall art goes perfectly with [these flower cubes](#).

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## Papier Mache Crafts (Made with Recycled Newspaper)

### Painted Easter Egg Chick

By: DecoArt

For a cute variation on traditional painted Easter eggs, paint one to look like a little baby chick with a bit of glitter.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DAO6 - Pineapple
- DA228 - Bright Orange

Americana Writers

- DAW67 - Black

Americana Brushes

- DBR2002-B - Round 2

## Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

## Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

## Supplies

- Two 1" unfinished wood hearts
- Two 12" 15-mm yellow chenille stems
- Wire cutters or old scissors
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Foam plate
- 1/4" flat brush
- 2.5" papier mache egg

## Instructions:

1. Basecoat egg with flat brush and Pineapple; let dry after each coat.
2. Basecoat wood hearts Bright Orange and let dry.
3. Apply coat of Multi-Purpose Sealer over Pineapple egg and Bright Orange hearts. While wet, sprinkle all with Glamour Dust; let dry.
4. For feet, refer to photo for placement and glue hearts to bottom of egg as base.
5. Referring to photo for placement, use round brush and Bright Orange to paint inverted triangle for beak shape. Let dry.
6. Use Black Americana Writer to paint dots for eyes; let dry.
7. For wings, cut one chenille stem in half. Bend each piece in half, with fold curved to shape wing and ends twisted together. Glue ends of wing to each side of chick.
8. For tail, fold chenille stem in half, then pull fold toward loose ends to make thin, elongated heart. Twist loose ends together and glue to back of chick.

## Thanksgiving Turkey Pinata

Need a use for leftover Halloween candy? Make a papier-mache Turkey piñata to entertain the kids on Thanksgiving.

Before you begin, read this [quick guide](#) on how to papier mache. You can read about the three different choices for preparing glue for papier mache [here](#).

### Materials

Newspaper- Torn into long, thin strips  
Papier-Mache Adhesive  
Large Balloon  
2 Small Water Balloons, one orange, one red  
Colored Tissue Paper in red, orange, yellow, and brown  
Construction Paper/Felt/Wire  
String

### Directions

1. Mix up your preferred adhesive in a disposable bowl or bucket.
2. Inflate the balloon and place in a slightly larger bowl to stabilize while you work. Dip a strip of newspaper in the paste, run through your fingers to remove the excess, and drape across the balloon at an angle.
3. Continue this process, overlapping the strips slightly until the balloon is covered, except for a 2-inch hole at the top. This is where the candle will be added to your piñata.
4. Let your turkey body dry for one full day.
5. Once dry, make the hanger for the piñata. Wrap a good length of string around the bottom of your papier-mached balloon so that the ends of the string come a few inches above the opening. Tape down the string in several places on the balloon and knot the ends of the string together a few inches above the opening.

6. Repeat the papier-mache process with two more layers of newspaper and allow this to dry completely.
7. Once dry, inflate the orange balloon and tape it to the body of the turkey with double-sided tape. Cut out two black ovals for the eyes and tape them to the balloon, or two white ovals with small black circles for the pupils. Make the beak from a triangle of yellow felt or construction paper. An un-inflated red balloon can serve as the wattle of the turkey, or use a bit of red felt.
8. You can decorate the turkey body in a variety of ways. Paint it brown and add construction paper feathers at the wings and tail. Or, cut the orange, red, brown and yellow tissue paper into wide strips and fray the bottom of each strip with short slits. Glue the non-frayed ends of each strip all over the body with the fringe part sticking out. Layer until you have covered the body with multi-colored “feathers.”
9. For the tail, layer several sheets of construction paper or tissue paper in three different colors, so that the top of each color is showing. Fold accordion style into a fan shape. Gather at the bottom and staple together or secure with a bit of glue or wire. Tape or glue the tail to the back of the body.
10. Make feet with a bit of wire, yellow pipe cleaners, or yellow construction paper.
11. Once decorated, pop the balloon through the opening and pull it out. Fill your piñata with candy, but do not pack too tightly. Leave room for the candy to shake around. Cover the opening with paper and hang your piñata.

Surprise the kids at Thanksgiving with this fun activity.

## Holiday Crafts

### Bunny Shirt for Kids

By: DecoArt

Make the kids "hoppy" this spring with a T-shirt, painted with a cute bunny in glittery paint.



#### Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Brushes

- DBL1002-B - Liner 2
- DBF3012-B - Shader 12

SoSoft Fabric Acrylics

- DSS1 - White
- DSS24 - Lamp Black
- DSS57 - Baby Pink Deep

SoSoft Fashion Sequins Writer

- SFS05C - Pink Spritz
- SFS08C - Blue Glitz

## Supplies

- [Pattern here](#)
- Tracing paper
- Transfer pen
- Iron with low-heat setting
- Shirtboard or cardboard covered with plastic wrap
- Foam plate
- Water container
- Masking tape or T-pins
- 100% cotton blend T-shirt in color of your choice

## Instructions:

Wash and dry shirt without fabric softeners before painting. Insert shirtboard or covered cardboard to prevent paint bleeding through shirt. Secure with masking tape or T-pins. Draw your bunny design onto tracing paper. Flip over pencil-traced design and outline with transfer pen. Position design and transfer pen-side down onto fabric with iron using low-heat setting. Carefully lift paper to reveal design.

1. Using 12 shader brush, fill in bunny ears and nose with Baby Pink Deep. Let dry.
2. Fill in rest of areas, excluding eyes, with White. Let dry.
3. Use Pink Spritz Fashion Sequins to fill in over top of Baby Pink Deep ears and nose. Use Blue Glitz to fill inside eyes. Let dry.
4. Using liner brush, outline head and eyes with Lamp Black. Let dry.

## A Card for Dad

By: DecoArt

This simple, painted card for Father's Day will be a hands-down favorite with Dad.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DA239 - Warm White

Supplies

- Letter stickers: Sticky Alpha Stax by Colorbok,46531 Rosewood Alpha Stax
- Glue stick
- Foam plate
- 1 1/4" round foam pouncer brush
- 1 5/8" heart hole punch (or cut by hand)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Three 12" x 12" sheets of coordinating scrapbook paper (We used My Mind's Eye/Bohemia, Backyard "My Journey" stripe/lime, BH1034; Backyard "Just Be You", paisley/teal,BH1020; and K & Co., Denim Seams Flat 643077-636675.)

Instructions:

1. Cut 12" x 8" piece from striped paper. Fold in half lengthwise to form 6" x 8" card.
2. Spread Warm White on plate. Press child's hand onto paint and with adult assistance, stamp



handprint onto denim (or solid) paper; let dry. Trim paper with handprint to 5 1/2" square.

3. Punch heart shape from paisley print paper and glue back to center of palm.

4. Glue back of square to left side of paper, 1/4" from edges.

5. Refer to photo for placement and use pouncer dipped in Warm White to stamp three dots for letters on right area of card; let dry.

6. Attach letter stickers over circles.

## Papercrafted Blossoms Easter Eggs

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

These alternatively decorated Easter Eggs truly showcase the beauty of spring with lovely papercrafted blossoms and bright, happy colors. Unlike regular dyed Easter eggs, you can enjoy these festive Easter decorations for many years.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
  - Egg, 5"
- Acrylic paint, color of choice
- Scrapbooking paper, assorted solid colors
- Modeling paste
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewer
- Flat paintbrush, Medium
- Disposable mixing cup
- Table knife or craft stick
- Fine-grit sandpaper
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- Craft punches: 5/8", 1", and 2" daisy; 1 1/4" flower; 1/8", 1/4", and 5/8" circle
- Glue sticks and low temperature glue gun

- White, thick craft glue

Materials:

1. Place small amount modeling paste into disposable cup and mix well with craft stick until smooth; add tiny bit of water if needed.
2. Insert skewer into bottom of foam egg to use as handle. Brush thin coat of paste mixture onto egg using soft, wide brush. Dip brush into water occasionally as you work and use long, light strokes. Place skewer in heavy glass or jar while egg dries.
3. Sand egg lightly to smooth surface even more. Apply second coat of paste, if desired; let dry and sand again. Wipe egg with damp cloth to remove dust and paint desired color; let dry.
4. Punch flowers from papers; refer to photo as guide. Create two 2" and five 1 1/4" flowers in main color scheme, then four to six 1" flowers in contrasting accent colors. Punch up to 15 of the smallest flower from accent colors, as well. Use circle punches to create contrasting flower centers; glue to flowers.
5. Cut five 1/8" x 3" strips from green paper. Curl strips by rolling tightly around skewer, then gently pulling to create curl. Hand-cut leaves of various shape and size from remaining green paper.
6. Refer to photo to glue flowers, leaves, and vines to egg; pin in place until glue dries.

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## Easter Bunny Sacks with Tissue Paper Ears

By: DecoArt

With a simple painting pattern and floppy tissue paper "ears," turn inexpensive paper lunch sacks into Easter bunny bags. Use for decoration at an Easter brunch or egg-hunt.



### Materials:

[Pattern here](#)

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DA114 - Light Cinnamon

Supplies

Surfaces

- Brushes - Synthetic Brushes for Acrylics: 8 Flat Brush, 1 Liner, Stippler or Sponge
- Supplies - Water container, paper towels, palette paper, tracing & graphite paper, pencil or stylus, white, pink or Easter print tissue
- Brown Paper Lunch Bags

### Instructions:

[Product Note](#)

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Americana Acrylics are artist-quality, water-based, non-toxic paints. They are intermixable and suitable for almost any surface. They are creamy to facilitate smooth and easy brush strokes, and highly pigmented for richer color and one-stroke coverage. The wide range of colors makes color coordination easy: It reduces the waste of mixing to get the perfect hue.

### Transferring Patterns

Lay tracing paper over pattern and draw the basic lines. Lay this tracing on the surface to be painted. Slip graphite paper between the tracing and the surface and secure. Trace with a pencil or stylus to transfer the design. Do not trace details until after basecoating has dried.

### Preparation

Trace and transfer pattern lightly onto bags.

### Painting Instructions

Helpful Hint: Remember to always dab your brush or sponge on a paper towel to distribute the paint in the bristles and to lessen the amount of paint on your brush or sponge.

1. With a flat brush, basecoat nose and mouth Baby Pink; shade top and side of nose and upper part of mouth with Boysenberry Pink. With a liner and thinned Titanium White, highlight the nose with a couple of strokes. Side-load a flat brush with Light Cinnamon and shade the outside of the nose from the top of the head, past the eyes to the cheeks. Also shade under the lip.
2. With Country Blue, basecoat the eye and shade with Sapphire on the outside edges. Basecoat the rest of the eye with Lamp Black. Outline eyes and paint the lashes with Lamp Black. Highlight with white strokes and a dot.
3. Using a stippling brush or a piece of sponge squeezed together, pick up Baby Pink and, staring at the top of the cheek, work your way down with a light pounce.
4. Do the same on the lower cheek, using white and starting at the lower area and working upward.
5. With a liner, mix a little Lamp Black into the Light Cinnamon and outline the nose, the top and lower part of the cheek, top lip and a little on the bottom lip. Lightly brush in a little white on the lip and pull out some short hairs. With a liner and thin white paint, pull out whiskers and forehead hairs.
6. Dab a few dots of the Lamp Black/Light Cinnamon mix on the jowls.
7. Fill bag with treats and a sheet of tissue stuffed in the center area. Pull out the ends to resemble ears. Place a piece of tape between the ears to close the bag. Add bow or flower between ears, if desired. Bags may also be personalized by writing name with Baby Pink.

Side loading: Dip clean brush into water or extender; blot to remove excess. Dip corner or stroke side edge of brush into puddle of paint to pick up small amount. Remaining in the same spot on the palette, use short repeated strokes to gently move paint across hairs. Turn brush over and stroke through same spot until color moves across hairs, fading away before reaching opposite side.

## Celebrate! Star Ornament

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Colorful fabric and ribbon scraps create a quick, festive ornament that is great for kids.



### Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
  - Star, 6"
- Fabric: scraps in bright colors
- Ribbon: fabric and curling ribbon in festive colors
- Ribbon, 1/2" x 1 yd., metallic gold
- Scissors
- Wooden skewer, knitting needle or other tool with point
- Straight pin
- Thick white craft glue
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

### Steps:

1. Cut or tear fabric into strips 3/4" wide x 2-1/2" - 3" long. Cut fabric ribbons into 3" lengths. Curl 4" lengths of curling ribbon; snip ends and gently split ribbon to create a cluster of narrow curls.

2. Glue 1/2" ribbon around outside edge of star using low temperature glue.
3. Place dab of glue on star; center a ribbon or fabric piece on glue and push 1/4" into foam using skewer (be careful not to punch through the back of star). Cover star using variety of fabrics and ribbons in bright, fun colors.
4. Tie loop in 8" length of 1/2" ribbon; pin and glue to top point for hanger.

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## 15 Homemade Christmas Ornaments: More Recycled Ornaments

Recycle unconventional items from around the house to create spectacular Christmas ornaments.

### More Recycled Christmas Ornaments

**CDs-** If you have any old or scratched CDs collecting dust (like all those promotional CDs you received in the mail), turn them into shiny Christmas ornaments. You can decorate them with paint or glue scrapbook paper to the CDs. Glue several layers of colored felt around a photo for a photo ornament. Simply thread a ribbon through the hole in the center.

**Light Bulbs-** Burnt-out light bulbs can be turned into Christmas ornament. They really are the perfect size and shape. You can cover the bulb with several layers of paper mache to make it less fragile if you like. Otherwise, paint the bulb with acrylic paint. Use clamps to hold the bulb while painting and drying. Glue on sequins, beads, small felt shapes, or anything else you can imagine. For one idea, try gluing glittery beads into snowflake shapes. Here is an adorable idea for a [Light Bulb Reindeer](#).

**Odd Buttons-** Oh, Martha, I cannot even begin to describe her clever button ornaments, held together with a bit of pipe cleaner. So just check them out [here](#)!

**Metal Jar Tops/Frozen Juice Lid-** These metal tops make a great starting point for a number of projects. Cover with festive paper (or recycled Christmas cards again!), paint and/or encircle with a bit of garland.

## 15 Homemade Christmas Ornaments: Recycled Paper Ornaments

1. Cut out twenty matching circles from the Christmas cards. You can trace around a small circular cookie cutter, a small glass jar, or a glass. You can also use a compass to make 2-in diameter circles.
2. Using a ruler, draw an equilateral triangle on the back of each circle, so that the points of the triangle meet the edges of the circle. For an easier route, make an extra Christmas card circle (or use cardboard), draw the equal triangle within the circle, and cut it out, snipping off the three half-moon shapes. Then, simply place this triangle on the back of each circle and trace for even results.
3. Fold up the three sides of the triangle on the lines you made. Repeat with each circle until all are folded up.
4. Use tacky glue, other clear-drying glue, or even small staples to connect the flaps of the triangles. For the middle of the ornament, take ten triangles and lay them in a straight line by alternating the direction the triangle points. Glue or staple the touching flaps together.
5. For the top of the ornament, you join the five triangles into a circle, with the triangles all pointing the same direction inward, and glue the touching flaps together. Repeat for the bottom piece of the ornament.
6. Once dry, take your straight line and glue the two end flaps together to form a circular ring. Then, align the top section with the flaps of the middle ring and glue together. It does not have to be a perfect fit. Let dry before repeating with the bottom section.
7. Once dry, you can add any embellishments. For a more solid ornament, you can trace glittery hot glue along the edges of the flaps.
8. Poke a hole through any pair of flaps with a needle and hang by a ribbon or silver thread.

## Halloween Crafts

### Fall Pumpkin Decoration

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Add these pumpkins to your fall decor and you won't have to worry about them rotting. The trick is to use STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam so they will hold up year round!



#### Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
  - Ball, 5" or 6"
- Wood dowel, 1/2" x 2"
- Acrylic craft paint: green, orange
- Crackle medium
- Gesso
- Acrylic varnish, matte finish
- Paintbrushes: 1" flat; sponge, two
- Floral wire, 30-gauge, green, cloth-covered, 4"
- Permanent fine-line marker, black
- Rubber band, large, flat
- Sandpaper
- Soft brush
- Skewer
- Wire cutters
- Thick, white craft glue
- Handsaw
- Serrated knife
- Old candle

- Spoon
- Ruler
- Pencil

Steps:

1. Cut one end of dowel at an angle for a stem; set aside.
2. Using marking pen, make a dot at the center top and bottom of foam ball. Mark six evenly spaced dots around the center, 2-1/2" apart for the 5-inch ball, or 3" apart for the 6-inch ball. To divide the pumpkin into sections, stretch rubber band around ball, lining it up with the top and bottom dots and one of the center dots. Following the edge of the rubber band, draw a line on the foam ball. Repeat, moving the rubber band to align with each center dot, until all six sections are marked.
3. Using a craft knife, cut a shallow V-shape long the length of each section line. Smooth and shape indentations with your fingertips.
4. Using serrated knife, cut a thick slice from the top and bottom of pumpkin to flatten. Cut at a slight angle for a more natural look. (HINT: Wax the knife blade with an old candle for easier, smoother cutting.)
5. Using pencil, poke a 1/2-inch hole for stem in center top of pumpkin.
6. Brush pumpkin with soft brush to remove loose particles. Rub surface smooth with the bottom of the spoon.
7. Insert wooden skewer into stem hole for a handle. Brush on one or two thick coats of gesso with a sponge brush; let dry. Sand lightly between coats; wipe with soft brush.
8. Using sponge brush, basecoat the pumpkin and stem with a heavy coat of green. Let dry and repeat, if needed.
9. Referring to manufacturer's instructions, use the flat brush to apply an even coat of crackle medium to pumpkin. Let dry 15 to 45 minutes, or until tacky.
10. Using the flat brush, paint a light, even coat of orange over the crackle, using broad sweeping strokes in several directions. For wider cracks, brush on a heavier coat. Let dry.
11. Apply a coat of matte varnish.
12. Glue stem in hole at an angle. Spiral wrap wire around a pencil, forming tendril. Insert and glue in pumpkin next to stem.

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## Bat Puppet Foam Project

Grab the kids and print our free craft patterns to create this easy Halloween craft. It's quick and kids will love the final product. Halloween playtime has never been more fun!



### Materials:

- Aleene's® Foamtastic™
- Pompons, orange, 1¼"
- Felt, black, 2 squares
- Fun Foam, black, orange
- Scissors
- Peeper eyes, 20mm
- Clothespins
- Pipe cleaners, yellow

### Patterns:

[Pattern 1](#)

[Pattern 2](#)

### Steps:

1. Cut two glove and ear patterns from black felt, two wings from black Fun Foam and two inner ears from orange. Glue orange pieces inside ears.
2. Squeeze out an Orange line from top point of wings to bottom. Set aside to dry.
3. Glue peeper eyes to orange pompons.

4. Cut 3” pieces of pipe cleaners for fangs. Pierce two holes in upper part of mouth and insert pipe cleaners and pull.
5. For legs, cut a strand of pipe cleaner in half. Cut second strand into four pieces. Twist two shorter pieces together in center to form claws. Twist larger strand onto feet for leg.
6. Pierce two holes in felt glove and insert legs, coiling reverse side to secure.
7. Fit both gloves parts together. Apply glue to edges of one side, leaving 1” open for mouth. Position mouth and glue entire glove, leaving opening for hand. Secure with clothespins.
8. Glue wings to back of glove. Secure with clothespins.

## Beaded Boo Bag

By: Amy Law for Kreinik

This decorated boo bag is the perfect way to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters or to give to a child to carry around so she can collect her own.



### Materials:

- White paper gift bag with handles (8" wide x 10" tall)
- Orange cardstock 4 1/4" x 5 1/2"
- Lime green cardstock, 6" x 8"
- Large jack o'lantern rubber stamp and black stamp pad (or print a black and white drawing of a jack o'lantern onto your orange cardstock)
- Kreinik #16 Braid 051F, 053F
- Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon in 052F
- 4" x 6" Treasure Tape
- 1-inch Treasure Tape.
- Diamond Beadlets
- Shallow pan or tray

### Steps:

1. If needed, stamp the jack o'lantern image onto your orange cardstock or print from your home computer.



2. Remove the 4" x 6" Treasure Tape from its white backing and lay, centered, on top of your orange cardstock. Remove the red liner to expose the top sticky part.
3. Use the orange braid to outline the pumpkin.
4. Use the green braid to outline the eyes, nose, and mouth of the jack o'lantern, and to create leafy tendrils next to the stem. Use our photograph as a guide.
5. Write the word "Boo" using the 1/16" Ribbon
6. Lay your card in a shallow pan and cover remaining sticky areas with Diamond Beadlets.
7. Using Treasure Tape, adhere the decorated orange cardstock to the front of your green cardstock. Then attach this to the white bag.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or [www.kreinik.com](http://www.kreinik.com).

## Knitting Patterns

### Cotton Stripes Knit Dishcloth

By: Bernat

Create practical yet attractive striped dishcloths with this free dishcloth knitting pattern. This easy dishcloth is a great knitting pattern for beginners as you won't have to switch balls of yarn. The cotton yarn is easy to work and washable.



#### Materials:

- Yarn: 1 ball of Bernat® Handicrafter Stripes (42.5 g / 1.5 oz) (21143 Country Stripes)
- Knitting Needles: Size 5.5 mm (U.S. 9) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 15 sts and 28 rows = 4 ins 10 cm in garter st.

Measurements: 10 ins 25.5 cm square.

#### Instructions:

Cast on 37 sts.

Knit every row (garter st) for 10 ins 25.5 cm. Cast off knitwise.

## Two Hour Potholders

By: Faith Ann Schmidt for Authentic Knitting Board

It seems that we have a fabric eating monster in our home. Socks, dishcloths, hand towels, and potholders seem to disappear with alarming regularity. Or maybe it's just my 2 and 4 year old throwing things away when I'm not looking! It finally got so bad, I could hardly find a potholder to get things out of the oven. Well, with plenty of cotton yarn in my stash, I thought that, surely, I could knit up a much needed potholder without running to the store. The key was to get it thick enough. I've found that using two strands of cotton yarn and the double stitch works very well. These are so much nicer and thicker than the potholders you can buy in the store, and now you can make them to match your kitchen décor. Plus, they are easy to knit and work up quickly. So, save yourself a trip to the store and knit a few today.



Finished size is approx. 7 ¼" x 7 ½"

Materials:

- Knitting Loom: Regular gauge (pegs ½" from center to center) double sided
- knitting board with at least 16 pegs. The 28" Regular Gauge Authentic Knitting
- Board (standard (1/2") spacer setting) was used in the sample.
- Yarn: 75 yards each of two different colors of 100% cotton worsted weight yarn.
- Peaches & Crème yarn and the twisted stockinette stitch was used in the
- sample.

Notions: Tapestry Needle, Knitting tool, Size H crochet hook

Gauge: Not important

Abbreviations: Cast on—CO, Bind off—BO

#### Pattern Notes:

Two strands of yarn, held together, are used throughout the pattern. The double stitch (1 over 2) is used throughout the pattern. This potholder can be knit in either plain stockinette stitch or, what I call, twisted stockinette. To wrap in twisted stockinette, wrap the board as usual for the stockinette stitch, but go to the far side of each needle and wrap around the needle. This is like the figure 8 wrap. Wrap the end needles, on the opposite end from where you start, in the normal manner, do not wrap around them as you did the others. The picture shows how the board will look when properly wrapped for the twisted stockinette stitch. Experiment with other stitch patterns to make one-of-a-kind potholders. Just make sure to use stitches that create a dense fabric. Make sure to only use yarns that are made of natural fibers. Acrylic and other synthetic yarns can melt if they come into contact with high temperatures.

#### Instructions:

1. CO 16 pegs with the stockinette cast on. When casting on, wrap the board once, lay the anchor yarn, and then wrap the board two more times. If you are using the twisted stockinette stitch, begin wrapping in that pattern on the third pass. There will now be 3 sets of loops on each peg. This will be the only time that the board is wrapped three times. Hook the bottom set of loops over the top two sets of loops. After hooking over, there should be two sets of loops on each peg.
2. Knit 36 rows or until the piece measures 7 1/2", always hooking one set of loops over two sets of loops, except on row 36. On row 36, lift the bottom two sets of loops over the top set. There will only be one set of loops on all the pegs.
3. BO both ends. You will have more loops than usual because of using the double stitch. Treat each pair of loops as one loop and BO as usual. Weave in loose ends.

## Double Knit Hat with Earflaps

By: Authentic Knitting Board

Keep your ears warm with this double knit hat with cute ear flaps. This is a great little project to use up some of your left over partial skeins.



One size fits all. Knit in stockinette stitch.  
Gauge: 3 sts=1"

### Materials:

- Knitting Board (56 needles) 28" knittingboard
- Yarn t in bulky weight wool or acrylic blend to knit to gauge. Color 1 gray color 2 cream or white color 3 black or dk brown

### Instructions:

1. Cast on 56 sts in color 1 gray
2. You will knit these 56 sts for 28 rows starting at top of hat.
3. Row 1-5 Knit in color 1 grey. Cut grey yarn.

4. Row 6 Tie in white yarn at beginning of row. Do not cut.
5. Row 7 Tie in black yarn at beginning of row. Do not cut.
6. Row 8 Tie in grey yarn at beginning of row. Do not cut.
7. Repeat these last (3) rows in alternating colors (2) additional times. You will have (9) rows of stripes.
8. After last row of grey, cut all yarn. Tie in with white.
9. Knit (3) rows in white. Now you have (17) rows of knitting. Do not cut white.
10. Row (18) Weave to end of sts with white. Do not return the circular. Tie in grey. Return with grey. Hook over.
11. Row (19) Tie in the black yarn. Weave to end of sts with black. Pick up white and return circular. Hook over.
12. Row (20) This will be the white and grey. Repeat row (18).
13. Row (21) This will be the white and black. Repeat row (19).
14. Row 22 This will be the white and grey.
15. You now have 22 rows of knit. Cut black and grey ends and knot.
16. Row 23 Knit one row of white.
17. Tie in grey yarn at beginning of row. Cut white and lay end on sts.
18. Rows 24-28 Knit with grey. Cut yarn with 4" tail and knot.
19. EAR FLAPS: Bind off (8) sts, Skip (11) sts for ear flap, bind off (18) sts for front of hat, Skip (11) sts for ear flap, Bind off (8) sts.
20. Here's How: With crochet hook, lift st 1, both boards. Pull (1) thru other. Lift st 2, back, pull one thru other, lift st 2, front, pull one thru other. Continue with each st, one loop at time. Do this to first 8 sts, back and front. When you get to st 9, lay last loop from crochet hook onto st 9, back. Skip sts 9 thru 19. With crochet hook, lift st 20 front and back, pull 1 thru other. Now lift st 21, front, pull (1) thru other. Lift st 21, back, pull (1) thru other.
21. Continue this until you are complete with (19) sts left on end of board. Lay last loop on crochet hook onto next st. Skip (11) sts. Go to last (8) sts and starting at end of board, right to left, bind off as you did before and lay last loop onto next needle. You should now have (8) bound off, (11) on board, (18) bound off, (11) on board, and (8) bound off.
22. The 2 groups of 11 sts will be your EAR FLAPS.
23. Go back to first group of 11 sts. Tie grey yarn onto previous row on bottom 1st st on left. Knit (2) rows with these (11) sts in stockinette. Remember you will have one extra loop on first needle that was left from your first 8 st bind off. Just loop it over with bottom loop. (you may want to put a piece of tape over 2nd group of 11 to keep them from being jiggled off needles)
24. Next row dec (1) st each end, both boards.
25. Knit one regular row. (2 rows for larger ear flaps)
26. Next row dec (1) st each end, both boards. Knit one regular row.
27. Repeat this process until you have one st left, and bind it off.
28. Go to 2nd group of 11 sts, and repeat process to
29. Draw ends of yarn into knitting with crochet hook. Be sure you put a knot in each one before tucking it in.

30. Sew 2 side edges together with strand of grey yarn by doing a whip st over edges of knitting. Knot securely at both ends. Make sure to match your design as you sew the sts, and pick up just the one edge st, both strands.
31. Draw anchor yarn tight and tie to form top of hat.
32. Pom Pom for top of hat: This is where you can get as creative as you would like. You can top your hat with a long braid of 3 colors. You can add a pompom of a bright color. But our little pom pom is grey like the hat. So wrap yarn around 3 or 4 fingers, about 35 wraps. Slip it off your fingers, and tie double piece of yarn tightly around the middle of loops. Using crochet hook, pull ends of yarn thru to inside of hat and tie securely. Pull ends into knit.
33. Cut loops of pom-pom and shape to desired length, aprox. 1".
34. String Ties for Earflaps: Each tie is aprox 14" in length. This is done as crochet chain using double strand of yarn. Cut grey yarn aprox 7' long for each string. Insert crochet hook thru bottom sts of ear flap. Pull loop around and chain a rope with double stand. Cut and knot when string is long enough. Make second string for opposite side of hat. Trim bottom, or make small pompom and tie on.

## Easy Kid's Knit Poncho

By: Bernat

This easy poncho knitting pattern can be adjusted to fit 1 year to 8 year olds. This knit poncho is fun and fashionable, and will keep kids warm through the winter. Let your child pick his or her favorite color.



### Materials:

- Yarn: Bernat Baby Bouclé (100 g/3.5 oz) 36921 (Water Slide) Sizes 12 mos–1 ball; 18 mos–2 balls; 2/4 yrs–2 balls; 6/8 yrs–3 balls
- Knitting Needs: Size 5 mm (U.S. 8) or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 15 sts and 22 rows = 4 ins 10 cm in stocking st.

### Sizes

To fit chest measurement

12 mos 18 ins 45.5 cm

18 mos 19 ins 48 cm

2/4 yrs 23 ins 58.5 cm

6/8 yrs 26½ ins 67 cm

Finished Length (neck to point)

12 mos 11½ ins 29 cm



18 mos 13 ins 33 cm  
2/4 yrs 15½ ins 39.5 cm  
6/8 yrs 17½ ins 44.5 cm

**Instructions:**

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus ( ).

Make 2 pieces alike.

Cast on 65 (73-85-97) sts.

1st row: (WS). K1. P1. K1. Rep from to end of row.

Rep last row of seed st pat twice more.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. S11. K1. pss0. K2.

Beg with a purl row, work 3 rows in stocking st.

Rep last 4 rows 10 times more. 43 (51-63-75) sts.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. S11. K1. pss0. K2.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 5 (9-14-19) times more. 31 (31-33-35) sts. Cast off knitwise.

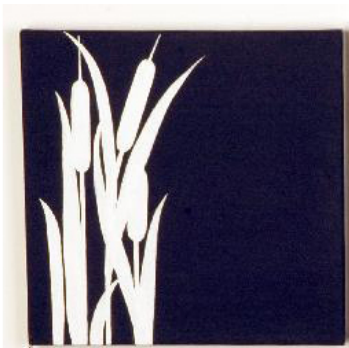
**FINISHING:** Sew center Front and center Back seams.

## Painting Projects

### Black and White Wall Art

By: Delta Creative

High contrast black and white wall art is so quick and easy to make but that can be your little secret! This quick and easy painting is a funky and fresh design that will look great in your home - this is an easy beginner painting project.



Materials:

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- White paint
- Black paint
- Delta Creative Ceramcoat® Satin Exterior/Interior Varnish 7003
- Three 10”x10” canvases
- Paint brushes:
  - La-Corneille Golden Taklon
  - Series 7300 Shader #8
  - Series 7050 Script Liner #1
  - Series 7350 1” Wash Brush
- Palette paper
- Water container
- Tracing paper
- White and black transfer paper
- Paper Towel
- Stylus

[Click Here To Download Pattern.](#)

Steps:

1. Using the 1” wash brush basecoat two of the canvas in Black and one in White.
2. Lay tracing paper over pattern and trace all lines except those used to denote shadows. The shadow lines are generally short straight lines and several of them. Main lines are where there are color changes. Detail lines are facial features, patterns on fabric, and etc. Lay tracing on surface and tape at top and on one side. Slide graphite paper between tracing and surface with the dark side down; draw over the main lines only. Do not add the detail lines these will be applied after the basecoating is done.
3. Apply pattern using white transfer paper on black canvas and black transfer paper on white canvas.
4. Using the #8 shader basecoat all of the cattails and leaves using white on black and black on white.
5. Using the #1 liner basecoat all of the stems using white on black and black on white.
6. Apply as many coats of Satin Exterior/Interior Varnish as desired using the 1” wash brush.

## Handy Cookie Jar

By: DecoArt



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Gloss Enamels

- Honey Brown
- Dark Chocolate
- Tuscan Red

Supplies

- Foam plate
- 1/4" and 1 1/4" round foam pouncer brushes
- Glass canister Anchor Hocking, item 85766

Steps:

Preparation: Remove all stickers or labels from surface.

1. Use 1 1/4" pouncer brush dipped in Honey Brown to paint three circles on each flat side of jar; let dry.

2. Use end of paint brush dipped in Dark Chocolate to dot cookie shapes and let dry.
3. Use round brush and Tuscan Red to paint words Fresh from the oven on one flat side.
4. Use 1/4" pouncer brushed dipped into Tuscan Red to dot around cookies and words on each side.
5. Let dry.

## Summer Fun Painted Visor

By: DecoArt

Shield your face from the summer sun with a cute painted visor adorned with little flip-flops and sunglasses. Colorful foam paints makes this project a snap.



### Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Foam Paint

- FP02 - Yellow
- FP10 - Hot Pink

Supplies

- Foam flip-flop stickers, Foamies 1046-80
- Lavender, scallop-edged foam visor, Foamies 1059-90M

### Instructions:

1. Refer to photo for placement and attach stickers to visor.
2. Use Hot Pink Foam Paint to paint "FUN" and dots beside sunglasses and alternate scallops at bottom edge. Let dry.
3. Use Yellow to paint sunshine, dots on remaining scallops, and words "Let the" and "begin". Let dry.
4. Reattach spring back at side when dry.

## Be Merry Frame

Creating this painted, holiday photo frame is child's play with a few paints.

By DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DAO10 - Cadmium Yellow (transparent)
- DA129 - True Red
- DA230 - Festive Green

Dazzling Metallics

- DAO70 - Shimmering Silver

Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS12 - Americana Gloss Spray

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## Supplies

- Unfinished wood pieces: 2" star; 1.25" circle
- 1/4" and 3/4" flat brushes
- Short liner brush
- 24-gauge silver craft wire
- Wire cutter/curling tool
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- 2.5" x 2.5" Tyler's wood frame, Provo Craft #13-3123

## Steps:

Preparation: Remove any stickers, inserts, or tags from surfaces before beginning.

1. Use Festive Green to paint frame; let dry.
2. Use Cadmium Yellow to paint star and let dry.
3. Use True Red to paint circle; use end of paintbrush dipped into True Red to paint dots on Cadmium Yellow star. Let dry.
4. Use 1/4" flat brush and Cadmium Yellow to paint stripe across True Red circle; let dry.
5. Use liner brush and Festive Green to paint line above and below Cadmium Yellow stripe.
6. Use end of paintbrush dipped into True Red to dot on Cadmium Yellow stripe; repeat with Festive Green, alternating colors. Let dry.
7. Glue one end of 4 1/2" wire to back of ornament shape; glue end of 6" wire to back of star. Use curling tool to curl ends of wire into spiral.
8. Refer to photo for placement and glue ornament shapes to frame.
9. Use liner brush and Shimmering Silver to paint words "be merry" and wavy lines on frame; let dry.
10. Spray frame with Americana Gloss Spray Sealer and let dry.



## Organization

### Beaded Button Box

By: The Discount Diva for Kreinik

Check out the sewing supplies at your local dollar or discount store. We found this cute button box that can be embellished by you or your child, and given to a sewer as a gift (inexpensive and FAST!).



Materials:

- Button box from a discount store
- 4" x 6" Treasure Tape sheet
- Diamond Beadlets
- Buttons to embellish the top
- Kreinik 1/16" Ribbon in desired colors (we used 100 White)
- Kreinik #12 Braid in desired colors (we used 031 Crimson and 007 Pink)
- Kreinik Facets in desired colors (we used Black)
- Shallow pan or tray

Steps:

1. Trace the outline of your box top onto the white side of the red liner Treasure Tape. Cut out.
2. Remove the white liner and place the tap on the top of your button box. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky part.

3. Decorate with any buttons first, placing them randomly or in a particular pattern onto the tape.
4. Next, lay the thread in desired places. Lay the Facets around the edge as a border, then swirl and curl and lay the other colors as desired, pressing into the tape to adhere the threads.
5. Then lay the box in a shallow pan or tray and cover all remaining sticky areas with the Diamond Beadlets.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or [www.kreinik.com](http://www.kreinik.com).

## Trendy Magazine Holder

Your magazines will have a trendy place to hang out in this painted espresso and spa blue holder.

By DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Designer Series

- DAD16 - Espresso - NEW!!

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- DAD17 - Spa Blue - NEW!!

#### Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS12 - Americana Gloss Spray

#### Supplies

- Flat 3/4" brush
- Foam plate
- Painter's tape
- 5/8" round foam pouncer brush
- Stencil, #TM09 Feather by Stencil Ease
- Scrap paper
- Unfinished wood magazine holder (Michael's)

#### Steps:

1. Use 3/4" flat brush and Espresso to paint inside of magazine holder; let dry.
2. Use flat brush and Spa Blue to paint outside and edge of magazine holder; let dry.
3. Using tape to hold stencil in place, use pouncer dipped in Espresso and pressed lightly onto scrap paper to remove excess before stamping over opening of stencil.
4. Cleaning stencil after each use and alternating position of stencil, repeat to make pattern over outer surface of holder. Let dry.
5. Use pouncer dipped in Espresso to stamp dots around feathers; let dry.
6. Spray holder with Americana Gloss Spray Sealer; let dry.

## Scrapbook Pages

### Our Family Scrapbook Page

Create a colorful, textured scrapbook page with aluminum sheets to display a family photo.

By Stephanie Barnard for Amaco



Materials:

- AMACO® ArtEmboss® Light Aluminum
- AMACO® Rub 'n Buff® – Sapphire, Chinese Red and Olive Gold
- Sizzix Dies Stencil and Aphrodite
- Just Rite Stamps and Ink
- American Crafts Patterned Paper and Cardstock
- DMD Textured Cardstock
- Xyron Adhesive

Steps:

1. Run Light Aluminum ArtEmboss® through Xyron Machine.
2. Cut title using Light Aluminum ArtEmboss® and Sizzix Die Cut Machine.
3. Cut three squares from Light Aluminum ArtEmboss® and three from textured cardstock.
4. Using a stylus, and on top of a mouse pad, lightly tap cut aluminum to add texture.
5. Add Rub 'n Buff® to textured cardstock and Light Aluminum ArtEmboss®.
6. Adhere title and squares to layout.
7. Matt photo and adhere to layout.
8. Stamp with date.

## Honey Hearts Scrapbook Layout

By: Sharon Harnist for Spellbinders

This quick and easy scrapbook layout is perfect for pictures of your favorite folks. Just follow this free scrapbook layout guide!



Materials:

- Spellbinders Die Templates S4-137 Classic Hearts, S4-143 Scalloped Long Rectangles, S3-150 Ribbon Tags Trio
- Fancy Pants Heart Throb paper
- Prism red cardstock
- Beacon Zip Dry Glue
- Craft knife
- brown ribbon

Steps:

1. Cut all the Classic Hearts (S4-137) at once. Place them on a magnetic sheet or Spellbinders' Magnetic Spacer Plate. This will keep the dies from slipping during cutting.
2. Trim patterned paper to 11" x 11".

3. Print title onto white cardstock. Cut/emboss using Ribbon Tags Trio (S3-150).
4. Color the tag's edges with light brown ink.
5. In order to make a scalloped mat large enough for a 4x6" photo, you'll need to put 2 rectangles together. Cut/emboss two (2) Scalloped Long Rectangles Large (S4-143), the largest size, from red cardstock.
6. Trim off the scalloped edge from one rectangle, along the long side. Adhere it onto the second die cut.
7. Trim a 4x6" photo to 3 7/8" x 5 3/4" and mount it onto the scalloped mat.
8. Cut a portion of the printed papers' pattern, along the lines of the hearts and swirls. Tuck the matted photo underneath it and adhere.
9. Assemble the layout by adding heart frames, title with ribbon accents and journaling under photo.



## Things We Love About You Scrapbook Page

By: Valoree Albert for Krylon

Transparent oversized letters spell out the name of someone special, while journaling reflects what you love about them.



Materials:

- Krylon Stained Glass Color - Red (#9020)
- Krylon Stained Glass Color - Blue (#9021)
- Krylon Stained Glass Color - Yellow (#9024)
- Krylon Spray Adhesive - Clear (#7010)
- Transparencies
- White and Black Cardstock
- Colored Mini Brads
- Star Nailheads
- Lettering Templates (optional)

Steps:

1. Spray rough sides of transparencies with Stained Glass using a separate sheet for each color. To make orange, combine yellow and red on one sheet. To make green, combine

yellow and blue on one sheet. Let dry.

2. Print title on computer and adhere each letter to transparency. Cut out letters. (Optional: Use lettering templates and grease pencil to trace letters before cutting.)
3. Trim two sides of white cardstock.
4. Adhere letters to white cardstock with spray adhesive.
5. Adhere photos.
6. Print journaling strips on transparencies and attach with mini brads.
7. Mount entire layout on black cardstock to frame it.

For more project ideas, please visit [www.krylon.com/projects](http://www.krylon.com/projects).

## Textured Scrapbook Layout

By: Sonia Viglianti for Krylon

Overlapping textures in multiple directions keep you coming back to the photo and the smiling faces.



### Materials

- Krylon Make It Stone!® Textured Paints - Black Granite (#18201)
- Krylon Short Cuts® Aerosol Paints - Hunter Green (#SCS047)
- Krylon Leafing Pens - Copper (#9903)
- Krylon Webbing Spray - Black Lava (#601)
- Black and green cardstock
- Sunflower nailhead
- Brown journaling pen
- Magic Mesh (any color)
- Slide holder
- Decorative copper plate

### Steps:

1. Spray black cardstock with Make It Stone!® spray and let dry.

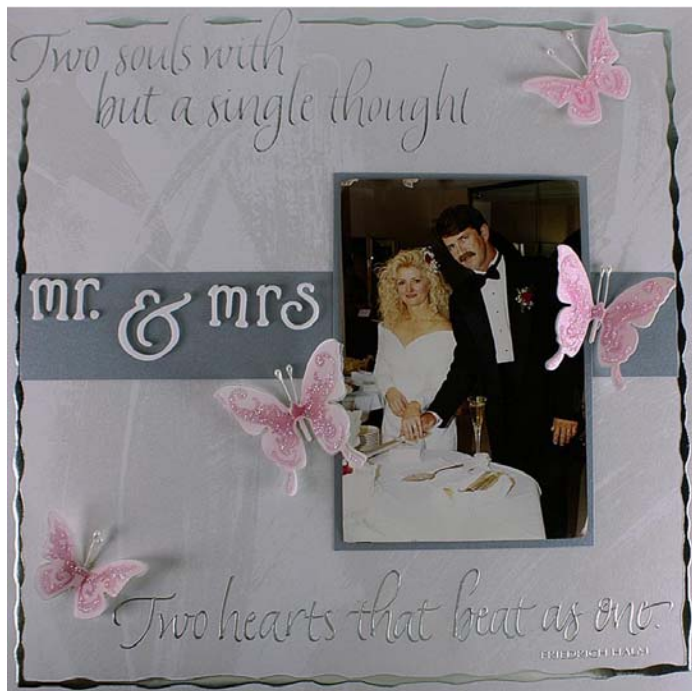
2. Spray 3" square chipboard with Hunter Green and let dry.
3. Spray green cardstock with Webbing spray and let dry.
4. Tear photo and paint edges with Copper Leafing Pen. Cover Magic Mesh with Copper Leafing Pen. Edge dried chipboard with Copper Leafing Pen.
5. Tear corners of sprayed green cardstock and adhere on opposite corners of stone sprayed cardstock.
6. Cut foiled mesh and adhere at opposite corners.
7. Adhere photo. Place a strip of mesh on chipboard. Slice an opening in the middle and insert decorative copper plate. Adhere chipboard to layout.
8. Edge slide holder with Copper Leafing Pen, and adhere.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Wedding Scrapbook Layout

By: Linda Duke for Spellbinders

This wedding scrapbook layout features four delicate and elegant butterflies that began as white die cuts. After embossing them in the Wizard, use Copic marker and airbrush system to color through the stencil holes. A bit of glitters symbolizes that the spark of love will always be present with the couple.



Materials:

- Spellbinders Die Templates S3-146 Butterflies 2, L3-09 Julius Font (Retired)
- Copic Sketch Marker Pale Pink and Airbrush system
- Mini Glue Dots
- Sakura glue pen
- Patterned paper
- white and silver cardstock
- glitter
- flower stamens
- white fun foam

Steps:

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1. For each butterfly adorning the page, cut/emboss two butterflies. They will eventually be stacked on top of one another but for now, leave one all white. While the other is still in the die, airbrush it using Copic Markers.
2. Remove from die when finished airbrushing through the Template and now spray the entire piece, softening the edges of the coloring.
3. Add glitter using the glue pen.
4. Place 3 Glue Dots on the all white butterfly, fold the stamen in half, and place on the middle dot.
5. Layer each butterfly as shown.
6. Trim silver paper and add strip to the layout. Adhere matted photo on top.
7. Cut title letters from white fun foam and add to the silver strip.
8. Add butterflies to the layout.

## Sewing Projects

### Take Me Home Infant Shirt

By: Jill Green of [Homemade by Jill](#)

This wonderful project comes to us compliments of Jill Green of [Homemade by Jill](#). She features loads of creative sewing tutorials at her blog for kids and grown-ups. In this project, she spruces up the basic kimono-style infant shirt for a spring-inspired shirt. Using just ric rac and buttons, a basic infant snap shirt can be transformed into a boutique-quality “take-me-home” tee.



#### Materials:

- 1 newborn sized kimono style snap shirt
- 1 yard ¼ inch wide ric rac
- 2 buttons

Project time:  
Half hour or less

#### Directions:

1. Unsnap the shirt and pin the ric rac in place, following the line of the existing seam. Leave approximately one inch overhang on each end.



2. Fold the ends of the ric rac around the bottom shirt hem and line up with the inside seam. Topstitch over ric rac, backstitching at the beginning and end. The topstitch should catch the folded-over ric rac to hold it in place inside the shirt.
3. Sew buttons on top of the front two snaps, sewing through the center of the snap. When the button is secure, tie the knot behind the button on the outside of the shirt (not inside in the center of the snap opening).



You're done!



## Thanksgiving Crafts

### Swirl Decorative Painted Pumpkin

By: DecoArt

Bright, rich Dazzling Metallic colors make this glittery pumpkin, perfect for Thanksgiving, Halloween or autumn decor.



#### Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Dazzling Metallics

- DAO74 - Royal Ruby
- DA261 - Festive Green --- NEW!!
- DA263 - Splendid Gold --- NEW!!

Dazzling Metallics Writers

- DAW71 - Gold

Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

## Supplies

- Stretchable plastic wrap
- Sea sponge
- Foam plate
- 1" flat brush
- Medium-sized foam pumpkin

## Instructions:

1. Use 1" flat brush and Multi-Purpose Sealer to coat gourd. Let dry.
2. Use 1" flat brush to apply Royal Ruby to pumpkin. While wet, place larger sheet of plastic wrap over painted area and crinkle it up over paint with fingers; carefully lift off plastic wrap. (If you need to repair areas that are not textured, use small piece of wadded-up plastic wrap to sponge over areas.) Hold pumpkin by stem and use hair dryer on low setting to speed drying process; allow pumpkin to dry.
3. Dip sea sponge into Splendid Gold and sponge over pumpkin. Allow to dry.
4. Use Gold Dazzling Metallics Writer to spiral swirls on pumpkin.
5. While swirls are drying, use 1" flat brush to paint stem Festive Green. Allow all to dry.

## Make a Thanksgiving Cornucopia

The cornucopia is a classic symbol of plenty at Thanksgiving. The original horn-shaped basket comes from a Greek myth. A nymph, Amaltheia, raised the god Zeus and nourished him with a broken goat's horn that would always refill with food and drink when empty. This was the first horn of plenty. Make your own cornucopia for a Thanksgiving centerpiece and tell the story to your guests.

### 3 Ideas for the Cornucopia Base

Buy a ready-made cornucopia basket at the store or a cone-shaped basket at the craft store. Steam the narrow end of the cone basket and bend it slightly to resemble a cornucopia.

For an even more DIY touch, make your cornucopia basket out of bread. You basically make a cone mold out of aluminum foil and bake around this mold. Juggling Frogs blog has a great pictorial, step-by-step [tutorial](#) for how to make a bread cornucopia.

If you want a cornucopia with a bit more lasting power, make a rustic creation with wire netting (chicken wire), aluminum foil, and burlap. Simply shape the wire into a cone shape and twist at the end for the goat's horn look. Cover the wire completely with aluminum foil. Just like in [papier mache](#), dip the burlap pieces into a glue and water mixture (2 parts glue to 1 part water). Run the strips through your fingers to remove excess glue and place on your cornucopia mold. Repeat, overlapping the burlap pieces, until completely covered. Let dry overnight and then carefully cut out the aluminum foil and wire mixture from your burlap cornucopia. The glue will conveniently not stick the foil.

1. Once you have your cornucopia, cover a large tray with brightly colored autumn leaves or an autumn fabric.
2. Place your cornucopia on the tray so that it can be easily moved as one piece if you need the entire table for the feast.
3. Fill the back of the cornucopia with straw, raffia, excelsior or a bit of that leftover burlap, so you do not need to fill the entire basket with produce.
4. Place large fruits and vegetables such as gourds and dried Indian corn at the back of the basket as a backdrop.
5. Fill with smaller items such as pomegranates, apples, artichokes and peppers. Allow some of the fruits and vegetables to spill onto the tray. You can also sprinkle chestnuts and hard berries all over the arrangement.



## Tom the Turkey Pumpkin

Here's a crowd pleasing Thanksgiving centerpiece, made with craft foam and acrylic paint.

By DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DA114 - Light Cinnamon
- DA143 - True Ochre

Americana Brushes

- DBF2575-B - Flat 3/4"
- DBF3008-B - Shader #8

Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS13 - Americana Matte Spray

Supplies

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- Craft gourd, foam filled, 10" long, 5 1/2" at widest part
- 3" felt top hat
- Two 15-mm wiggle eyes
- Foam plate
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 2/3 yard of 1 1/2" wide black grosgrain ribbon
- Craft foam sheets: red, brown, green, orange, white, and purple
- Foam filled pumpkin, 8" high x 10" wide

Steps:

Preparation: Remove all stickers or tags from pumpkin before painting.

1. Remove stem from pumpkin. For turkey body, refer to photo for position and glue bottom of gourd to top of pumpkin. Fill in any remaining gaps between surfaces with glue.
2. Use flat brush and Light Cinnamon to paint gourd and pumpkin shape and let dry.
3. Use shader brush and True Ochre to paint stem for beak of turkey; let dry.
4. Spray turkey shape with Americana Matte Sealer and let dry.
5. Cut two 11" x 2 3/4" strips from red, orange, green, brown, and purple foam. Refer to photo and, on one end of each strip, cut rounded point for feather tips. (Use first one for pattern on others.)
6. Trace waddle pattern onto red foam; cut out shape.
7. Trace feet pattern onto orange foam; cut out shape.
8. Trace collar pattern onto white foam; cut out shape.
9. Slip round opening of waddle shape over beak and glue waddle that surrounds beak to head.
10. Wrap collar ends around neck, overlap ends, and glue between layers and between collar and neck. Trim excess ends at back if not aligned neatly.
11. Glue wiggle eyes to head, overlapping top of waddle.

12. Glue felt hat on top of head.
13. Refer to photo and glue back third of feet underneath turkey shape, with toes extending in front.
14. Tie ribbon into bow and trim ends evenly; seal ends of ribbon to prevent fraying. Glue knot of bow over center front of neck at top of collar.
15. To assemble tail feathers, overlap 1/2 ends of brown foam strips evenly with pointed ends outwards; glue together. Arrange remaining strips into fan shape, alternating colors and overlapping straight ends of strips at left corners, beginning at left side. Glue straight ends to brown base and glue between layers. Trim excess where tips extend off edge of brown strip.
16. Glue center of brown strip to back of turkey at upper center area of pumpkin around sides at back to fit shape. Glue center top of feather fan to back of neck over collar where it overlaps to hold feathers upright.

#### Helpful Hint

To seal ends of ribbon and prevent fraying, use handheld flame lighter or wood burning tool to singe ends of ribbon.

## Unexpected Craft Ideas (Great Gift Ideas!)

### Beaded Barbeque Skewers

These BBQ Skewers can be used on the barbeque and are dishwasher safe. The beads should not be placed in an open flame or directly over red hot coals. These are also great for fruit kebobs – just cut chunks of fresh fruit, skewer them & chill until ready to eat!

Courtesy of Bead Studio



Materials:

- store bought metal skewers
- 20g craft wire – 1 foot per skewer
- 4-5 assorted glass beads

Steps:

1. Make a spiral at one end of wire.





2. Anchor wire to the skewer by wrapping about 3 times around. Spiral will be at the top in or near the loop.



3. Add bead & anchor wire around skewer once or twice.



4. Continue to add beads & wrap remaining wire around skewer to finish.



## Belly Chain

Create a unique belly chain using seed beads and crystals.

Courtesy of Bead Studio



Materials:

- 4 feet .5mm stretch magic
- 1 button
- 30 4-6mm crystals
- 20 4mm metal spacers
- 32 size 11 seed beads

Steps:

1. Tie a know about 6 inches from the end of elastic. String on 1 seed bead, the button, and another seed beads. Tie a know on the other end.



2. Tie a knot about 2½ - 3 inches from the button. Add a group of beads & tie another knot.



3. Continue adding beads with 2½ - 3 inches of space between beads.



4. To wear – wrap around waist with button in front and wrap end around button a couple of times. Both ends dangle down.

## Valentine's Day Crafts

### Be My Love Boxers

Be ready for cupid's arrow! These quick projects are sure to please your special Valentine! Festive boxers are a cinch to make with Tulip® Soft Fabric Paints™. Just cut a stencil from shelf paper, dab on paint with a cosmetic sponge and you're done!

Courtesy of Duncan Enterprises



#### Materials:

- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
  - B115784 Glacier White
  - B115801 Ebony
- Self-Adhesive Shelf Paper
- Foil
- Red Boxers
- Permanent felt pen
- Make-up wedge sponge
- Scissors

[Click here for patterns](#)

#### Steps:

1. Use scissors to cut two 12" x 14" pieces of shelf paper.
2. Place pattern under paper then use felt pen to trace random hearts onto the sheet moving paper over pattern.

3. To create stencil, carefully cut out center of each heart, leaving sheet intact.
4. Peel off paper backing and press into place on one side of shorts. Run fingernail around each edge of heart to prevent seepage.
5. Squeeze a puddle of Glacier White of Tulip® Soft Paint™ onto foil. Tap flat end of wedge sponge into paint then tap excess off on foil. Pounce paint into heart stencil adding more paint to sponge as needed. Continue sponging paint into all hearts. Carefully peel off stencil.
6. Repeat step with other side of boxers and other stencil sheet, stenciling with Ebony paint. Let dry.
7. Follow paint label instructions for care of garment.

## Foam LOVE Letters

It's easy to get this loving message across with foam paint. Personalize or add details to foam letters for Valentine's Day decor.

By DecoArt



Materials:

Foam Paint

- White
- Yellow
- Apple Green
- Blue
- Hot Pink
  
- Foam letters

Steps:

1. Use Foam Paint and its writer tip to make swirls, circles, dots, or other designs as desired on letters.

2. Let dry.



## Puppy Love Card

There's nothing like puppy love! Create an adorable Valentine's Day card for your favorite person that they'll paws-itively love!

Courtesy of Duncan Enterprises



Materials:

- Aleene's® Paper Glaze
- Aleene's® Crystal Clear Tacky Spray™
- Cardstock: Red, White, Black
- Permanent Marker: Black
- Microbeads: Clear
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Paper: Silver
- Making Memories Letter Stickers: Silver

[Click here for patterns](#)

Steps:

1. Using photo as a guide, trace all pattern pieces on correct color papers. Cut out.
2. Spray one side of black hearts with Aleene's® Crystal Clear Tacky Spray™. Turn over and place on top of large silver hearts. Spray one side of large red hearts with Tacky Spray and place on top of black hearts.

3. Spray one side of small white hearts with Tacky Spray. Press onto small silver hearts.
4. Place large hearts upside down and on top of each other. See photo. Spray tip of bottom heart with Tacky Spray. Place top heart right on top of sprayed area. Refer photo for placement.
5. Spray back of one small heart and press right side up in center of top heart for nose. Repeat for heart at chest. See photo.
6. On remaining 4 small hearts spray tips on backs and press on for ears and feet. See photo.
7. Draw in eyes with permanent marker. Apply sticker letters below heart on chest.
8. Apply Aleene's® Paper Glaze to all small hearts and sprinkle on microbeads. Let dry.

## Wearable Crafts

### Bead Paint Jeans

Add beautiful elegance to jeans in a matter of minutes with Tulip® Fashion Bead Paint™.

Designed and decorated by Alexis Sadler



#### Materials:

- Aleene's® Platinum Bond Super Fabric Textile Adhesive™
- Tulip® Fashion Bead Paint™
- Ribbon, 1" wide, 3 yards
- Jeans
- Ruler
- Sequins, 3 yards fuchsia
- Scissors
- Fake fur, 1 yard tan
- Chalk pencil

#### Steps:

1. Before painting, always prewash fabric to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener.
2. Cut fur 4" wide and long enough to go around waist of jeans.
3. Squeeze glue on back of fur along both edges. Apply 5"-6" at a time.
4. Press one edge of fur on outside edge of jeans and other side on inside. Glue all the way around. Let dry.

5. Measure and cut ribbon and sequins to go around top edge of jeans. Leave a little longer to fold unfinished edges under.
6. Squeeze a bead of glue on back of ribbon, applying 5"-6" at a time. Press into place below fur line. Glue unfinished edges of ribbon under.
7. Glue sequins on top of fur.
8. Freehand scroll pattern on bottom of leg, using chalk pencil. Squeeze dots of Gold Fashion Bead Paint down leg and following chalk lines, Let dry.
9. To wash, wait 72 hours. Machine wash warm on gentle cycle. Do not use harsh detergents or bleach. Remove promptly and line dry. To iron, turn garment inside out, being careful not to touch design with iron. Do not dry-clean.

## Fab Summer Flip Flops

By: Heidi Blankenship for Spellbinders

What a treat for your summer toes. Use Spellbinders Die Templates and fun foam to enhance an inexpensive pair of flip flops. Wear them to the beach and even the sand will be envious.



Materials:

- Spellbinders Die Templates S4-072 Flower Creations 2, S4-101 Flower Creations
- Glue Dots
- Beacon 3-In-1 Glue
- Buttons
- rhinestones

Steps:

1. Create a pair of matching flowers by cutting Flower Creations (S4-072), Flower Creations 2 (S4-101) from each fun foam color: Yellow, Lime, Pink and Orange.
2. Using Glue Dots, create 2 matching flowers, layering all four colors in a variety of petal shapes.
3. Add a button to the center of each.
4. Using 3-IN-1 Glue adhere a tiny flower on top of the button.
5. Then using Gem-Tac add a large rhinestone to the center of the flower. Let dry.
6. Use 3-IN-1 Glue to adhere the flowers to the flip flops.
7. Add some of the small foam circles to the straps.

## Wedding Crafts

### Flowered Wallpaper Tag Book

Create a gorgeous flowered book out of tags to give as wedding favors or keep for yourself.

By Maria Nerius for CreateForLess.com



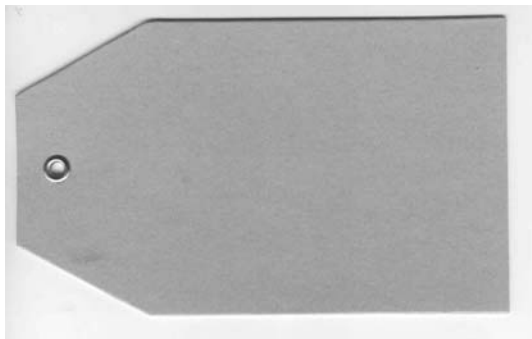
#### Materials:

- Large Tag (4 1/4" x 7") Pattern Included
- Heavyweight paper or chipboard
- Coordinated Scrapbooking Paper (Solid, Pattern, Strip)
- Scotch Glue Stick Permanent
- Darice Finishing Accents Trim Green and Pink/Fuchsia
- Westrim Paper Bliss Happy Flowers or Other Paper Flowers
- Purple Cows Trimmer or Scissors

#### Steps:

1. Cut 2 tags from heavy weight paper/chipboard and as many additional tags from regular paper (lined or unlined) as you desire for your tag book. Lay one of the heavy weight paper tags in front of you lengthwise, the hole of the tag is to your left. Note photo for placement. Make sure you have at least marked the hole placement on the tags.
2. Take a 3" x 5" piece of solid color paper and adhere it to the top front of tag. You'll have to trim the sides.

3. Take a 5" x 4 1/4" piece of decorative paper (sample shows a flower print) and adhere to tag.
4. Take a 4 5/8" x 2 1/4" striped paper and adhere to top on decorative paper on tag front.
5. Punch and open hole at left of tag. Make sure all the rest of the inside tags and the back tag also have holes. Thread fibers and ribbons through the holes to bind the book. Do not trim or knot these fibers and ribbons just yet.
6. Instead of knotting the fibers and ribbons together (like is usually done with tags) you are going to glue them together. Dab small amount of glue to the tag pressing the fibers/ribbon onto it and lightly glue the fibers/ribbons to each other. Allow to dry. This will give a smoother look to the finished tag book. You want to make sure your ribbon is laying flat so you can adhere some paper flowers to at least one of the strands.
7. Finishing touch is the paper flowers. See photo for sample's placement or create your own. Note that paper flowers were adhered to the ribbon too. Trim fibers and ribbons to liking.



## White Taper Candles

By: Amy Law for Kreinik

Here's an easy way to dress up inexpensive candles and truly personalize your wedding ceremony or party. The beads, tape and metallic thread lend an elegance and charm for quick embellishments.



Materials:

- White taper candles (purchased from a discount store)
- Kreinik #12 Braid 4006 Rosehip, 3240 Opal
- Kreinik 1/8" Ribbon 032C Pearl , 001C Silver
- Diamond Beadlets®
- 1 roll of double-sided red-liner Treasure Tape
- Ziploc® bag or shallow tray

Steps:

1. Apply tape to the base of your candle. (Make sure your tape is above the part of the candle which sits in a holder- you can place it in a holder and make a line as a guide)
2. Remove the red liner from your tape. Begin embellishing with thread. We recommend starting at one edge and working upwards. Use the liner to press your threads into the tape occasionally.



3. When you are done embellishing, place your taper in a shallow tray or a Ziploc® bag and pour beadlets over the exposed tape. Swirl with fingers to cover fully, and tap to remove excess beadlets.

**Note:** This technique is intended primarily for decorative candles. If you intend to burn the candle, be careful not to let it burn down to the decorated area. For large pillar candles, you can burn them down part way and then insert a tea light inside, and light that instead.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or [www.kreinik.com](http://www.kreinik.com).

## Woodcrafts

### Elegant Wood Wall Monograms

Trend-setting wall decor is yours with painted wood monogram letters.

by DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Elegant Finish Glazes

- DGM02 - Luminous Gold
- DGM03 - Medieval Gold

Americana Acrylics

- DAO59 - Toffee
- DAO67 - Lamp (Ebony) Black

## Americana Spray Sealers

- DAS13 - Americana Matte Spray

## Supplies

- 1" flat brush
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- Painter's or masking tape
- Fine grit sandpaper
- Wood letters

## Steps:

Allow to dry between steps.

1. Basecoat letters Toffee.
2. Mask off stripes.
3. Paint open areas Lamp Black. Remove tape.
4. Lightly sand to distress surface. Remove dust.
5. Load brush with Luminous Gold. Wipe brush back and forth to remove most of paint. Drag brush across Lamp Black stripes. Repeat using Medieval Gold on Toffee stripes.
6. Use brush handle end to dot left border on Lamp Black stripes with Luminous Gold.
7. Spray with Americana Matte Spray and let dry.

## Rock Star Bracelets

Even if you don't party like a rock star, you can dress like one with these rocking bracelets.

By DecoArt



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Americana Acrylics

- DAO67 - Lamp (Ebony) Black
- DA151 - Royal Fuchsia
- DA255 - Bahama Blue

Americana Writers

- DAW01 - White

Multi-Purpose Sealer

- DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer

Triple Thick Gloss Glaze

- TG01-3 - Triple Thick Gloss Glaze, 2-oz. Brush-On

## Americana Brushes

- DBL1000-B - Liner 0

## Supplies

- 1" flat brush
- Old toothbrush
- 2 feet of 1/8" black ribbon
- Glue gun with glue sticks
- Pencil
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- Three wooden bangles in various sizes

## Steps:

### Rock Bracelet

1. Using flat brush, paint inside of bracelet Bahama Blue. Paint outside Lamp Black. Let dry.
2. With pencil, lightly write ROCK on bracelet along with two freehand stars to right and left.
3. Using liner brush, paint stars Royal Fuchsia. Let dry.
4. Use White Americana Writer to outline penciled word. Let dry.
5. Seal with Multi-Purpose Sealer and let dry.

### Splattered Bracelet

1. Using flat brush, paint entire bracelet Royal Fuchsia. Let dry.
2. Load old toothbrush with Bahama Blue. Use finger to flick paint off of bristles onto bracelet. Clean toothbrush and load with Lamp Black and repeat. Let dry.
3. Use flat brush to apply coating of Triple Thick Gloss Glaze. Let dry.

### Striped Bracelet

1. Paint bracelet Bahama Blue. Let dry.
2. Seal with Multi-Purpose Sealer and let dry.
3. Using glue gun, glue end of ribbon to inside of bracelet. Wrap diagonally around bracelet and glue again back at starting point.

### Helpful Hint

Use free-standing rod or ornament hanger to hang bracelets while drying.

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