

31 Cupcake-Inspired Creations

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

You can't help but smile when you see a cupcake. This charming little treat is one of the hottest motifs in art and craft so we put together some of the best designers and their cupcake creations! No calories. No worries.

You'll find jewelry, home décor, kid's fun, and great keepsakes. These cupcakes sparkle, shine, delight, and let you try your hand at several mediums and techniques.

Go ahead and take a big bite of creativity and make up a batch of yummy cupcakes for yourself, your family, and your friends. Better yet, ask your family and friends to be a part of the excitement and create pieces of jewelry, make a bedroom pillow, or fill a tray with faux cupcakes.

It was a joy to put together this eBook. As the [Craft Expert](#) and In-House Designer for [FaveCrafts.com](#), I get to spend my days doing what I love and that's crafting! I also am the editor of the [Creative Income Newsletter](#) and it's a great resource if you decide to sell your creations! Let me know what you think and send us some photos of your cupcake creations or post them on our Facebook photo tab!

Happy Crafting,

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Fabric and Fibers

Cupcakes Quilt

By Lynn Koolish for C&T Publishing

Indulge your sweet tooth with this colorful cupcake quilt. This project is an excerpt from C&T Publishing *Cupcakes!* edited by Lynn Koolish which includes 29 other yummy projects for sewers, quilters, knitters, and bakers!



Materials:

- Block background fabric: 9 squares 6" × 6" (½ yard)
- Scraps for cupcake appliques
- Border corner blocks: 4 scraps 3" × 3"
- Sashing fabric: 6 strips 1¼" × 6", 4 strips 1¼" × 18½", and 2 strips 1¼" × 20" (1/4 yard)
- Border fabric: 4 strips 3" × 20" for borders, additional strips for binding (¼ yard)
- Backing fabric: 26" × 26" (¾ yard)
- Batting: 26" × 26"
- Decorative trim: 4½ yards (optional)
- Buttons
- Paper-backed fusible web, 17" wide: ½ yard

Instructions:

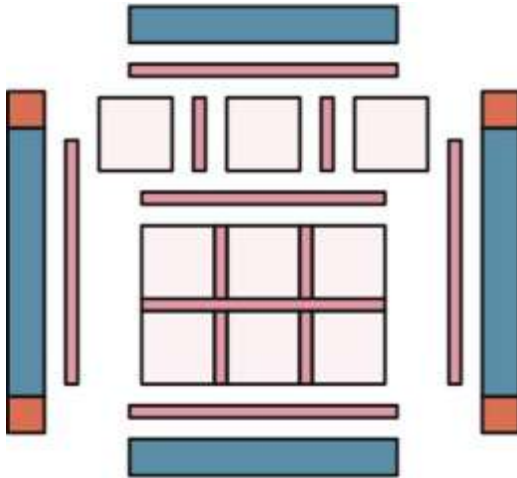
Note: Seam allowances are ¼".

1. Iron paper-backed fusible web to the wrong side of the fabric scraps for the cupcake appliques. Remove the paper backing.
2. Use the patterns on page 6 to cut out the top and bottom pieces for 9 cupcakes.

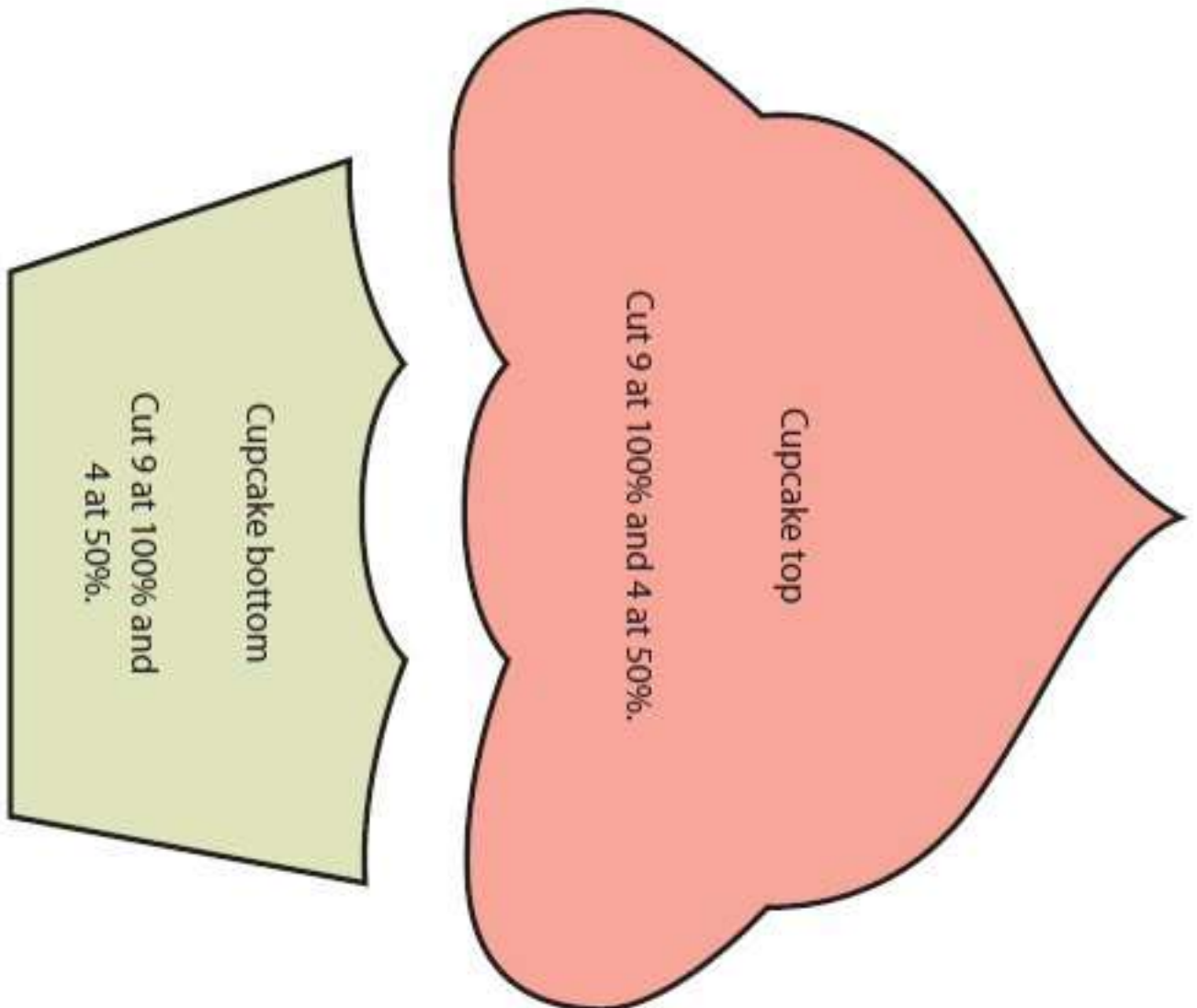


3. Reduce the cupcake pattern on page 6 50%, and cut out pieces for 4 mini cupcakes for the corner blocks.
4. Create 9 blocks by fusing the cupcake pieces to the block backgrounds.
5. Sew the 1¼" × 6" sashing pieces between the blocks to create 3 rows. Press.
6. Sew the rows together with the 1¼" × 18½" sashing strips. Press.
7. Sew a 1¼" × 18½" strip on each side. Press.
8. Sew the 1¼" × 20" sashing strips on the top and bottom. Press.
9. Sew border strips to the top and bottom. Press.
10. Fuse the mini cupcakes to the corner blocks. Sew the corner blocks to each end of the remaining border strips. Press.
11. Sew the remaining border strips to the sides. Press.
12. Layer the backing, batting, and quilt top. Baste.
13. Quilt and bind. Embellish with trim and buttons.

CUPCAKES QUILT CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM



CUPCAKES QUILT CUPCAKE PATTERN



Delicious Cupcake Apron

By iLoveToCreate

Sweeten up the kitchen and wear this delightful apron. It's fabulous! It's you!



Materials:

- Aleene's® Fabric Fusion™ Permanent Dry Cleanable Fabric Adhesive™
- Tulip® Multi-Surface Stencil™, Italics Alphabet
- Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencils™, Birthday
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™, Chocolate Retro
- Tulip® Cordless Heat Setting Tool™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™, 300 Multi-color Pack
- Needle with large eye
- Muslin, ¼ yard white
- Sewing machine
- Thread to match
- Fabrics: 1 yard each background and accent
- Buttons, seven ½" brown
- Bias tape, ¼" wide white
- Embroidery floss to match paint colors
- Crayon
- Tape measure
- Masking tape, low tack
- Foil
- Corrugated cardboard
- Sponges, wedge make-up
- Straight pins
- Scissors

Instructions:

Apron:

1. Measure and cut a 19" x 33" piece of background fabric for skirt. Pin waistband pattern (pg. 9) on the fold on remaining background fabric and cut out two.
2. From accent fabric, measure and cut a 9" x 33" strip for lower band and four 36" x 4 ½" strips for ties.
3. To create ties, sew two strips, right sides together, angling at one end and leaving one end open. Repeat for other tie. Trim seam then turn inside out and iron smooth. Topstitch around edge.
4. Finish sides of apron skirt by folding over ¼" then again, and sew in place. Iron smooth.
5. Pin unfinished ends of ties onto right side at ends of waistband, leaving seam allowance at top and bottom. Fold up one side of lower edge of waistband and pin in place. Sew along three sides of waistband, sewing ties in place, leaving bottom edge of waistband open. Trim and clip seams then turn inside out and iron smooth.
6. Sew two gathering lines along top edge of skirt. Pin to unfolded edge of waistband, gathering to fit. Sew together. Remove gather threads and trim seam to ½". Pin waistband back in place covering stitches. Topstitch around entire waistband.
7. Fold and iron a seam allowance along one long side of accent strip. Pin, right sides together, cut edge of accent band to bottom edge of apron extending edges for seam allowance at sides. Sew in place. Iron seam toward strip. Fold and pin right sides together and sew. Trim seams then turn inside out, forming band along bottom edge of apron. Pin folded edge of band in place covering stitching lines. Sew in place by stitching in the ditch so it won't show.
8. Pin and cut pocket pattern from accent fabric. Pin right sides together then sew leaving a small opening for turning. Turn inside out and iron flat.
9. Iron bias tape smooth. Carefully open bias tape. Then working in short sections at a

time, run a thin bead of Fabric Fusion along inside edge. Finger press together, let dry.

10. Measure length of lower band then divide into sixths and mark with pins.
11. Place corrugated cardboard on work surface. Lay apron on top. Position end of bias tape at top of lower band extending end over about 2". Pin tape in place along sewn edge creating loops at each pin. Ease bias tape into shape, pinning across entire apron.
12. Glue in place with Fabric Fusion by working in short sections, removing pins, carefully lift bias tape and apply a thin bead of glue along back of tape. Carefully replace on apron and adjust as needed. If needed, hold in place with small pieces of masking tape until dry. Fold ends of bias tape to back and glue in place. Repeat steps for pocket. For waistband, cut edges of bias tape, fold to back and glue in place, creating finished ends. Glue in place.
13. Sew pocket in place on apron.

Cupcakes:

1. Cover work surface with a few paper towels. Lay muslin fabric on surface.
2. Cut cupcake design from stencil strip leaving as much border as possible.
3. Carefully remove stencil from backing removing all excess pieces. Press onto fabric. Use small pieces of low tack masking tape to cover everything but cake and frosting. Add more tape around edges to extend border of stencil. Run a fingernail along inside edges to prevent seepage.
4. Squeeze a small puddle of each Soft Paint on foil. Cut wedge sponge in half lengthwise creating enough for each color.
5. Tap flat end of sponge into Chocolate and tap excess onto foil – excess paint will seep under stencil. Pounce paint into cake design of stencil applying a thin even application. Pounce Pink onto frosting design. Carefully peel off stencil and press onto another area of fabric. Repeat steps for desired number of cupcakes of each color. Let dry.
6. Thread needle with pink floss, thread through holes of buttons a few times then

knot ends in front and trim ends. Continue with remaining buttons, changing colors to match cupcakes.

7. Apply Fabric Fusion to back of button then press in place at top of cupcakes. Let dry.
8. Use scissors to cut out each cupcake design leaving a ¼" border of fabric around each.
9. Determine position of cupcakes on skirt of apron then mark with small pieces of masking tape.
10. Squeeze a puddle of Fabric Fusion on foil. Place a paper towel on work surface. Flip cupcake over onto paper towel. Using flat end of wedge sponge, scoop up glue on sponge then swipe across back of cutout applying a thin even coating of glue to entire area. Carefully lift off, position in place on apron then press in place. Continue with remaining cupcakes using a clean paper towel for each – that way no glue will get on front of design. Let dry.

Lettering:

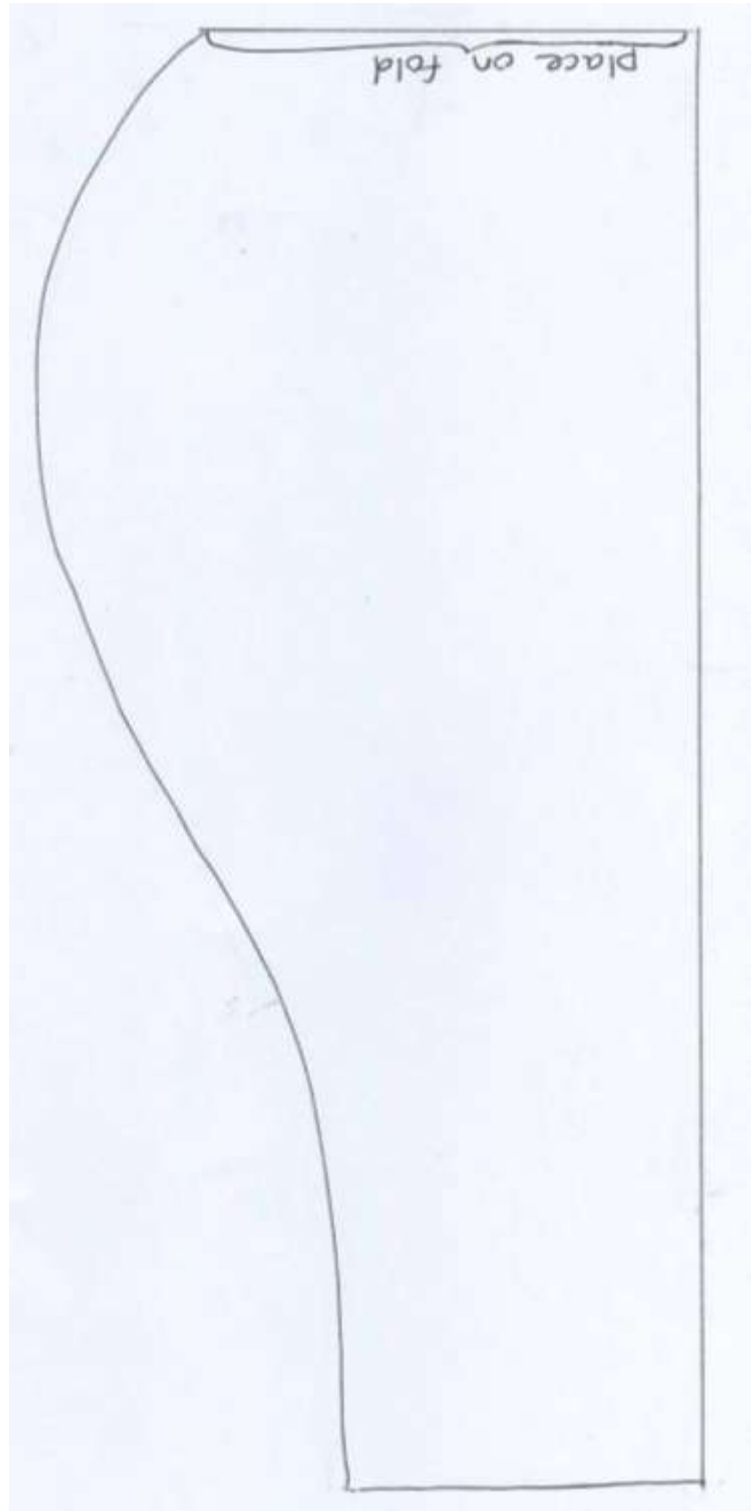
1. Cut desired letters from Italic Stencil sheet leaving as much border around each. Place last letter of word in place where shown. Line up remaining letters trimming excess stencil for an even space between each. Add small pieces of tape around word to create a wider border then add smaller pieces between to cover any fabric that may show.
2. Pounce Chocolate Soft Paint within stencil. Carefully remove stencil and let dry. Repeat step for initial on pocket. Let dry.

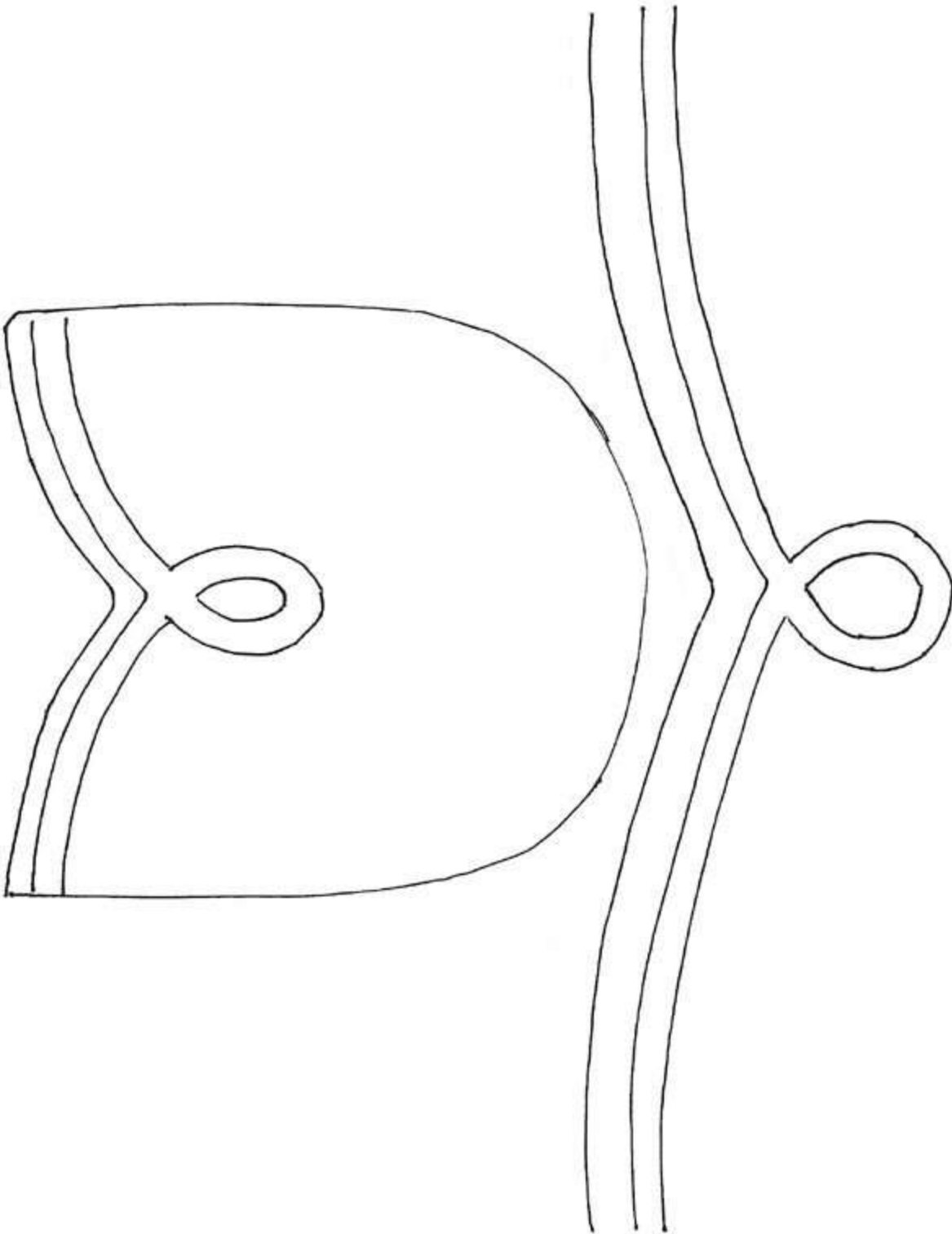
Crystals:

1. Turn on Heat-Setting Tool following package instructions. Press crayon on top of Crystal then position on frosting of cupcake - the crayon will hold it just long enough to position in place. Gently touch tip of heated tool to top of Crystal and hold in place for 5 – 8 seconds. Let cool then touch with finger. If not adhered – repeat step adding a few more seconds. Continue with remaining Crystals on frosting, pocket, within each loop and randomly on skirt.

2. Wait 72 hours to wash. Machine wash warm on gentle cycle. Do not use harsh detergents or bleach. Remove promptly and line dry. Iron on back of apron.

WAISTBAND PATTERN (right)





POCKET PATTERN AND WAISTBAND SCROLL PLACEMENT PATTERN

Cupcake Jean Purse

By Maria Nerius, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

Every girl loves blue jeans, cupcakes and fun. This little purse can be crafted in less than an hour. Make this purse today.



Materials:

- Child's blue jean purse (pre-made)
- Cupcake Appliqués (Blumenthal Lansing)
- Red Scribbles
- Red craft gems
- Aleene's Fabric glue

Instructions:

1. Adhere cupcake appliqués as shown with fabric glue. Appliqués are placed on front pockets, center of belt at top, and on back pocket.
2. Using the Scribbles fabric paint, outline the pockets and seams of jean purse starting with the front of the purse. Allow to dry completely, and then finish the back side of the purse. Again, allow to dry completely.
3. Adhere the red craft gems as cherries on the cupcakes. Allow to dry completely before using the purse.

Faux Applique Cupcake Pillow

By Beth Wheeler

Not a fan of appliqué, but love the look? Friends will have to look closely... twice, to tell this isn't real appliqué. Clever you!!



Materials:

- 14" square pillow form
- 15" square piece of fabric for pillow back
- 15" square fusible fleece, such as Thermolam
- 15" square white-on-white print fabric
- Earth Safe Finishes Tackifier
- Earth Safe Finishes Colorant: Hot Pink and Terra Cotta
- Earth Safe Finishes white Opaque Shimmers paint
- Earth Safe Finishes Fabric Magic
- 6" square Cosmic Swirls (or other textured) template from The Crafter's Workshop
- (2) 8 ½" x 11" pieces of freezer paper
- Cupcake pattern provided
- Craft knife, such as X-acto knife
- Scissors
- Shaving cream
- Small paper plate
- Wooden craft stick or plastic spoon
- Stencil brush

- Skein 6-strand embroidery floss each: pink and rust
- Embroidery needle
- 12-14" zipper
- Assorted dark pink buttons
- 1 ¾ yards braid or trim
- Hand-sewing needle
- Sewing machine
- Usual sewing supplies
- Iron and ironing board
- Computer
- Inkjet printer

Instructions:

1. Print two copies of the cupcake pattern (pg. 14) on the paper side of freezer paper. Cut the frosting portion out of one pattern print and the cake portion out of the other pattern print with a craft knife.
2. Apply Tackifier on the wrong side of the Cosmic Swirls template. Allow Tackifier to dry about 5 minutes, or until it is clear.
3. Position the cake stencil in the center of the white-on-white print fabric, with the shiny side toward the fabric. Iron with a dry iron set on cotton to fuse the freezer paper on the fabric.
4. Squirt a small amount of shaving cream, about the size of a small tomato, on a paper plate. Drizzle three drops of Fabric Magic and two drops of Terra Cotta Colorant onto the shaving cream; mix thoroughly with a craft stick or plastic spoon.
5. Stencil the cream paint mixture into the stencil with a stencil brush. Remove the cake stencil. Allow the paint to dry to the touch (just takes a few minutes).
6. Prepare pink cream paint, as in Step 4. Secure the frosting stencil in place with a dry iron, as in Step 3. Stencil pink cream paint in the frosting area with a stencil brush. Allow the paint to dry to the touch. Leave the frosting stencil in place.
7. Position the Cosmic Swirls template inside the frosting stencil, pressing in place firmly with your fingers. Stencil white Opaque

Shimmers paint through both stencils for a swirled texture.

8. Remove the freezer paper from the fabric.
9. Allow the paint to dry 24 hours. Cover with a piece of parchment paper or plain white paper. Heat-set with a dry iron set on cotton setting.
10. Cut an 18" piece of embroidery floss; separate three strands. Work a running stitch around the frosting and a blanket stitch around the cake portion of the cupcake.

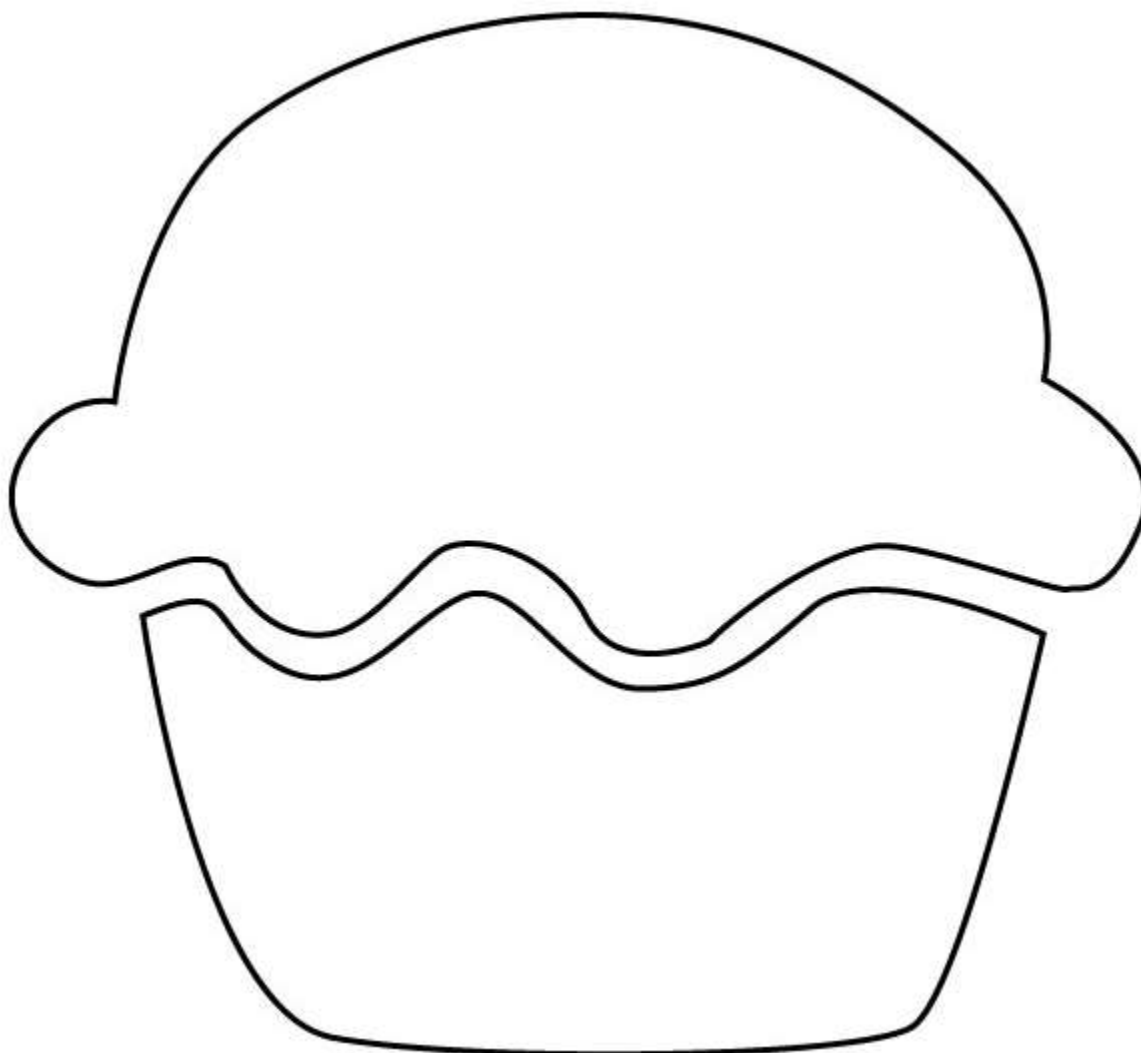


11. Fuse the fleece in place on the back of the stenciled panel, using a dry iron and following manufacturer's instructions.
12. Stitch buttons in place randomly along the cupcake frosting with 3 or 4 strands of embroidery floss tied into a bow on each button.



13. Round the corners of the pillow top and back with scissors. Stitch decorative trim around the periphery of the stenciled panel with a ¼" seam allowance.
14. Place the panels together with right sides facing. Insert the zipper in one seam; *open the zipper*. Stitch remaining sides together. Trim corners; turn right side out through the open zipper.
15. Insert the pillow form into the pillow shell and zip closed.

FAUX APPLIQUE CUPCAKE PILLOW PATTERN



Mini Cupcake Pin Cushion

By Maria Nerius, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

Never lose another pin again! Use this free pin cushion pattern to make your own mini cupcake pin cushion out of little more than a scrap of fabric and a bottle cap.



Materials:

- 4 1/2" Diameter circle of fabric
- Puff of Polyfil or a few cotton balls
- Plastic bottle cap
- Yellow or coordinating paint
- Paint brush
- Needle and thread
- Hot glue or super tacky glue
- Optional: Red craft gem for a cherry

Instructions:

1. Paint your bottle cap and allow it to dry.
2. Using a running or gathering stitch, stitch along the outside edge of the circle of fabric and pull lightly to semi-gather the circle. Remember to keep the right side of the fabric to the outside with the wrong side of the fabric inside the gathering ball of fabric. Stuff the Polyfil stuffing or cotton balls inside and pull your gathering stitch firm, knot off.
3. Using hot glue or super tacky glue, apply some glue to the inside of the bottle cap and also to the bottom of your gathered fabric ball. Insert ball with knotted side down to the inside of the bottle cap. Hold firm to let glue set.
4. Finish with a red craft gem cherry! You can also use this little cupcake as a wrist pin cushion by adhering it to a band of elastic or adhere it to a ring finding to make it a finger pin cushion!

Cupcake Scarf

By Jennifer Cirka

Cupcakes are trendy right now, so embellish a crochet scarf with some yummy-looking cupcakes with this free crochet scarf. (Hat pattern not available.)



Materials:

- Any worsted weight yarn (I used mostly “I Love This Yarn”, 100% acrylic)
- Small amount of brown for cupcake “cake”
- Small amount of pink and purple for “icing”
- Small amount of red for “cherry”
- Approximately 200 yards of main scarf color
- G-6 / 4 mm crochet

Instructions:

Finished Size: One size fits most

Gauge: Not important

“Cake” Pattern – make 2

1. With brown, ch 16.
2. Row 1: (RS) hdc in third ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in remaining chs. Ch1, turn. (4hdc, 10sc).
3. Row 2: working in BLO, sc in each st across. Ch1, turn. (14sc)

4. Row 3-15: repeat row 2.
5. Row 16: working in BLO, sc in first 10 sts. Hdc in last 4 sts. Finish off and weave in ends. (10sc, 4hdc)

“Icing” Pattern – make 2

1. Row 1: With icing color and RS facing, attach yarn with a sc to the widest edge – right corner. Evenly space 17 more sc along edge. Ch3, turn. (18sc)
2. Row 2: sc in each sc across, ch3, turn. (18sc)
3. Row 3: sc in each sc across and turning ch. Ch3, turn. (20sc)
4. Row 4: sk first 2sc, sc in next st and each st across until 2 sts remain. Ch2, sl st in turning ch. (16sc)
5. Row 5: sk ch sp. Sc in first sc and each sc across. Ch3, turn. (16sc)
6. Row 6: sk first 2 sts, sc in next sc and each st across. Ch3, turn. (14sc)
7. Row 7-9: repeat row 6. (8sc)
8. Row 10: sk first 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, ch2. sl st in turning ch. Finish off and weave in ends.

“Cherry” Pattern – make 2

1. Round 1: With red, 6sc in magic ring, do not join. (6sc)
2. Round 2: 2sc in each sc around. (12sc)
3. Round 3: ch1, 2hdc in each sc around. Finish off and weave in ends. (24hdc)

Scarf Pattern

1. With MC, ch 30
2. Row 1: 2dc in 3rd ch from hook. *sk 2 sts, (sc, 2dc) in next st. Repeat from * across. Sc in last ch. Ch2, turn.
3. Row 2: 2dc in first sc. *sk 2 dc, (sc, 2dc) in next sc. Repeat from * across, ending with sc in turning chain. Ch2, turn.
4. Repeat row 2 until desired length is achieved.
5. Final row: ch1, sc in each dc and sc across. Finish off and weave in ends.

Assembly

Attach cherry to top of icing and attach completed cupcakes to the bottom of the scarf or wherever desired.

Cupcake Punch Needle Pendant

By Maria Nerijs, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

The only thing better than free embroidery designs are ones that look like cupcakes! With this Cupcake Punch Needle Kit, Maria Nerijs demonstrates how to make an adorable charm that can be used for a necklace or turned into a brooch.



Materials:

- Dimensions Life is Sweet Cupcake punch needle kit (available from CutRateCrafts.com)
- Clover locking hoop
- Clover Embroidery Tool (can be used as a needlepunch tool)
- Clover Embroider Tool needle threader
- Assorted small bugle beads
- Needle with coordinating thread (match to bugle beads)
- Coordinating cardstock or lightweight suede
- Fray Stop liquid
- Fabric glue
- Bail
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. I used the Dimensions kit because it includes all the floss you'll need to complete 4 cupcake pendants. You can also sketch your own cupcake shape on fabric and use your own selection of floss to create this pendant. The kit was designed to make a frame-able piece, but I choose to use it to create pendants.
2. Following the instructions in the kit, needle punch the four cupcakes (you don't want or need to needle punch the entire design). Dab a little of the Fray Stop liquid to each ending thread, then when the cupcakes are complete, outline all the edges with the fray stop. This will keep the material and threads from unraveling. Let the Fray Stop dry completely.
3. Cut out the cupcake shapes trimming as close as you can to the threads. Color any of the material with a coordinating marker so you will not see any white fabric edges.
4. Sew bugle beads randomly to the top or frosting part of the cupcakes. The beads will look like sprinkles!
5. Trace the cupcake shape onto your coordinating cardstock or suede; this will be the backing of the pendant. Apply a thin layer of fabric glue to the backing and then place onto the pendant back. Press smooth, hold down, and then put some eight on top of the pendant for about an hour to keep the pendant flat while the glue dries.
6. Adhere the bail finding to the back of the cupcake and you have a pendant!

Great Gifts

Cupcake Bath Bombs

By Little Birdie Secrets



Try not to eat these delicious-looking cupcakes, because they are made of soap! These cute cupcakes fizz when dropped in the bath. Make a whole batch for gift-giving occasions with this tutorial from Little Birdie Secrets. These materials make 2 large bath bomb balls, or about 5 cupcakes.



Bath Bomb Materials (shown above):

- 2 c. baking soda
- 1 c. citric acid (We found this in the bulk section at a local health food store)
- 1 Tbsp. oil of your choice (We like almond oil, but grapeseed oil or even olive oil work.)
- 5 drops fragrance/essential oil

- 3-5 drops coloring (You can use food coloring, but it may fade quickly and even leave a ring around your bathtub. We used a special oil for bath products we found on Brambleberry.com.)
- 1 tsp. Bentonite clay (optional--this just makes them harder.)
- 1 tsp. to 1 Tbsp. Sodium Lauryl Sulfate (optional--this makes your bombs lather up.)
- Witch hazel (poured into a spray bottle)
- Paper cupcake liners
- Silicone cupcake molds



Icing Materials (shown above):

- 3 Tbsp. meringue powder (we like Wilton's) or powdered egg whites (you can use real egg whites or egg white substitute, but we didn't have very good luck with them)
- 1 lb. (measured by weight) powdered sugar
- 1/4 tsp. Cream of Tartar
- 5-6 Tbsp. warm water
- Few drops of color
- Glass bowl
- Hand mixer
- Optional: Few drops of fragrance

Instructions:

1. Prepare your molds by placing a cupcake liner inside the silicone cupcake mold. It won't fit perfectly--just shove it in.



2. Place all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and gently mix. Be careful not to inhale it!



3. Add fragrance to the dry mixture. Measure out the oil and place a few drops of color to it. Add it to the dry mixture. Gently mix.



4. While kneading the mixture with one hand, begin spraying the mix with the witch hazel. (We did this as a team, but one person can do it alone.) Be careful not to get the mixture too wet--the moisture will activate the citric acid and your bath bomb will be ruined. Continue to slowly spritz the mixture with



witch hazel and squish it in your hands until it has the consistency of crumbly pie dough.

5. 1Quickly pack the mixture into your liners inside the silicone molds. You want it to be packed in tight. Allow the mixture to set in the silicone mold for at least 5-10 minutes before removing. Now let's add some frosting to these bad boys.



6. Make your frosting- Mix meringue powder into warm water first in a GLASS bowl. Add cream of tartar and powdered sugar. Start beating on high. If your mixture feels like stiff cookie dough at this point, add another tablespoon of water. Beat for 7-9 minutes. Frosting is done when it forms stiff peaks and is thick and fluffy.



7. Add color and fragrance and beat until well mixed (one minute or less). Note: If you decide to add baking soda (for fizziness) and sodium lauryl sulfate (for lather), you will want to increase



your water to about 6-7 Tbsp. Add them with the color and fragrance.

8. Spoon frosting into a disposable cake frosting bag with the cake decorating tip of your choice.



9. Frost your cupcake bath bombs however you like. Allow bath bombs to sit overnight to harden before packaging. Be sure to let your children, husband, or dog know these are NOT EDIBLE!



10. Package them in cellophane bags with pretty ribbons and tags for the perfect gift!



Cupcake Diaper Keepsake

By Kelsey Apley

Looking for baby shower crafts? This cute cupcake craft makes a wonderful gift for any baby shower or mother-to-be. The best part? The cupcake is made out of a real diaper!



Materials:

- 1 Pamper's diaper, size 1 or 2
- 1 pair of baby socks (works best with solid colors)
- 1 baby wash cloth
- 3 rubber bands
- 11 inches of ribbon
- Hot glue gun
- 1 cupcake liner

Instructions:

1. Roll up the both socks so they look spirally for the center. Make sure it sticks up some, because it will act as the icing for the diaper cupcake. Once you have them wrapped up good, secure socks with a rubber band.
2. Take your diaper, and fold it in half, it will be a bit tricky to keep it in place due to the stretchy part on diaper. Take the socks you rolled up and lay them on diaper, and roll diaper and socks up together. Make sure they are even with each other and secure the diaper with rubber band. Also at this time plug in your glue gun to get it warming up for the final step.
3. Take your wash cloth and fold it up to be the same height as what the diaper is, then do the same as what you did with diaper and socks. Roll the wash cloth around the diaper creating another layer. Once you get it wrapped around, secure it with a rubber band.
4. Take the ribbon that you have, and test wrap it around your cupcake to make sure it goes all the way around the cupcake and overlaps a little bit. You need it to overlap because you will be putting glue on the ribbon to secure it in place.
So once you have your ribbon cut to what size you want, just wrap it around the cupcake, try to center it. Then just put a few dots of the glue onto the ribbon, and then fold the overlap onto the glue to secure it in place.
5. Now take your diaper cupcake and set it in your cupcake liner! You might need to play with cupcake and liner to make it look right! You are done; you have completed your diaper cupcake!

Fake Candy Cupcakes

Creating these cute candy cupcakes is a fun project for all ages.



Materials:

- Aleene's® Quick Dry Tacky Glue™
- Candy sprinkles
- Construction paper, green
- Styrofoam® cut to size of muffin liners
- Stickers, alphabet
- Craft stick
- Toothpicks
- Bamboo skewers
- Knife to cut Styrofoam®
- Muffin paper liners
- Lifesavers, gumdrops and jellybeans

Instructions:

1. Cut Styrofoam® to size of muffin cup liners and glue into place.
2. Spread glue over tops of Styrofoam® with craft stick. Decorate with Lifesavers, gumdrops and jellybeans, holding in place with toothpicks. Cover remaining glue with candy sprinkles.
3. Cut flags from construction paper, add "Merry Christmas" stickers, and glue to skewers. Poke into cupcakes to complete.

Cupcake Cork Decorative Bottle

By Maria Neri, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

The inspiration for this sweet little stopper came while looking at my button jar. I saw a pink dome button and thought it looked just like the top of a cupcake. I found a modern dome button from Blumenthal Lansing.



Materials:

- Dome buttons (Blumenthal Lansing)
- Small bottle with cork
- Small red or pink gem
- Glue
- Shank remover or large wire cutters
- Bottle filler: mini beads, heart candy, mini M&Ms
- Optional: White paint, brush, water

Instructions:

1. Remove shank from the metal dome buttons. The examples show a silver dome button, a gold dome button, and a painted dome button with white acrylic paint. Glue dome button to top of cork stopper.
2. To finish a cupcake must have a cherry on top! Adhere red or pink craft gem. You can add a ribbon bow or leave plain.

Ribbon Cupcakes

By Melissa Bickle for FloraCraft

Cook up some craft cupcakes using grosgrain ribbon with the look of icing. These cupcakes make a fun centerpiece for a birthday or a sweet decoration anytime.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam: one 3" ball
- Black 3/8" grosgrain ribbon: 80 pieces, 1.25" long
- White 5/8" grosgrain ribbon: 100 pieces, 1.5" long
- 90 black head straight pins
- 100 white head straight pins
- 5 pink head straight pins
- 10 silver sequins
- 10 pink beads
- 1 pink pompom
- Paper, pen
- Black felt scrap for bottom of cupcake (Optional)
- 1 plastic cupcake liner OR 10 paper cupcake liners (Use 10 per cupcake, do not take them apart)

Instructions:

1. Draw a teardrop template approximately 2" long and 1" wide on the paper and cut it out.
2. To create the black frosting "drips"; use the template to trace five evenly spaced teardrops from the top half of the ball.
3. Roll a piece of black ribbon into a small cylinder, with the center opening about 1/8".
4. Hide the pins by inserting a black pin into the center opening of the cylinder, being sure to pin thru the loose end of ribbon to secure, and pin to the ball.
5. Repeat fitting the black ribbon rolls tightly together to fill each template section. Pin rolls of black ribbon to fill in any areas at the top of the ball.
6. To fill in with white frosting; fold white ribbon pieces in half, use white pins to pin thru the loose ends of ribbon. Pin the loops to the ball overlapping each slightly to hide the pins, filling in around the ball (leave bottom third of ball empty so that cupcake will sit on liner).
7. Thread each pink straight pin alternately with two each of the silver sequins and pink beads, and embellish top of cupcake with sequin pins.
8. Use two pins to secure pompom to top of cupcake.
9. Pin small black felt circle to bottom of cupcake to finish if desired.
10. Place cupcake in cupcake holder and display!

Cupcake Gift Box

By Cynthia Gagen

This makes a delightful little gift box to present something special to your favorite cupcake lover! If you start with a large enough cup, you can even use it to hold a real cupcake. Wouldn't that be a fun way to present a cupcake dessert at a party?



Materials:

- Plastic cup with a plastic domed (like used for slushies or specialty coffees, see photo, right)
- Scrap cardboard circle the same diameter as the top rim of your cup
- Masking tape
- Plain white paper, 1-2 sheets
- Acrylic craft paint in whatever color you want your "icing" to be in
- Aleene's Tacky Glues
- Glue gun with glue sticks

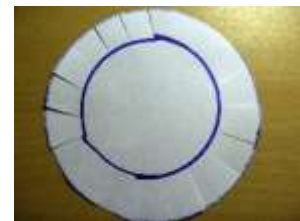


- Craft knife
- Scissors
- Ruler and a piece of string or measuring tape
- Permanent dark-colored marker
- Paintbrush
- Embellishments: little ribbon roses, self-adhesive imitation gemstones, pearls, beads, glitter, puff paint (optional)
- Pom-pom

Instructions:

1. Cut down the cup so that it's more like the proportions of a cupcake. (My cup was 4½" tall without the lid; I cut off the bottom 2" of it.) Measured with your ruler, mark a line around the cup using the permanent marker. Make the initial cut along this line with a craft knife; continue with a pair of scissors.

2. If you want to make this cupcake as a "cover" to go over a special treat as a table favor, skip to step 3. To create a new bottom for the cup, use the permanent marker to trace around the cardboard circle on the paper (the size of the lid) and cut it out. Trace around the bottom edge of the bottom of the cup, centering it in the previously drawn circle. Clip the paper (almost like fringe) with scissors up to the inner circle. Folded up the little tabs of the fringe and used the masking tape to secure them to the cup.



3. Use the domed lid from the cup to create the top frosted portion of my cupcake. Paint two coats of paint on the inside and one coat on the outside of the lid, allowing paint to dry between coats.

4. For the white paper portion of the cupcake, measure the height of the cup that you trimmed in step 1 from bottom to just above the rim. Measure around the cup (the circumference) and multiply that measurement by 2.5 for the length to cut your white paper, joining pieces together with the white glue if needed. (For example, if your cup is 3" high and 10" around, your paper should be 3" x 25".) Accordion-fold this strip of paper starting at one of the short sides, making folds about ¼" wide. Use your glue gun to glue this accordion-folded paper around the bottom portion of the cup. Don't put any glue up near the rim or it will interfere with putting the lid on.
5. Put the lid on the cup. If you want to attach the cover permanently so you can add a hanger and use it as an ornament, use your glue gun to permanently glue the lid to the cup.
6. Use white glue to add embellishments. If you want the look of piped icing, use puff paint. Put a pom-pom on the top as the cherry to cover the straw hole in the lid, gluing a scrap of cardboard in place if needed to cover the hole. Since the box is made of a thin plastic, it won't hold up to repeated opening and closing, so it will work well as a gift box, but not as frequently opened box.

Painted Projects Cupcake Ornaments

By DecoArt

Hot glue buttons to the fronts of the finished pins, then flip over and hot glue the pin backs to the backside of the pins. Allow to dry for 24 hours before using. Terra cotta pots become one-of-a-kind holiday ornaments looking like sweet, iced cupcakes. If you would like a change from traditional Christmas decorations, why not decorate your tree with a favorite sweet treat?



Materials:

- DecoArt Patio Paint
 - DCP34 - Larkspur Blue
 - DCP42 – Fuchsia
 - DCP43 - Holly Berry Red
 - DCP46 - Mistletoe Green
 - DecoArt Snow-Tex
 - DecoArt Glamour Dust, Crystal
 - DecoArt Palette Knife
 - 2 1/2" Styrofoam balls
 - #8 flat brush
 - 24" piece of 1/8" ribbon
 - 5/16" x 8" wood dowel
- Wood ball bead
 - Assorted micro beads
 - Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
 - Scissors
 - Small T-pin
 - Two 2 standard terra cotta pots

Instructions:

Note: Let dry between steps.

1. Basecoat one pot, Larkspur Blue; one pot, Fuchsia; and ball bead, Holly Berry Red.
2. Use #8 flat brush and Mistletoe Green to stripe Larkspur Blue pot and Holly Berry Red to stripe Fuchsia pot.
3. Use brush handle or dowel to push two holes side by side in center of one Styrofoam ball.
4. Cut 12" piece of ribbon. Thread ribbon ends through holes and knot ends together. Apply glue inside Fuchsia pot edges and press Styrofoam ball into pot centering ribbon loop at top.
5. Cut second 12" piece of ribbon. Form loop and secure to Styrofoam ball with T-pin. Apply glue inside Larkspur Blue pot and press ball into glue allowing loop to hang over side.
6. Use palette knife to apply Snow-Tex over Styrofoam balls and pot rims to resemble frosting. While wet, sprinkle with Glamour Dust. Sprinkle Larkspur Blue pot with micro beads.
7. Thread ball bead on ribbon for Fuchsia pot and push down into wet Snow-Tex to secure.

"Sweet" Cupcake Pot

By DecoArt

Use paint-able texture to create this sweet terra cotta "cupcake" with a cherry on top. This cupcake makes cute kitchen decor.



Materials:

- DecoArt Paintable Texture, Thick
- DecoArt Patio Paint
DCP07 - Geranium Red
DCP14 - Cloud White
DCP21 - Wrought Iron Black
DCP63 - Blue Bahama
- DecoArt Glamour Dust, Crystal
- DecoArt Palette Knife
- 3/4" flat brush
- 4 round brush
- 1 1/2" wood bead
- Wood glue
- Foam plate
- 1/3" and 1" round foam pouncers
- Green chenille stem
- Scissors
- 6" standard terra cotta pot
- 7" standard terra cotta saucer

Instructions:

Preparation: Remove all labels and clean surface before painting.

1. Use flat brush and Cloud White to paint saucer; let dry.
2. Use palette knife to apply Texture Thick to bottom of saucer up to rim, building up thicker and rounding off at sharp edges for "frosting". Make slight indentation at top center to glue bead handle into once dried. Set aside and let dry.
3. Use flat brush and Blue Bahama to paint pot below rim and let dry.
4. Use flat brush and Geranium Red to paint rim and inside of pot; use round brush to paint wood bead Geranium Red. Let dry.
5. Use large pouncer and Cloud White to paint scattered dots on Blue Bahama area of pot; let dry.
6. Use small pouncer and Wrought Iron Black to paint small dots on Blue Bahama area of pot. Let dry.
7. Use round brush and Geranium Red to paint word "Sweet" on side of pot and let dry.
8. Use large pouncer and Cloud White to sponge paint over textured area of saucer. While wet, sprinkle with Glamour Dust. Let dry and then shake off excess.
9. Glue Geranium Red bead at top center of texture for "cherry" handle of lid. Cut 2 pieces of chenille stem and glue inside hole of bead for cherry stem; let glue dry.

Patriotic Cupcake Box

By iLoveToCreate

Paint your own patriotic cupcake box in red, white, and blue, and keep whatever trinkets you want inside, from VOTE! pins to candy collected from a parade. These cupcakes are great 4th of July crafts for kids to do during their time off from school!



Materials:

- Tween/Children Bisque Designs--24810 Cupcake Box 3.25" x 3.25" x 4.5"
- OS™ Opaque Acrylics:
 - OS 431 White
 - OS 459 Bright Blue
 - OS 460 Navy
 - OS 563 Candy Apple
- No-Fire Snow®
- Spray Sealers, Clear Gloss
- Debut Taklon Brushes:
 - TB 706 No. 10 Shader
 - TB 725 No. 10/0 Liner
 - TB 737 No. 3 Round
- Paper towel
- Sponge

Instructions:

1. Wipe ware with damp sponge to remove dust.
2. Apply White onto lid of box and Navy onto bottom of box, using No. 10 Shader.
3. Dip tip of No. 10 Shader into Bright Blue. Brush back and forth onto a paper towel to wipe out excess color. Drybrush ridges on outside of box bottom to lighten and highlight.
4. Apply 1 coat of No-Fire Snow to background of lid, avoiding sprinkles and chips and using No. 3 Round. Let dry thoroughly.
5. Apply Candy Apple to chips, using No. 3 Round.
6. Apply Bright Blue to sprinkles, using No. 10/0 Liner.
7. Dip end of brush handle into either White or Candy Apple to add dots around box bottom. Let dry.
8. Spray 2 coats of Clear Gloss Spray Sealer onto all surfaces. Let dry after each coat.

Paper Projects

Cupcake Birthday Celebrate Cards

By DecoArt

You'll always have that special card on hand with a painted, cupcake birthday card.



Materials:

- DecoArt Laurie Speltz's Instant Images
IIT01 - 3/4 in. Flat Brush
IIP06 - Celebration Pocket Template
IIT06 - 3/8 in. Duo Tool
IIT07 - 1/4 in. Duo Tool
- Americana Acrylic paint
DAO1 - Snow (Titanium) White
DAO31 - Baby Pink
DAO34 - Lavender
DAO67 - Lamp (Ebony) Black
DA163 - Honey Brown
DA184 - French Vanilla
DA255 - Bahama Blue
DA274 - Carousel Pink
DA276 - Razzle Berry
- Scrapbook papers
- White cardstock
- Ribbon
- Chipboard shapes
- Small brad embellishments
- Permanent ink pen
- Adhesives
- Greeting card or cardstock

Instructions:

1. Cut cardstock to create card or use ready-made one. Adhere large square of scrapbook paper to front of card.
2. Pounce little color around edge of white cardstock square to match scrapbook paper.
3. Base chipboard shape with Baby Pink and shade edge with Carousel Pink.
4. Cupcake top is based with Snow White and shaded with Baby Pink. Add dots with Razzle Berry and Bahama Blue.
5. Cupcake bottom is based with French Vanilla and shaded with Honey Brown. Lines are added with Honey Brown.
6. Add dots around circle with Snow White.
7. Lettering is based with Razzle Berry. Let dry.
8. Pounce bottom of letters again with Lavender.
9. Use permanent ink pen to add detail and doodles.
10. Add ribbons.
11. Assemble pieces of square. Put brads through squares on corners. Adhere combined shapes to card.

Helpful Hints

- Refer to template and tool packages for additional information on template and tool usage and techniques.
- Make fun cards or gift enclosures by adding special shapes to favorite colored papers. Personalize and adapt them to fit any color combination.

Dressed Up Cupcakes

By Pattie Donham-Wilkinson of iLoveToCreate

Have fun with your cupcakes this Valentine season. Dress them up in fun scrapbook papers. It's always fun to use decorative edged scissors for a funky new look.



Materials:

- Tulip® Fashion Glitter™ , Red Fine Jewel
- Aleene's® Paper Glaze
- Tulip® Multi-Surface Stencil™ , Hearts
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue Sticks
- Decorative edge scissors
- Tape
- Pencil
- Scrapbook paper – damask printed, chocolate brown, linen
- Two bamboo skewers
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. For the cupcake sleeve, cut a band of damask printed scrapbook paper 2¼" high and 17" long. Glue two pieces together if needed, using glue stick. Fan-fold the paper into ¼" folds. Glue the ends together.
2. For the cupcake poke, cut a rectangle of damask printed scrapbook paper 2¾" high and 3¼" wide to create the base piece.
3. Cut a rectangle of chocolate brown scrapbook paper 2½" high and 3" wide, using decorative edge scissors. Glue to the center of the base piece.
4. Peel the backing from heart stencil. Press the sticky stencil on the table and pull up several times to decrease the stickiness.
5. Press the stencil on the linen colored scrapbook paper and trace the large heart with a pencil. Pull away stencil and cut out the heart. Glue the heart to the center of the base piece.
6. Press the stencil on the linen colored heart with the heart swish in the corner. Apply Paper Glaze in the stencil and lift the stencil straight up to reveal the glue image.
7. Pour glitter over the glue. After a few minutes, tap the excess glitter onto a sheet of paper. Let dry.
8. Apply Paper Glaze to the edges of the cupcake poke. Pour more glitter onto the sheet of paper. Dip the glazed edges into glitter, tap off the excess and pour back into the glitter bottle. Let dry.
9. Attach a bamboo skewer to the back with tape.
10. Place your fancy cupcake into the sleeve, and insert your cupcake poke into the top to complete your Cupcake Dress-up!

CD Cupcake Stand

By Alexa Westerfield

Use this recycled CD craft idea from Alexa Westerfield to make a CD cupcake stand. Turn an old CD into a cute stand to hold a single cupcake for your next party.








Materials:

- 1 used CD
- 1 piece of 12" x 12" orange scrapbook paper
- 1 piece of 12" x 12" silver polka dotted scrapbook paper
- Xyron runner or self-adhesive spray
- 1 package self-adhesive rhinestones
- 1 small Styrofoam cone
- Americana Acrylics paint, Jack o' Lantern Orange
- Black Craft Twinkles Writer paint
- Jar of Snow-Tex (4 oz.)
- Glamour Dust Glitter by DecoArt
- White jumbo cupcake holders
- Medium sized smooth foam ball
- Orange seed beads, assorted mix
- Medium sized wooden orange bead
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Palette knife

- Paper cutter or ruler and X-acto knife with cutting board
- Small liner brush
- Pencil
- Kitchen knife
- Scotch tape

Instructions for CD cupcake stand:

1. Take spray adhesive or Xyron runner and coat back of 12" x 12" paper. Wrap paper around cone until tight and secure. Cut off top and bottom of paper around cone.
2. Lay cd on top of adhesive on remaining 12" x 12" paper and trace with pencil. Cut out with scissors.
3. From the 12" x 12" black paper, cut out two strips 12" long by 2" wide. Lay side by side to form one long strip. Place tape in middle to join the two strips.
4. Accordion-fold the strips back and forth in approximately 1.5" segments. When finished, cut diagonally on both sides 1/8" down from top of folded strip. Unfold to reveal pennant banner design.
5. Carefully glue gun pennant banner around side of CD, and cut off and glue any excess that overlaps.

6. Use glue gun to glue top of Styrofoam cone to bottom of CD.
7. Embellish bottom of stand with black and silver self-adhesive rhinestones, and dot in between pennant sections using orange rhinestones.

5. Once dry, use glue gun to glue cupcake to bottom of paper cupcake holder. Place on top of your finished cupcake stand and admire.

Instructions for Cupcake:

1. Using liner brush, paint alternating sections of the cupcake holder Jack O' Lantern Orange. Let dry.
2. Use Black Craft Twinkles to dot in between these alternating stripes as shown. Set aside and let dry.
3. Cut off the bottom of the foam ball to create a flat surface using kitchen knife or Styrofoam cutter.



4. Add a few drops of water to your bottle of Snow-Tex paint. This will give it a creamier consistency for your "frosting". Frost your cupcake everywhere except for the bottom. While wet sprinkle on beads and gently press into place. Also place wooden



Here's a detail photo!



Cupcake Invitation

By Maria Nerius, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

Cupcakes are always a favorite and this cute set is perfect for a party invite or just a note of hello to a friend. It's good enough to eat! Make your own party invitations.



Materials:

- Glitter or Glossy papers
- Decorative Papers
- Solid color coordinating papers
- Sizzix Die: BigZ Die 656090 Cupcake Card and Pocket
- Floss
- E-Beads
- Paper glue
- Folding bone

Instructions:

Sizzix Big Shot Express cutting system was used to create this project.

1. Die cut the three main pieces of the cupcake in envelope. Coordinate your scrap papers for each cupcake made. Glitter and glossy papers are great for the cupcake top, plain papers work best for cupcake body, and decorative papers look perfect for the bottom of the cupcake which is the envelope or pocket.
2. Glue cupcake top to cupcake body. Then glue on floss in a swirling flow. Dot with E beads to add the sprinkles.
3. Fold and glue envelope pocket.
4. Create whatever message you'd like for the body portion of the glued cupcake and slide into its envelope.

Cupcake Recipe Book

By Maria Nerius, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

Make a cupcake recipe book, shaped like a cupcake and full of cupcake recipes. This fun project would make a great gift for a friend.



Materials:

- C&T Publishing cupcake book blank
- DCWV glossy paper (Light and Dark Pink)
- 11 Coordinating papers
- Scissors
- Fiskars cupcake clear stamps
- Pink, brown, and white inks
- Artist sponge
- Pink bugle beads
- Needle and thread
- 6 recipes, computer generated
- Adhesive
- 1" Paper punch

Instructions:

1. This book blank has 6 pages; one is a short page (shaped like cupcake top) and 5 full pages. Make a template of the cupcake top, cupcake bottom, and another for the entire shape of the cupcake. You'll need: 1 cupcake top for the cover (glossy pink), 1 recipe for the cupcake top, 1 plain cupcake top, 5 cupcake bottoms, 4 shapes of the entire cupcake. You'll be adhering these paper shapes to the blank pages of the book.

2. Make your recipes using a computer or you could write the recipes by hand. Use your templates to make sure the recipes will fit onto the book pages. Using your template cut out the shape of the cupcake top and adhere one recipe per page.



3. Cut out 5 cupcake bottoms and adhere one per page. You now have your recipes and cupcake bottoms done.
4. Cut out a cupcake top from glossy pink paper. Punch or cut a 1" circle from dark pink glossy paper. This circle is your cherry! Adhere cherry to top of glossy pink cupcake top. Now using needle and thread sew pink bugle beads to glossy pink top. These bugle beads look like cute little sprinkles for your cupcake. Adhere this glossy pink cupcake top to the front of your book. You should now see a finished front to your recipe book.
5. Adhere coordinating papers to the rest of your book. You'll be adding 2 cupcake tops and 5 full cupcake shapes.
6. Using the Fiskars cupcake stamps and your brown, randomly stamp cupcakes throughout the book. You'll also have word stamps and a few mini images (cherry) that you can use too.
7. Using an artist sponge, sponge a bit of pink ink to the cupcake top glossy pink paper. Sponge a touch of brown ink throughout the book. Allow ink to dry, then with the artist sponge, sponge a touch of white ink throughout the book to accent and highlight.

Cupcake Stickers

By Maria Nerius and Nancee McAteer



Make your own cupcake paper stickers with this homemade sticker craft project from Maria Nerius and Nancee McAteer. Who can resist a cupcake? Nancee and Maria make tons of these cupcake crafts and stick them everywhere.

Materials:

- Scraps of paper (glossy and glittery are best)
- Martha Stewart 2-part cupcake punch
- Xyron 1.5" Create A Sticker adhesive tool
- Small craft gems
- Fiskars Glue Dots (to adhere gems)

Instructions:

1. Punch cupcake shapes with Martha Stewart cupcake punch where there are two pieces the top of cupcake and the bottom of the cupcake.
2. Run both tops and bottoms through the Xyron 1.5" Create A Sticker. Rub the top of your strip of cupcakes gently to make sure all the adhesive adheres to the paper. Remove the top clear protective covering.
3. Take bottoms and place just under cupcake tops. Watch your spacing so you can cut each sticker off individually if you want.
4. Adhere small gems to very top and center of cupcake top.

Tiny Cupcake Clipboard

By Maria Nerius, FaveCrafts.com Resident Craft Expert

Make your own chipboard clipboard using this tiny cupcake clipboard. Use this tutorial to make small clipboards with even smaller paper cupcakes on them!



Materials:

- Cupcake paper punch
- Assorted scrap paper
- Fiskars Glue Dots
- Small self-sticking notepad
- Sample laminate boards or 1 1/2" x 3 1/2" chipboard pieces
- Small embellishing clip

Instructions:

1. Punch out cupcakes. I used the Martha Stewart cupcake punch, but you can also find other cupcake punches available. All are the right size for this small project.
2. Remove any labels from sample laminate pieces or cut out chipboard pieces. Lay several small self-sticking adhesive notes onto the top of the laminate sample or the chipboard piece toward the top.
3. Attach the embellishing clip to top of clipboard. Using Glue Dots attach a finished cupcake to top of clip.

Quilled Cupcake

By Cynthia Gagen

This quilled cupcake design makes a sweet birthday card for recipients of all ages. Make a smaller one ATC style, add a hanger, and what a cute little ornament it could be!



Materials:

- Quilling paper: I used strips that were 8" long and 1/8" wide
- 1 red strip
- 3 purple strips
- 10 pink strips
- Slot-style quilling tool
- Circle design ruler or board
- Ruler
- Greeting card or ATC base
- Waxed paper
- Glue: I like to use Aleene's Tacky Glue stick for gluing the coils and then one of Aleene's liquid Tacky Glues for assembling the coils into the design
- Toothpick

Instructions:

1. I like to form my quilled pieces on waxed paper. I use the toothpick to control the application of the glue so that I don't get too much on my project and the waxed paper gives me a surface to work on that I can just peel away when finished. Begin by creating a fairly tight coil from the red paper. This will be the cherry on top of the cupcake.
2. For the bottom portion of the cupcake, you're going to use the purple paper. For the outline of the cup, measure in from one end of a purple strip 3" and make a fold. Repeat from the other end of the strip. This gives you the bottom of the cupcake that is 2" wide. At each end of the strip, use your quilling tool to create a small coil. Glue this outline onto your greeting card or ATC to form the shape of a cupcake liner.
3. For each of the two purple decorations on the bottom portion of the cupcake, fold a strip in half and roll the ends outward. Glue between the folded part of the strip to secure. Add these decorations to the outline you've already glued on the card.
4. For the top portion of the cupcake, begin with the outline. Create a coil at each end of a pink strip and then glue this onto your card in a rounded dome shape to form the top iced portion of the cupcake.
5. Use the remaining pink strips to roll in from each end forming S shapes. Glue these S shapes in the area created by the pink outline to fill it and represent decorative icing.

Cupcake Box with a Pom-Pom on Top

By Cynthia Gagen

This adorable little box creates a pretty presentation for one perfect little bon bon table favor. Your guests can even take it home with them, glue the lid and base together, add a hanger, and they will have a lovely ornament!

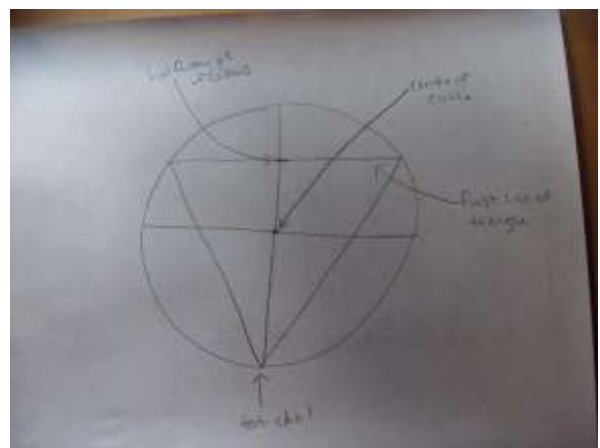


Materials:

- 1" circle punch or paper and a 1"-diameter circle template
- Scrapbooking paper: thick enough that it will hold creases, thin enough that it creases nicely
- Paper candy cup (nut cup), check the cake decorating section
- Cardboard, piece of a toilet paper tube and a scrap of cereal-box-weight cardboard
- Pom pom for the cherry, approx. ¼" in size
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Ruler
- Protractor if you want to create precise folds
- Bone folder (optional)
- Scissors
- Masking tape

Instructions:

1. Punch 4 circles from your paper. Make 3 folds on each circle so that a triangle is formed in the center. You can "eyeball" it or use this formula: Draw a line through the center of the circle. Using your protractor, draw another line that's at a 90 degree angle to the first line so that you have formed a cross of two intersecting lines. This will give you the center point of your circle. Measure from the center point of the circle along one of the lines to the outer edge of the circle (giving you the radius). Find the halfway point of the radius and mark it. Make a line along that mark – that's the first line of your triangle. Use your protractor again to measure 60 degree angles from that first line to find the location of the other two lines of the triangle. The most important thing in this step is to fold all 4 circles consistently. I like to create a triangle template I cut from my cereal box and fold each circle around it.



2. Glue the circles together side by side along those folded areas to form a dome-like shape. This will create the top of your box.
3. Glue a pom pom on top as a cherry.



4. For the base, I cut a 3/4" piece from one end of a toilet paper tube. I snipped this so that it's no longer joined in a loop and pulled it into a smaller tube that fits inside the candy cup and the domed top. I secured this smaller tube with a piece of tape.



5. Place the cardboard tube into the candy cup. Glue the candy cup up around the tube to cover it.



6. You can now place a candy into the base and cover it with the domed top.

Fancy Cupcake Bag

By Maria Nerius and Nancee McAteer

Has crafting ever made you hungry? It will when you start making this cute Fancy Cupcake Bag. Perfect for the crafter with an incurable sweet tooth, the Fancy Cupcake Bag is one of those free paper crafts you'll want to make over and over again.



Materials:

- 2 decorative papers
- DCWV Glitter paper
- Sizzix Bigz Pro Die Bag w/Handles
- Sizzix Bigz Cupcake Card and Pocket (using card only)
- Big Shot Express
- Making Memories Journaling Note sticker
- K&Company Classic K Words chipboard 'wish'
- Coordinating basket filler
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut box, fold along score lines, crease score lines, assembly bag, adhere all flaps to allow the bag to hold weight.
2. Cut body of cupcake using any coordinating paper and cut top of cupcake from glitter paper. Glue top of cupcake to body of cupcake. Adhere the chipboard 'wish' across center of cupcake top. You can put your own words underneath on the body of the cupcake.
3. Apply journaling note sticker to center front of bag. Apply 'thinking of you' sticker to center of journaling note sticker.
4. Stuff with goodies!

Party in a Bag

By Maria Nerius with Karen Campbell

A huge fan of Mary Engelbreit, these stickers caught my eye, but you can use other embellishments and adapt this keepsake to your own party!



Materials:

- Decorative or solid paper
- 10" x 1 1/2" Strip of green paper or coordinating paper
- Sizzix Bigz Pro Die Bag w/Handles
- Mary Engelbreit Tea 3-D sticker set
- Big Shot Express
- 1/8" Pink and green ribbon
- Small hole punch
- Glue
- Fiskars personal trimmer
- EK Success Cupcake Border punch
- Scissors
- Candy, party favors, noise maker
- Xyron 1.5" Create A Sticker
- Small hole punch
- Maria's Friendly Plastic Cupcake Pin (next page)
- Powder

Instructions:

1. Make your bag which already has the score lines. Crease score lines, fold bag together and glue all flaps. Allow to dry.
2. Using the butterfly border punch, punch out a strip of cupcakes. Run through the sticker maker or apply glue thinly to the back of the border. Apply border to bottom of bag, start at back and you'll slightly overlap at end.
3. Punch small holes for pin at front of bag. Attach pin to front. I've suggested Maria's Friendly Plastic Cupcake Pin (on the next page), but you can use any pin or brooch that fits front of bag.
4. Fill bag with candy, party favors, cupcake stickers, a noisemaker or whatever you think would make fun party in a bag!

Jewelry

Maria's Friendly Plastic Cupcake Pin

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Materials:

- Friendly Plastic
- Sharp craft scissors
- Toaster Oven
- Optional: small bugle or seed beads
- Optional: Ranger Ink Glossy Accents
- Pin back

Instructions:

1. Draw a pattern for your cupcake body and cupcake top that suits you (or reduce another one from this eBook to the size desired). Cut out the cupcake top and cupcake body from Friendly Plastic using your patterns. On a non-stick tray for your toaster oven, stack the tops onto the

cupcake bodies. You need two layers of FP for the top or you'll end up with a very visible line showing from the cake bottom.

2. Preheat toaster oven to 200 degrees or follow FP label instructions. I heat very low for a slower melt. Never leave the FP unattended while heating. You'll "see" the FP go from a matte/flat color to a very shiny gloss and that's when it's done baking. Remove from oven using oven mitts and allow to cool completely.
3. VARIATION #1. Pull out the melted FP from oven and sprinkle seed beads or small bugle beads to give that special "sprinkles" look.
4. VARIATION #2. Cut a small red circle of FP and place on cupcake top/front before baking. You can also bake the red circle (cherry on top!) by itself on the cooking sheet and glue to cupcake top once all the FP has cooled using a small piece of green craft wire for stem.
5. VARIATION #3. After you have applied seed/bugle beads for sprinkles allow the FP to cool and apply Glossy Accents to the cupcake top for added dimension.
6. Glue pin back to back of cupcake pin.

Cupcake Whimsy Bracelet

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I love the coin bracelet jewelry finding used to make this bracelet craft. It's a fast, yet pretty way to create any kind of bracelet you like.

Materials:

- Cupcake buttons from Happy Birthday Favorite Findings button set (Blumenthal Lansing)
- Wire cutters or shank removing tool
- Coin bracelet jewelry finding
- Aleene's Jewelry Glue
- Assorted colors of bugle seeds

Instructions:

1. Sort out cupcake buttons from mixture. Keep the other buttons for future projects. Remove the shank from the cupcake buttons with a wire cutter or shank removing tool. The shanks are plastic and should cut easily. With the shank removed the buttons will lay flat.
2. Lay coin bracelet in front of you. Note that the cupcake buttons are applied every other coin blank. Adhere cupcakes to the flat metal coins.
3. Apply glue to the remaining open coin flats. Sprinkle bugle beads over the glue. Allow to dry.



Cupcake Friendship Bracelets

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Learning how to make friendship bracelets isn't hard, but it can be repetitive. Try something different and give your friend a Cupcake Friendship Bracelet with instructions from Maria Nerius. The paper cupcake cut outs make this bracelet extra!



Materials:

- Dyi Wood Bangle bracelet
- Mini cupcake punch
- Plaid silver and gold metallic paints
- Assorted coordinating papers
- Brush
- Paper Glue
- Mod Podge
- Pink mini embellishing jewels

Instructions:

1. Have some fun picking out your papers to punch into cupcakes. The gold base bracelet used a silver metallic textured paper giving a real look to the bottom half of the cupcake. For the silver based bracelet I used glitter papers for the frosting part of the cupcake for extra sparkle. This is a great project to use up all your scraps!
2. Basecoat the bracelets with gold and silver paint or your own choice of color. Apply a second coat if needed. Allow paint to dry.
3. You'll need 8 cupcakes per bracelet. Punch tops and bottoms. Adhere to bracelet with paper glue. You'll want to center the cupcakes or have some fun turning them this and that way. Since there was a slight curve to my bracelets, I needed to glue each piece, press and hold it down for about a minute for the glue to set. Apply all the cupcakes, add a jewel to the top for the cherry, and allow the glue to dry completely.
4. Apply several thin coats of Mod Podge to the entire bracelet. This gives a decoupage look and protects the paper. Allow each coat to dry completely before another is added. Thin coats give a more polished look to your bracelets than one thick coat.

It's My Birthday Necklace

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Have some fun on your birthday and let the world know you are celebrating! This necklace craft project is part buttons and part beads.



Materials:

- Happy Birthday Favorite Findings buttons, 4 sets
- 3 cupcake beads (Rings & Things)
- Assorted E beads (pink, green, purple, blue)
- Jewelry elastic

Instructions:

1. This necklace measures 18". You can vary the length of this necklace by adding more E beads. Cut a 24" piece of jewelry elastic (or 6" longer than your desired finished necklace length).
2. Sort out the candle buttons from the other buttons in the assortment. You can use the other buttons for a different project!
3. Working from the center out (working from both cut ends of the elastic), center one cupcake on the thread. On each end, string 2 pink E beads, a cupcake bead, and 2 pink.
4. For the candle pattern, string a candle button, a green E bead, a pink E bead, and a blue E bead on each end. Repeat the candle pattern four more times on each end. String candle beads on each end.
5. String 5 blue, 1 green, 5 blue, 1 pink, and 5 blue.
6. String 5 purple, 1 green, 5 purple, 1 pink, 5 purple, 1 blue, 5 purple, and 1 green.
7. String 1 pink, 5 blue, 1 purple, and 5 blue.
8. Check the length and add or remove beads to make the necklace your desired length.
9. Knot elastic ends together.



31 Cupcake-Inspired Creations eBook
Made with Fabric, Paper, Paint, Beads, and More

You can't help but smile when you see a cupcake. This charming little treat is one of the hottest motifs in art and craft so we put together some of the best designers and their cupcake creations! No calories. No worries. You'll find jewelry, home décor, kid's fun, and great keepsakes. These cupcakes sparkle, shine, delight, and let you try your hand at several mediums and techniques.



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