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Letter from the Editors

Hello, Readers!

It's wedding season, which means not only is everyone getting married, but everyone is crafting for their weddings too! You're probably not surprised to hear that the FaveCrafts team loves a good DIY wedding. We craft for every occasion, and weddings are no exception. We put together this eBook full of brand new wedding crafts, projects, and DIY ideas that will inspire anyone planning a summer wedding. Whether you're planning a backyard shindig or a fancy ballroom reception, we've got some great wedding craft ideas for you, from centerpieces to accessories, and everyone's favorite—faux flowers!

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

Sincerely,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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Centerpieces

Crepe Paper Flower Pomanders

By: Karisa Tell, Editor for FaveCrafts.com

When you're looking for wedding reception centerpiece ideas, consider making these crepe paper flower pomanders! These pomanders are a very thrifty alternative to real flowers.



Materials:

- Foam balls (8" would work best for my vases) OR wadded up newspaper
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Streamers (200 feet per pomander)
- Glue dots

Instructions:

1. Start by making the rosettes. First I cut my streamers into strips about 3-4 feet long. I didn't measure them first, so of course none of the rosettes are uniform. I think that makes them look more realistic though.



Start by rolling the end of the streamer a few times.



2. Then you'll continue wrapping the rest of the strip around your roll in a spiral, except that you'll twist the strip as you go. I found that it works best to twist it often and randomly, and not too tightly.



3. When you're finished wrapping and twisting, secure the end of the strip to the rosette using a glue dot or a dab of hot glue. Your rosette should look like this:



4. Once you've made enough rosettes (for me it was when I finished off the entire roll of streamers), glue them to your ball using a hot glue gun. Most pomander tutorials will advise that you use a foam ball as your base. However, since I need to make 20 of these and I need a fairly large ball, I really couldn't justify the expense. It would have cost me about \$275 just for the foam balls! Instead, I rolled up a few sheets of newspaper and taped them into a spherical shape and called that my ball. Then I glued the rosettes to my newspaper balls.



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5. Once you have the entire ball covered in rosettes, set it on the top of your vase, and you're done!



Paper Globe Decor

By: Karisa Tell, Editor for FaveCrafts.com

You probably haven't seen cheap centerpiece ideas as cute as this! Make your own paper globe decor to use as wedding reception centerpiece ideas or just around your house for everyday use. They're simple and thrifty too!



Materials:

- Colored Paper
- Brads
- Scissors and/or a paper cutter
- Hole punch (I used my [Crop-a-Dile](#))



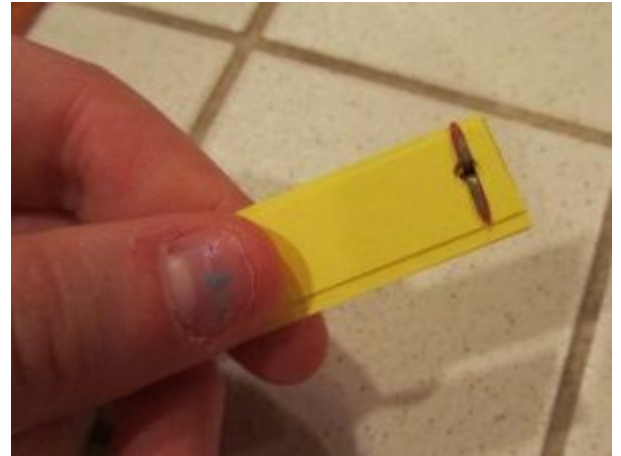
Instructions:

1. The paper I used was standard 8 1/2" by 11" so I trimmed thin strips from the short side and then cut each strip in half--so each strip of paper was about 4 inches long and about 1/2" wide. When I make the rest of my centerpieces, I think I will make the strips of paper even thinner, perhaps 1/4" wide.



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2. Next I punched holes in both ends of each strip so that I could fit the brads through. I wouldn't recommend punching several at a time (although you know I did!) because my strips were not uniform widths, and some of my punches went off the edge.



3. Once each strip has a hole punched on either end, insert a brad through each strip, and lock it in place by spreading the back flat.



4. Then it was time to spread the strips apart to make a globe shape. This part's pretty self-explanatory--you just fan the strips out and arrange them evenly, with the brads on top and bottom.



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5. Repeat steps 1-4 until you have made a million paper globes.



Napkin Wedding Flowers

By: Dana Willard

Napkin wedding flowers are perfect for summer wedding ideas. Dana Willard's creation is a versatile idea for the budget conscious bride.



Materials:

- Dowels - any size you prefer. They're about \$2 at Hobby Lobby. If you want to spray paint your wooden stems, check out the No-Sew Flowers Tutorial for details.
- Party Napkins - I prefer using two sizes: medium and small. If you can't find small ones, simply trim the middle napkin down to a smaller size. All these colors were purchased at Hobby Lobby, \$2-\$3. Ikea also has nice paper napkins.
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. We're only using two napkins here: one for the outside, one for the middle.
2. Trim slightly around the folded edges so that each napkin layer is separate.

3. Scallop the two outside edges of the smaller napkin (just freehand it; doesn't need to be perfect)
4. Fold both napkins up together like an accordion or fan.



5. Cut a semi-circle on both ends of the fan (this makes the outer napkin scalloped as well).
6. Make a small cut in the middle of the flower but do not cut all the way through!
7. Place a twist tie in the middle and twist it tightly closed.



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8. Place a dowel next to one side of the flower and hot-glue it in place (or you can simply twist the tie around it as well. It's not as secure for long-term use but works pretty well).
9. Carefully pull the flower petals back and shape them as you'd like.



10. You're done!



Ribbon Wrapped Candle Centerpiece

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

This thrifty Ribbon Wrapped Candle Centerpiece is a unique way to bring light to your reception hall tables. Wedding reception centerpieces can often be expensive, but this will look lovely without breaking the bank.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ brand foam : One 5" Cube
 - Krylon® Silver Foil Metallic Spray #1060
 - Offray 4" White Decorative Paper Ribbon #17749
 - One Sheet Turquoise Tissue Paper
 - One Roll White Crepe Paper Streamers
 - One Roll Light Blue Crepe Paper Streamers
 - One Roll Bright Green Crepe Paper Streamers:
 - Straight Pins
- Old Box
 - Ruler and Scissors
 - Adhesive Tape
 - Pencil
 - Low Temp Hot Glue Gun and Sticks

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut one 21" piece of the paper ribbon and put it inside the old box.
2. Wrap the cube with the sheet of turquoise tissue paper the same way that you would wrap a gift package.
3. Take the box and paper ribbon outside and spray it with the silver foil paint. Allow it to dry.
4. Wrap the piece of silver paper ribbon around the cube and secure the ends with adhesive tape.
5. Measure and cut two 24" pieces of light blue crepe paper streamers, two 24" pieces of white crepe paper streamers and two 24" pieces of bright green crepe paper streamers.
6. Fold one end of each piece of crepe paper at a right angle to create a 2" stem. Fold the folded edge again to create the center of the rose.
7. Hold the stem with the rose center in your right hand and use your left hand to fold the top edge of a small section of the long end of the crepe paper rose in half.

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8. Use the fingertips of your left hand to wrap the folded section around the bottom of the center of the rose and hold the bottom edge of the wrapped crepe paper section with the fingertips of your right hand.
9. Repeat folding and wrapping small sections of the crepe streamer until all of it is wrapped around the rose center. Use a small piece of adhesive tape to secure the end of the wrapped piece to the stem piece.
10. Press and shape the crepe paper rose to create a balanced round shape and use small pieces of adhesive tape to secure any loose edges to the back of the rose and the stem piece.
11. Repeat Steps #6 through #10 to finish six roses.
12. Position the candle on top of the wrapped paper cube and insert a straight pin into the stem of each rose. Insert the pin with the rose into the top of the cube surrounding the base of the candle. Use the picture as a guide for placement.
13. If desired, use hot glue to secure the candle to the top of the cube.

Sentimental Glass Centerpiece

By: Diamond Tech

Make do it yourself wedding crafts like this Sentimental Glass Centerpiece to personalize your wedding. If you're looking for summer wedding ideas, this etched glass vase would be perfect to decorate your tables.



Materials:

- KraftyBlok™ Original (7.5 x 7.5)
- Initial Stencils
- Etching Cream (We tested Armour™)
- Clear Glass Gems
- Flowers
- Exacto® Knife
- Heavy Clear Plastic
- Printer & Paper
- Firm surface

Instructions:

1. Clean the KraftyBlok™ with glass cleaner and a paper towel.
2. Use a pre-cut last name initial stencil of the happy couple or create your own stencil by following the directions below.
3. Lay the KraftyBlok™ flat on your work area with the opening facing up and away from you.
4. Place the stencil in the center of the KraftyBlok™ and tape it down. If it is a prepositional stencil simply press into place. If you tend to be a messy painter, mask off the area around the stencil with painter's tape.
5. Etch with Armour Etch® Glass Etching Cream, applying cream only to the stencil and avoiding edges. Wait 10 minutes.
6. Place a small amount of white paint on your finger tip and lightly rub over the stencil. This will make the etch appear brighter.
7. Fill with your favorite flower.

Create Your Own Stencil

1. Choose a letter to represent the initial of the last name. Next, select a font from a word processing program you have on your computer. Enlarge the font size until it is approximately 3.5 inches tall (our font was set at 350 point size but this will depend upon your font).
2. Print on a plain piece of paper (or sturdy printable transparency paper). If you are printing on plain paper, you will need a sheet of firm plastic. Place the plastic over the printed initial.
3. Place them both on a firm surface to cut the stencils, such as a double-layer of thick carton, a cutting board or other craft plank.
4. Tape the plastic and the design to each other and onto your cutting board.
5. Using a sharp Exacto® or craft knife for the cutting. It's easier to be successful if you use a good sharp knife.
6. Cut the initial into the plastic.
7. When you've cut the entire design, check it over and smooth curves or edges as needed.
8. You are now ready to use the stencil to etch. When applying stencil to glass block we used a prepositional adhesive to hold in place.

Sweetheart Rose Collection: Topiary

By: Clover Needlecraft

The Sweetheart Rose Collection by Clover has another beautiful wedding decoration idea with a Topiary. The elegance and ease of this creation will have brides saving money while still celebrating in a beautiful setting.



Materials:

- 6" Styrofoam ball
- 2 ft. dowel or stick (we cut a tree branch)
- Styrofoam block to cut to fit flower pot
- Flower pot of choice
- Sphagnum moss
- Silk ivy
- 2 yds. 5/8" wide white satin ribbon
- Sweetheart Rose Maker (Large) #8472
- Sweetheart Rose Maker (Medium) #8471
- Fabric to make roses (different shades of red Duponi Silk and white Satin were used for the model)
- Silk leaves
- Fabric glue or glue gun

Instructions:

1. Make as many roses as you need to cover the Styrofoam ball.
2. Cut Styrofoam block to fit your container and glue in place
3. Insert stick or dowel into center of Styrofoam in container.
4. Push Styrofoam ball on top of stick or dowel.
5. Glue sphagnum moss to Styrofoam around base of stick or dowel.
6. Arrange silk ivy to your preference.
7. Glue fabric roses to Styrofoam ball adding leaves as you wish.
8. Loop 2 yards of white ribbon and attach with pin to base of Styrofoam ball.

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Glue Yarn Ball Centerpieces

By: Karisa Tell, Editor for FaveCrafts.com

Wedding centerpiece ideas like these are so simple and thrifty, you'll wonder why you didn't think of it yourself! Turn leftover yarn into pretty glue yarn ball centerpieces, perfect for summer wedding ideas.



Instructions:

1. First mix some glue and water in a tray and stir it (I stirred with a straw so I could throw it away when I was done.) I'm not sure of the preferred glue to water ratio, to be honest. I might have used too much water, because my yarn wasn't very stiff at the end.

Materials:

- Yarn (I bought a skein of gray and a skein of yellow. I'm not sure how many yarn balls this will yield because I haven't finished yet.)
- Elmers Glue
- A tray to mix the glue and water in
- Balloons



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2. Then blow up a bunch of balloons to your desired size. Here's another failure: I first bought water balloons, but they were very difficult to blow up and ended up making egg shapes instead of balls. Then I bought regular balloons but some of them deflated over night. I'd say either type of balloon could work. Some of my balloons didn't deflate, so I'd probably go with the regular ones, since they were easier to work with.



3. Next, wrap some yarn around your hand (I did about 50 times).



And soak that yarn in the glue mixture.



4. Then ring out the yarn and start wrapping it around a balloon in a random pattern.



Here's a tip: When I popped my balloons at the end, I noticed the yarn was stuck to the balloon, so my yarn balls deflated a little bit. I've heard that if you cover your balloon with Vaseline before hand, this won't happen.

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5. When the balloon is sufficiently wrapped with yarn, cut the yarn from the rest of the skein, tuck the end in, and roll the entire balloon around in the glue mixture again to make sure the yarn is coated.



7. When you're sure the glue is completely dry, go ahead and pop the balloons and pull them out from the inside of the balls. You should have round, hollow yarn balls when you're done.

6. Then lay the balloon on a piece of wax paper to dry overnight. Tip: I had to dry mine for about 2 days, flipping the balloon over after the first day.



Yellow Rose Centerpiece

By: STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Wedding reception table decorations can be a fun expression of the bride's color scheme. For a summer wedding, Yellow Rose Centerpieces are a vibrant way to start the bright future of the newlyweds.



Instructions:

1. Rest foam ball on bowl or urn; using pencil, draw line around foam ball where it meets the rim of the bowl or urn.
2. Trim flower stems to 2" length. Glue and insert flowers around foam ball, following the scored line. Continue adding flowers till top half of ball is completely covered. Do not cover the bottom of the ball.
3. Glue ball in bowl or urn.

Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Ball, 5"
- Small bowl or urn, 4" diameter opening
- Yellow roses, various shades and sizes
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wire cutters or floral shears
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Elegant White Rose Centerpiece

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Centerpieces can set the standard for the decorative theme. Keep your decorations for outdoor wedding ceremonies timeless with Elegant White Rose Centerpieces. Beautiful and budget friendly!



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Balls, one each: 6"; 5"
- Cream ranunculus, 35
- Textured/embossed 12" x 12" decorative paper, one sheet
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Ruler
- Wooden skewers, 4", four
- Scissors
- Floral shears
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Paper glue

Instructions:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut both foam balls in half; set aside one half of each ball. Press curved bottom of remaining 6" half-ball against work surface to create flat base.
2. Tear decorative paper into pieces and using paper glue, adhere paper to curved sides of 6" half-ball; let dry.
3. Insert skewers halfway into flat side of paper-covered half-ball. Apply hot glue to exposed ends and firmly push 5" half-ball down onto skewers, flat side down.
4. Using floral shears, trim flower stems to 2" and insert into top of 5" half-ball. When pleased with arrangement, remove stems one at a time, apply glue to end and re-insert into hole.

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Pink and White Wedding Cake Centerpiece

By: Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

A Pink and White Wedding Cake Centerpiece might be just what you're looking for. Elegant and budget friendly, the tables will have your guests begging for the real cake to be cut!



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Discs, 1" thick: one 12"; two 10"; two 8"; one 6"; two 4"; one 3"
- Assorted 12"x12" coordinating decorative papers, eight to ten sheets:
 - pink; cream; brown
- Ribbon: cream ruffled, 1/2" x 2 yds.;
- double-sided pink/brown dotted, 1/4" x 1-1/2 yds.
- Pink flower trim, 1 yd.
- White paper blossoms, 16
- Crystal adhesive gems
- White adhesive pearls: small; large
- Medium-sized flower paper punch
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors: straight; decorative-edge
- Extra-long straight pins

- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Paper glue

Instructions:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut bottom 1/2" from tip of foam cone to create flat base. Use glue gun to glue trimmed cone to top of foam wreath as shown to create wedding ring; let dry.
2. Cover one side of wedding ring with white glue, then hold foam shape over cardboard box or other protected work surface. Sprinkle with glitter to completely cover surface; place on waxed paper to dry. When dry, gently tap off excess inside box.
3. Repeat Step 2 to cover back of ring shape with glitter; let dry and tap off excess.
4. Repeat Step 2 to cover inside and outside edges of ring with glue and glitter; let dry.
5. Trace four sides of foam cube onto back of decorative paper; cut out and adhere to cube with paper glue. Let dry.
6. Use floral pins and glue gun to secure upright wedding ring to top of cube.
7. Using floral shears, trim flower stems to 2" lengths and insert into top of cube around base of ring. When pleased with arrangement, remove stems one by one and hot glue into holes.

Ring Centerpiece

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

This Ring Centerpiece is sure to spice up the boring do it yourself wedding crafts. It is bling-bling, after all.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Cone, 3" x 2"
- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Cube, 5" x 5" x 5"
- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Wreath, 6" x 1-1/4" x 5/8"
- Wedding-theme 12" x 12" decorative paper
- Small cream ranunculus, 17
- Silver glitter
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Floral shears
- Floral pins
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Paper glue
- Waxed paper
- Optional: Large cardboard box

Instructions:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut bottom 1/2" from tip of foam cone to create flat base. Use glue gun to glue trimmed cone to top of foam wreath as shown to create wedding ring; let dry.
2. Cover one side of wedding ring with white glue, then hold foam shape over cardboard box or other protected work surface. Sprinkle with glitter to completely cover surface; place on waxed paper to dry. When dry, gently tap off excess inside box.
3. Repeat Step 2 to cover back of ring shape with glitter; let dry and tap off excess.
4. Repeat Step 2 to cover inside and outside edges of ring with glue and glitter; let dry.
5. Trace four sides of foam cube onto back of decorative paper; cut out and adhere to cube with paper glue. Let dry.
6. Use floral pins and glue gun to secure upright wedding ring to top of cube.
7. Using floral shears, trim flower stems to 2" lengths and insert into top of cube around base of ring. When pleased with arrangement, remove stems one by one and hot glue into holes.

Wedding Shower Centerpiece

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Bridal shower decorations are important, too! This Wedding Shower Centerpiece is a great way to decorate on a budget! It's a cute and easy way to show your excitement for the bride to be.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Blocks, 4" x 4" x 2", two
 - STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Cubes, one each: 5"; 3"
 - STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Disc, 9" x 1-1/2"
 - Decorative paper, 12" x 12" sheets: white embossed, three; muted bridal print, one; scraps
 - Stickers: wedding; coordinating alphabet
 - Dimensional embellishments: doves; bells
 - Metal bookplate
 - Silk flowers of choice
 - Coordinating ribbon roses and bows
 - White trim: lace, 1/2" x 2-1/2 yds.; daisy lace, 1 yd.; braid, 1/4" x 1 yd.
 - Mini ring pillow
- Bead trim
 - Pearl drop beads
 - Rhinestone hearts
 - Glittered stars and strips
 - Glitter glue
 - Plastic taper candle picks, two
 - Serrated knife
 - Candle stub or paraffin
 - Pencil
 - Ruler
 - Paper trimmer (optional)
 - Scissors
 - Low temp-glue gun and glue sticks
 - Glue: thick, white craft; paper-crafting
 - Computer and printer

Instructions:

1. Use glue gun to glue two foam block together to create 4" cube.
2. Use standard scissors, or paper trimmer, to cut one 4", one 5", and one 6" square from one sheet of white embossed paper. Overlap and glue edges of two remaining embossed sheets 1" to create 12" x 23" sheet; cut following strips from paper: 3" x 13"; 4" x 17"; 5" x 21".
3. Spread thin, even coat of glue onto top of first foam cube. Center appropriate paper square over glue and smooth with fingers. Fold excess paper down sides of cube, clipping corners so paper lies flat; let dry. Repeat with remaining cubes.

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4. Wrap long paper strips cut in Step 2 around sides of appropriate cubes, crimping edges. Remove paper and fold corners firmly to create crease. Glue paper strips around cubes; trim excess.
5. Use glue gun to glue blocks together as shown, smallest to largest.
6. Cut two 1" x 12" strips from bridal paper; overlap and glue ends 1". Trace foam disc onto back of remaining bridal paper; cut out and glue to top of disc. Glue strip around edge of disc, overlapping ends; trim excess. Glue cake to center of disc.
7. Glue 1/2"-wide lace trim "icing" around top edge of each cake tier and around bottom of top and center tiers. Glue daisy lace trim around bottom edge of base.
8. Refer to photo to decorate each tier with silk flowers, stickers, beads, and more. Find wedding quotes on-line and print onto scrap paper; adhere to tiers. Add lettering with glitter glue or alpha stickers. Add glittery or dimensional embellishments. Add small photos or personal memorabilia. Glue mini ring pillow to top of cake.

Wedding Day Accessories

Dyed Wedding Accessories

By: The Rit Team

Dyed Wedding Accessories are the perfect way to incorporate those wedding color ideas you've come up with. Any color will pop in contrast to that beautiful white gown.



Materials:

- Rit Aquamarine Liquid Dye
- White Bridal Lace Garter
- White Beaded Head Band
- White Flower Girl Gloves
- Measuring cup & spoon
- Disposable shallow plastic container (6-cup)
- Rubber gloves
- Paper towels
- Plastic table cover

Instructions:

1. Prewash bridal accessories by hand in mild soapy water and rinse. This will remove any finishes that may interfere with dye absorption.
2. Cover your work surface with a plastic cover.
3. Wearing rubber gloves, shake Aquamarine liquid dye bottle and measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dye into a disposable plastic container. Add 4 cups very hot water (140° F); stir well. Note: Test dye color by dipping a scrap of fabric or paper towel in dye solution. If color is too light, add more dye; if color is too dark, add more water.
4. Immerse wet bridal accessories in dye solution. Stir continuously and check color frequently. Remove when desired color is achieved.
5. Rinse bridal accessories until water runs clear. Wash in warm water with mild detergent, rinse and dry.

Princess Headband

By: Rit Dye

Did you notice the hats at the royal wedding? This Princess Headband pays tribute to the wedding accessories that had everyone talking. This simple process will add some spunk to your special day.



Materials:

- Plain Plastic Headband
- 2 yards Satin Nylon Ribbon, 1" wide
- 12-15 Craft Feather Plumes, assorted sizes
- Nylon Tulle, 5" x 24"
- 5 Silk flowers, small size
- Craft Glue
- Scissors
- Cloth Adhesive Tape or Florist Tape
- 12" Length Craft Wire
- Needle & Thread
- Hair Dryer
- Rit Liquid Aquamarine Dye
- Large plastic container for dyeing
- Measuring cup & measuring spoons
- Spoon for stirring dye
- Latex gloves
- Plastic table cover
- Paper towels

Instructions:

1. Cover work surface with a plastic table cover.
2. In a large plastic container, measure and mix 3 Tablespoons Aquamarine liquid dye with 3 cups very hot water (at least 140°). Stir well.
3. Wearing latex gloves, carefully immerse the ribbon, feather plumes, tulle, and silk flowers into the dye bath. Allow these items to soak in the dye bath for 7-10 minutes.
4. Remove each item and rinse in cool water. Place on paper towels to air-dry.
5. When the feather plumes are dry, fluff each one with a hair dryer.
6. Select seven of the longest plumes. Using scissors, carefully cut a cock feather (Cock feathers are the long quills that have a small feather on the end) at the end of each quill. Then, trim away all of the downy feathers from the quill, cutting as close as possible to the quill.
7. Wrap the plastic headband with the satin ribbon: Place a drop of craft glue at one end of headband to secure ribbon. Then begin wrapping ribbon around band working toward the middle. Cut the ribbon and secure the end of the ribbon with craft glue. Now wrap the other half of the headband in the same manner. This will result in a smooth wrap.

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8. Fold the piece of tulle in half lengthwise. With needle and thread, sew a running stitch along the raw edges. Pull the thread to gather the raw edge.
9. Form the gathered tulle into a tight circle. Secure the circle with a knot.
10. Bunch the silk flowers into a cluster and secure them together with adhesive fabric tape or craft wire. Put the flower cluster in the center of the tulle. Hand stitch the flowers to the tulle.
11. Tightly secure the tulle and flower cluster to the headband with craft wire. (Note: As you are wearing the fascinator, the flower and feathers should be on the right side of your head. As you are assembling it, facing you, they will be to the left.) Wrap the wire around the headband several times. Also, apply craft glue to secure the flower cluster to the headband.
12. Using the craft wire as an anchor, arrange 4 cock feathers to the right of the flower cluster, pointing up, and 3 cock feathers to the left of the flower cluster, pointing down. In a way that's pleasing to the eye, add several more plumes around the flower cluster using the craft wire to secure them.
13. Check to see that everything is secured to the headband. Use more craft glue if necessary.

Napkin Wedding Flower Boutonnieres

By: Dana Willard for Made

Bring some color into your wedding party with Napkin Wedding Flower Boutonnieres. Dana Willard's homemade boutonnieres are cheap wedding favor ideas for the thrifty bride.



Materials:

- Twist Ties - silver or solid white are best. Find them at any party store (or with a box of trash bags)
- Party Napkins - I prefer using two sizes: medium and small. If you can't find small ones, simply trim the middle napkin down to a smaller size. All these colors were purchased at Hobby Lobby, \$2-\$3. Ikea also has nice paper napkins.
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Make [Napkin Wedding Flowers](#)
2. Trim both napkins so they're even smaller and only use TWO layers of each napkin (that's half of the napkin, which normally has 4 layers)



3. Bend the end of the twist tie into a loop so it looks decoratively tucked away.
4. Cut a circle of tissue in a pacman shape--Felt also works great! Glue it to the bottom of the boutonniere for a polished look.



5. And pin it on with a straight pin.

Beautiful Blooming Hat

By: Reminisce

Have you been wondering how to make a summer wedding hat? This thrifty Beautiful Blooming Hat is a great way to celebrate the momentous occasion this summer. It's hot out there, so stay cool while you enjoy the big day.



Materials:

- In Bloom Collection: The Power of Flowers, The Color of Spring, In the Garden, Tiptoe Through the Tulips and Spring is in the Air printed papers and 12 X 12 sticker
- 14" straw hat, 6 – 2" -3" chipboard flowers
- Kraft cardstock and liquid adhesive

Instructions:

1. Cut about 95 flowers from In Bloom papers:
 - 4 large burgundy flowers from The Power of Flowers
 - 7 med burgundy flowers from The Power of Flowers
 - 5 XL lavender flowers from The Color of Spring
 - 9 large lavender flowers from The Power of Flowers
 - 5 large aqua tulips from In the Garden
 - 6 small aqua tulips from The Colors of Spring
 - 9 large peach tulips from In the Garden
 - 6 large yellow flowers from In the Garden
 - 4 medium yellow flowers from In the Garden
 - 7 small yellow flowers from In the Garden
 - 9 tiny yellow flowers from The Colors of Spring
 - 6 med lavender flowers from In the Garden
 - 3 small lavender flowers from In the Garden
 - 6 medium pink flowers from In the Garden
 - 5 small pink flowers from In the Garden
 - 4 small lt lavender flowers from In the Garden

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2. Bend up the petals of all of the paper and chipboard flowers to add shape and dimension.
3. Layer and adhere some of the paper flowers in the centers of the chipboard flowers.
4. Cut 2 – 2 ¼ X 6 pieces of kraft cardstock and 2 – 2 X 6 pieces of The Colors of Spring printed paper. adhere green side up down center of kraft pieces. Then cut 2 – 1 X 6 pieces of spring is in the Air and adhere light side up down center of green strips. Then cut aqua flowers strip from 12 X 12 sticker sheet in half and adhere down center. Dovetail one end of each strip {one strip is slightly shorter in sample} and adhere to back of hat as “ribbons”.
5. Adhere chipboard flowers at back of hat starting with a row of 3, then a row of 2 above it, and then top with the last chipboard flower.
6. Begin adhering paper flowers around crown of hat, beginning with largest flowers, and working down to the smaller ones. Only use a dab of glue at the centers of each flower to adhere, so you can easily tuck flowers behind previously adhered ones to layer.
7. Use as a centerpiece on a table or add a ribbon or hole to the top of the hat to hang on the door.

Wedding Flower Girl Headband

By: DecoArt

Create this shimmering, flowered headband for a flower girl or attendant with flower patterns and simple painting.



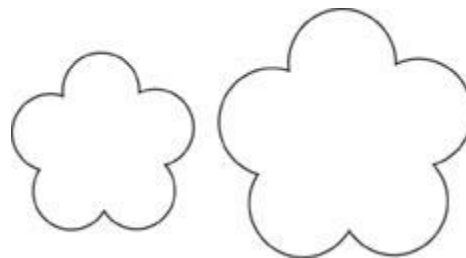
Materials:

DecoArt Products Required

- Foam Paint: FPG01 - Crystal Glitter
- White 2-mm craft foam
- Small sharp scissors
- Pencil
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- White headband by Hirschberg Schutz, Inc., Item MRP5053-12

Instructions:

1. Cut out flower patterns (below). Trace three large flowers and seven small flowers onto craft foam with pencil. (Trace lines to centers on four of these). Cut out shapes and slits to center on four small flowers.
2. On four flowers with slits, place petals on sides of slits over each other to layer and form cup shape flower for buds. Glue between petal layers.
3. Glue three large flower shapes to top of headband, 1/4" apart.
4. Glue three small flat flower shapes over large flowers with scallops of petals centered between larger scallops.
5. Glue base of flower bud between flowers on headband; glue one bud to outer sides of flowers.
6. Use Crystal Glitter Foam Paint to paint dots at centers of all flowers and buds; let dry.



Paper and Bead Wedding Jewelry

By: Deena Ziegler for Sizzix

Add delicate, white flowers to elegant beaded jewelry for a unique twist. Create earrings and a bracelet for your wedding day.



Materials:

- 655402 - Sizzix Originals Die - Flower, Build a Lilac
- Fabric
- Beading Wire
- Beads
- Earwires

Instructions

Die-cut Flowers out of fabric. String Flowers and beads to create a bracelet. String smaller loops of beads and Flowers to create earrings.

Faux Flowers

Crepe Paper Wedding Wreaths

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

These Crepe Paper Wedding Wreaths are a simple, thrifty way to welcome guests to any event and can easily incorporate any decorative theme.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ brand foam : One 12"x2" Wreath
- One Sheet Light Blue Crepe Paper
- Two Sheets White Crepe Paper
- Silver Metallic 5/8" Wide Wired Ribbon
- Ruler and Scissors
- Adhesive Tape
- Straight Pins
- General Craft Glue

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut six 24"x 3-1/2" pieces of each color of crepe paper for a total of twelve pieces.
2. Fold one end of each piece of crepe paper at a right angle to create a 2" stem. Fold the folded edge again to create the center of the rose.
3. Hold the stem with the rose center in your right hand and use your left hand to fold the top edge of a small section of the long end of the crepe paper rose in half.
4. Use the fingertips of your left hand to wrap the folded section around the bottom of the center of the rose and hold the bottom edge of the wrapped crepe paper section with the fingertips of your right hand.
5. Repeat folding and wrapping small sections of the crepe paper until all of it is wrapped around the rose center. Use a small piece of adhesive tape to secure the end of the wrapped piece to the stem piece.
6. Press and shape the crepe paper rose to create a balanced round shape and use small pieces of adhesive tape to secure any loose edges to the back of the rose and the stem piece.
7. Repeat Steps #2 through #6 until you have made twelve crepe paper roses.
8. Measure and cut several 2" wide strips of white crepe paper and wrap it around the wreath of

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STYROFOAM™ brand foam until it is completely covered. Use straight pins to secure any loose edges.

9. Measure and cut a 36" piece of the silver metallic wired ribbon. Wrap the ribbon around the wreath and tie a loose bow at the top to create a hanger. Secure the ribbon to the back and front sides of the wreath with straight pins.
10. Insert a straight pin into the stems of each of the roses and insert the pins with the roses into the front of the wreath, alternating the colors. Adjust the shape and positioning of the roses to completely cover the front side of the wreath.
11. If you will be handling the wreath a lot you may want to use glue to secure the pins and roses to the wreath.

DIY Pomanders

By: Chelsey Hill

Make your own pomander balls for unique wedding ceremony decorations. You can hang one pomander from each of the pews for the wedding. Make in your wedding colors following this tutorial from Chelsey Hill.



Materials:

- 5" styrofoam balls
- satin ribbon (or seam binding as a cheaper alternative)
- pins with pearl heads
- flower craft puncher
- glue gun

Instructions:

1. First, wrap the ribbon around the ball and secure to the ball with glue. I found that it was harder to wrap the ribbon continuously because the ribbon would crinkle, so I ended up cutting the ribbon in strips (enough to cover one section from the top of the ball to the bottom). This method

isn't as clean b/c of the ribbon ends, but this can easily be covered at the end with the paper flower punch-outs. Continue this step until the entire ball is covered in ribbon.

2. Next, using the flower puncher, make about 150 flowers. There will be 2 flower punch-outs on one pin which explains the high number of flowers needed. Poke the pin through one flower and slide it down towards the pin head. Fold the petals forward and then poke the pin through the second flower and slide towards the pin head. Continue doing this until the ball is completely covered in flowers. Remember to leave a small open space at one of the ends for the loop and bow so it can be hung.
3. To make the loop and bow, first cut a piece of ribbon to the desired length and make a loop by glueing the two ends together. Securely pin the loop to the ball - you can also add some glue for more security. Cut another piece of ribbon and make a bow out of it- then glue this right next to the loop that you just secured. I purposely did not glue the bow directly onto the loop because I wanted the bow to be more visible, so I secured it right next to where the bow was glued.
4. Because I used regular ribbon, each ball cost ~ \$8. This cost will be cheaper if you use seam binding.

Sweetheart Rose Collection: Bridal Bouquet

By: Clover Needlecraft

Add to your unique wedding ideas using Clover Needlecraft's Sweetheart Rose Collection: Bridal Bouquet. The fabric flowers will allow your bouquet to be kept for years!



Materials:

- 1 premade bridal bouquet from the wedding dept in craft stores
- Sweetheart Rose Maker Large #8472
- Fabric to make roses
- Silk leaves
- Fabric-Tac glue or glue gun

Instructions:

1. Make roses following package instructions.
2. Remove the center flowers from the bridal bouquet, arrange fabric flowers and leaves; glue in place

Bountiful Hydrangea Pomander

By: STYROFOAM

A great idea for wedding reception decorations, a few Bountiful Hydrangea Pomanders are quick and easy to add to your budgeted floral design for your wedding day.



Instructions:

1. Use wire cutters to trim stems to 2" length.
2. Insert flower stem into foam ball. Working in a circular pattern around the ball, continue adding flowers until foam ball is covered.
3. Optional: For additional hold, remove each stem, add glue to hole, and re-insert stem.
4. To hang pomander: Cut 15" ribbon length, knot ends together, apply glue to knot and push knot into ball using wooden skewer. Let dry.

Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam: 6" ball
- Three hydrangea stems (approximately 15 – 25 flowers, depending on size of blooms)
- Wire Cutters
- Thick, white craft glue or low-temperature glue gun and glue sticks
- Optional: Ribbon and wooden skewer

Tulle Flowers

By: Sarah Forhan for Consumer Crafts

Want to know how to make fabric flowers? These tulle flowers from Consumer Crafts are so simple to make, and they're so pretty when they're done. These would be great for a wedding or party centerpiece.

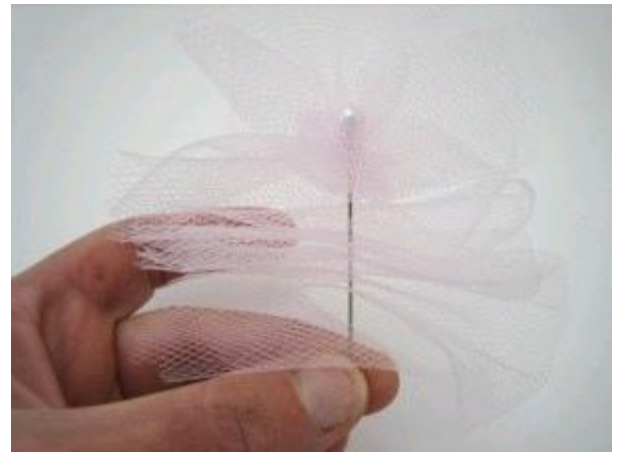


Materials:

- Pink Tulle
- Sparkle Tulle Apple Green
- Corsage Pins 2.5"
- Silver Bowdabra Bow Wire
- Pearlized White Stamens
- Floral Leaves

Instructions:

1. Begin by cutting squares of pink and silver tulle.
2. To make the center of the flower fold two pink tulle squares in half and then thread each one onto a corsage pin.

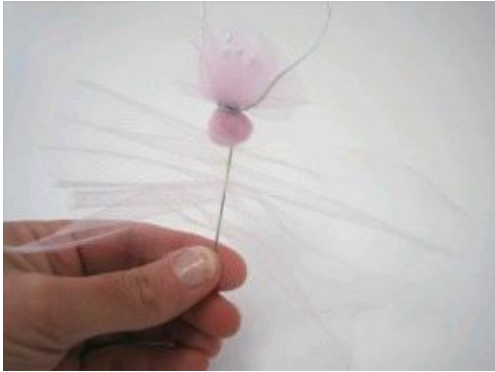


3. Next, place four stamens folded in half around the pinhead. Pull the tulle up around the stamens and tie it tightly together with Bowdabra Bow Wire. Leave the strands of Bowdabra Bow Wire."



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4. To make the outside of the flower, thread about 5 full squares of pink tulle onto the large pin.



5. To finish the flower thread four full squares of silver tulle, onto the pin.



6. Hold the flower at the base and tie Bowdabra Bow Wire tightly around it.



7. Once the Bowdabra Bow Wire is tied tightly and knotted. Use the wire tails to tie floral leaves along the sides. Bend the ends of the floral leaves onto the underneath of each leaf. Trim away excess the Bowdabra Bow Wire.



8. Once, the flower is completed twirl the Bowdabra Bow Wire in the center of the flower with a pencil to make fun ringlets.



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9. Repeat these simple instructions to make several of these tulle flowers and combine for arrangements.
10. For a very simple hanging arrangement place a hole through the center of a small Styrofoam ball. I used a chopstick to make my hole. Thread a pipe cleaner through it and make a loop at one end.



11. Pin the tulle flowers to the front of the Styrofoam ball. Then add a strand of ribbon to the pipe cleaner loop, for hanging.



12. Lastly, hang the tulle flower arrangement in a window, wall, mantle, or door handle.



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Napkin Wedding Flower Favors

By: Dana Willard for Made

Easy to make summer wedding ideas like Dana Willard's Napkin Wedding Flower Favors will bring color to any wedding reception.



Materials:

- Twist Ties - silver or solid white are best. Find them at any party store (or with a box of trash bags)
- Dowels - any size you prefer. They're about \$2 at Hobby Lobby. If you want to spray paint your wooden stems, check out the No-Sew Flowers Tutorial for details.
- Party Napkins - I prefer using two sizes: medium and small. If you can't find small ones, simply trim the middle napkin down to a smaller size. All these colors were purchased at Hobby Lobby, \$2-\$3. Ikea also has nice paper napkins.
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Make the [napkin wedding flowers](#)
2. Print your names and date, punch a hole, and use a decorative tie or string and attach it to each flower.
3. Use the end of a dowel to curl the twist tie strings.



Elegant Floral Cone

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Cheap wedding decorations can also be beautiful wedding decorations! An Elegant Floral Cone will be an excellent addition to your decorations. Classy and easy, it's budget friendly, too!



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Cone, 9" x 4"
- Ivory/pink artificial roses with leaves, 10 stems
- Reindeer moss: light green, 1/2 bag; dark green, 1/4 bag
- Pink artificial butterfly
- Ivory wire-edged organza ribbon, 2-1/2" x 7/8 yd.
- Silver craft wire, 20-gauge
- Floral pick or wooden skewer
- Floral pins, two
- Green floral tape
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Instructions:

1. Glue clusters of light and dark moss to foam cone, completely covering surface.
2. Using photo as guide, group roses and leaves on worksurface in pleasing arrangement. Roses should face forward and form slight arch. Use wire cutters to trim stems to fit within cone. Insert stems into cone base; fill in bare spots with leaves.
3. Cut 24" length from wire. Loosely wrap wire around finger to create interesting shape, leaving 2" straight tail at one end. Wrap straight wire end around floral pick; wrap together with floral tape.
4. Glue butterfly to free wire end; let dry. Insert pick into cone so butterfly appears to fly above roses.
5. Cut inverted "v" into each ribbon end. Center ribbon over cone front, then wrap to back. Overlap ribbon ends at back, then wrap to front. Secure ribbon to cone back with floral pin. Overlap ribbon ends at front, forming "x" just above first ribbon. Secure "x" with floral pin. Glue small pieces of moss to cone to hide floral pins.

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Wedding Date Plaque

By: Jennifer Juniper for Hope Studios

Make sentimental, personalized wedding gifts or wedding anniversary gifts and show the happy couple how much you care. This Wedding Date Plaque is a great way to memorialize their special day.



Materials:

- Scrap Wood or a Collage Photo Frame
- Paint
- Photo Corners
- Number Photography

Instructions:

1. Paint and antique piece of scrap wood.



2. Center the photos and mark a straight line with painter's tape to assist in centering the pictures.



3. Attach the photo corners to the number photos and affix to the surface of the wood.

Three Layer Wedding Cake Imitation

By: Diane Flowers for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

A believable Three Layer Wedding Cake Imitation is a wonderful addition to your wedding decoration ideas that will add a unique twist on a wedding reception staple.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ brand foam :Two 2"x12"x36" Sheets
- Krylon® Silver Foil Metallic Spray #1060
- Offray 4" White Decorative Paper Ribbon #17749
- White Wrapping Paper
- One Roll White Crepe Paper Streamers
- One Roll Light Blue Crepe Paper Streamers
- One Roll Bright Green Crepe Paper Streamers
- Straight Pins
- Old Box
- Ruler and Scissors

- Adhesive Tape
- Serrated Knife
- Candle
- Pencil
- Low Temp Hot Glue Gun and Sticks

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut one 49" piece, one 33" piece and one 17" piece of the paper ribbon and put them inside the old box.
2. Take the box and pieces of paper ribbon outside and spray them with the silver foil paint. Allow them to dry.
3. Measure and mark two 12" squares, two 8" squares and two 4" squares on the sheets of STYROFOAM™ brand foam.
4. Rub the serrated knife across the candle for ease of cutting and cut out the marked pieces.
5. Use hot glue to secure each of the matching sizes of squares together to create each individual layer of the cake.
6. Wrap each of the layers with the white wrapping paper the same way that you would wrap a gift package.

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7. Wrap the 49" piece of silver paper ribbon around the 12" squares. Wrap the 33" piece of silver paper ribbon around the 8" squares and the 17" piece of silver paper ribbon around the 4" squares. Secure the ends with adhesive tape.
8. Measure and cut two 24" pieces of white crepe paper streamers, two 24" pieces of light blue crepe paper streamers and one 24" piece of bright green crepe paper streamers.
9. Fold one end of each piece of crepe paper at a right angle to create a 2" stem. Fold the folded edge again to create the center of the rose.
10. Hold the stem with the rose center in your right hand and use your left hand to fold the top edge of a small section of the long end of the crepe paper rose in half.
11. Use the fingertips of your left hand to wrap the folded section around the bottom of the center of the rose and hold the bottom edge of the wrapped crepe paper section with the fingertips of your right hand.
12. Repeat folding and wrapping small sections of the crepe streamer until all of it is wrapped around the rose center. Use a small piece of adhesive tape to secure the end of the wrapped piece to the stem piece.
13. Press and shape the crepe paper rose to create a balanced round shape and use small pieces of adhesive tape to secure any loose edges to the back of the rose and the stem piece.
14. Repeat Steps #9 through #13 to finish five roses.
15. Insert a straight pin into the stem of each rose and insert the pin with the rose into the top of the 4" square for the top of the cake. Use the picture as a guide for placement.
16. If desired, use hot glue to secure the cake layers together or you can simply place them on top of each other as you prefer.

Together in Love Layout

By: Einat Kessler

The Together in Love Layout is the perfect way to preserve your memories with vintage flair.



Materials:

- Paper: Bella Blvd.
 - Socialite
 - Tango
 - Cute cuts
- Teal cardstock – American Crafts
- Frame: My Mind's Eye
- Cardstock stickers: Bella Blvd. – Socialite – Alpha Bits
- Stamps: Dove of the East – Russia Journey
- Ink: Ranger
- Flowers: Prima
- Stickles
- Buttons
- 12" lace ribbon
- Craft wire
- Punches: Fiskars, McGill Craftvity
- Black pen: Sakura
- Small flower brad: Making Memories
- Glue: Zip Dry, Glue Dots, Tacky Glue.

Instructions:

1. Cut swirls from paper and stamp on them with black ink.
2. Form a shape heart from the craft wire and insert the lace ribbon. adjust the lace to the ribbon by creating ruffles.
3. Cut a heart from the teal cardstock.
4. Attach the wired lace to the back of the heart with tacky glue.
5. Stick your wedding photo to the background (Tango) paper.
6. Stick the frame on top of the photo.
7. Attach the swirls.
8. Attach the laced heart to the layout.
9. Punch two flowers from the teal card stock and ink the edges.
10. Cut white flower from the Cute cuts paper and ink the edges.
11. Add the flowers to your layout. Stick buttons in the center of each flower.
12. Stick a tag with the title.
13. Cut two corners and punch the edges.
14. Attach to the upper left corner.
15. Add a small punched flower and a small swirl.
16. Finish your layout with a touch of stickles.

Charming Heart Straws

By: Karisa Tell, Editor for FaveCrafts.com

Make these charming heart straws for your wedding or your next party! They're so easy to make with your Cricut machine and some glue dots. These straws make cheap summer wedding ideas, and your guests will love sipping through them!



Materials:

- Cricut Expression 2: Anniversary Edition machine
- George and Basic Shapes Cricut cartridge (optional)
- Paper straws
- Yellow paper
- Glue Dots

Instructions:

1. First I used the Cricut machine to cut out all of the hearts. Since I had 144 straws, I needed to cut 288 hearts (2 per straw). I started by cutting the hearts from the Just a Note cartridge, which comes with the anniversary edition machine. Then I plugged in my own cartridge, George and Basic Shapes, and cut the rest of the hearts from that cartridge. I liked the heart shape in that cartridge a little better for this project because the hearts were wider and curvier. The anniversary edition machine is compatible with all other cartridges, which was very convenient for me!



This is the heart shape from the Just a Note cartridge.

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I used the Auto Fill feature to cut as many per page as would fit, until I had enough hearts.

2. After all of my hearts were cut, I began attaching them to the straws. I put 3 glue dots on a heart (one on each side and one on the bottom) and attached that heart to a straw. Then I grabbed a second heart and pressed it to the glue dots on the first heart. Basically, you can just attach the hearts to each other and to the straw however you'd like. This is truly the opposite of rocket science.



3. When you're done, display them in decorative glasses on the bar and your wedding guests can grab one to use with their cocktails!



Sweetheart Rose Collection: Ring Bearer Pillow

By: Clover Needlecraft

Clover Needlecraft's Sweetheart Collection has the perfect homemade ring bearers pillow for a beautifully themed wedding. The simplicity of the Ring Bearer Pillow does not downplay the bold colors of the roses for a lovely trip down the aisle.



Materials:

- ½ yd. White satin or silk dupioni
- 1 yd. 3/8" wide doubled-faced satin ribbon
- Sweetheart Rose Maker Large #8472
- Assorted red silks for the roses
- Assorted pearls beads
- Stuffing
- ½ yd. 2" wide green ribbon for the leaves

Instructions:

1. From the white satin or silk: Cut out 2 rectangles each 8 ½" x 10 ½"
2. Cut 1 rectangle 10 ½" x 13 ½"
3. Sew long basting stitches on each of the 13 ½" ends. Draw the gathers up to measure 8 ½". Adjust the gathers evenly across the rectangle and set this gathered rectangle on top of the right side of one of the 8 ½" x 10 ½" rectangles: baste together
4. Place the second 8 ½" x 10 ½" rectangle on top of the basted unit right sides together; stitch all the way around using a ¼" seam allowance and leaving a 3 ½" opening. Trim seams and clip corners: turn right sides out. Stuff the pillow and stitch the opening closed.
5. Tie the ribbon around the center of the pillow and tack the tie down before making the bow. This allows you to untie the bow, slip on the rings, then tie the bow back up.
6. Make 3 large roses following the instructions in the package.
7. Make 3 leaves using the same method as shown in [Flower Girl Basket](#) directions.
8. Attach roses with glue
9. Embellish with randomly placed pearls.

Sweetheart Rose Collection: Flower Girl Basket

By: Clover Needlecraft

The small embellishments on this flower girl basket will help any flower girl stand out during her shining moment walking down the aisle.



Materials:

- Puff Quilting Clip Set (large) #8401
- 1 ½ yd. Fabric to make 16 large puff squares, handle and basket
- Stuffing to fill 16 large puff squares
- Sweetheart Rose Maker (small) #8470
- ½ yd. fabric to make 8 small Sweetheart Roses
- 1" wide green ribbon to make 16 small leaves
- 1 pack 1" wide Create- A-Strap interfacing #9502
- 1 pack Shape 'n Create White #9503
- 5/8"- 7/8" wide White ribbon for the handle

Instructions:

Basket:

1. Make 16 large Puff Quilting Squares following the directions in the package.
2. Stuff and stitch the opening closed.
3. Slip stitch 8 puffed squares together in a row. Make a second row of 8 puffs
4. Slip stitch one row on top of the other row then connect the ends together to form a tube.

Base:

1. Draw a circle around the inside of the tube to determine the size of the basket base. Cut this circle out of Shape 'n Create for a nice firm base.
2. Cut a circle from the basket fabric twice the size of the base, fold outside edges under ¼" and gather stitch around the circle. Insert the Shape 'n Create circle and draw up on the gather stitches: tie off. Slip stitch the base to the puff tube to form the basket.

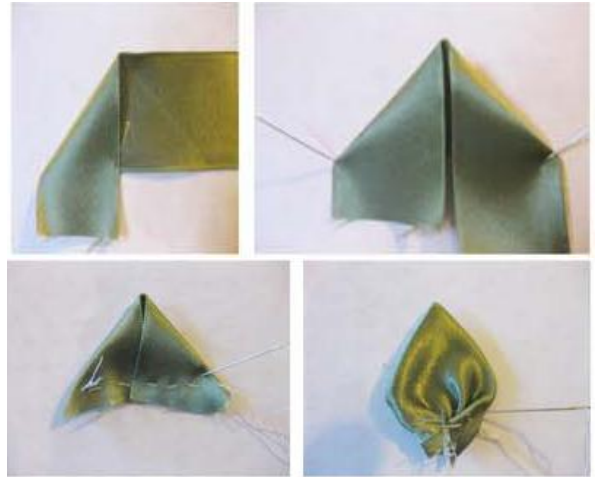
Handle:

Make handle using Create-A-Strap interfacing. Cover the raw edges using white 5/8"-7/8" ribbon; edge-stitch along both sides of the handle. Attach the handle to the inside of bag.

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Embellishment:

1. Make 8 small Sweetheart Roses.
2. Make 16 small leaves.
 - Fold ribbon at a 45 ° to form a point.
 - Fold the other side to 45 °.
 - Trim ribbon even at the base and baste.
 - Gather the basting stitches and make a knot.
3. In the space where the puffs meet glue a rose with a leaf on each side.



Will You Be My Bridesmaid Cards

By: Karisa Tell, Editor for FaveCrafts.com

These DIY "Will you be my bridesmaid?" cards are the most creative way to ask your bridesmaids to be a part of your special day! Make your own cards for your friends with these unique wedding ideas and you'll be the most thoughtful bride around!



Materials:

- Cricut Expression 2: Anniversary Edition machine
- silver and white polka dot card stock
- Gray card stock
- Yellow card stock
- Glue dots
- Glue stick
- Paper cutter (or good ol' fashioned scissors)
- Mini pearl stickers
- Corner rounder punch (optional)

Instructions:

1. I bought two pieces of polka dot paper to make four cards, so I started by cutting both pieces in half, and then folding those pieces in half. I made a mistake in cutting and folding (as usual...) so that's why I ended up with some vertical cards and some horizontal cards. I cut my cards based on my envelope size, which is about 5" x 7".
2. Next I cut out the frame shape using the Cricut. This shape is found in the Cricut Essentials Cartridge that comes with the Anniversary Edition machine. I cut out a frame for each card and adhered them to the front with glue dots. I took the oval that was cut from the center of each frame and trimmed it down a bit to make it smaller than the frame, and glued that down as well. (You'll notice one of my cards has a different shade of gray for this piece because I lost the middle piece from one of the frames. Grr.)
3. The dress shape in the middle of each frame was actually drawn and cut out free hand. But if you have the Paper Doll Dress Up or Everyday Paper Dolls Cricut cartridges, you can use those for the dress shape instead. Or, you can always print out a picture of a dress you like and use that as a template to cut around. I cut four dresses and adhered them with, you guessed it, glue dots.

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4. Next I added 4 pearl stick-ons above each dress to make it look like a mini pearl necklace. I think this adds a nice touch!



5. I cut out "will you be my" using the Cricut American Alphabet cartridge, which also comes with the Anniversary Edition machine. I glued the letters down (using a glue stick this time) to a piece of gray cardstock, rounded two of the corners, and glued that down to the left side of the inside of the card.

6. Then I cut a piece of yellow cardstock to fit in the bottom of the right side and glued that down, along with a scrap of polka dot paper leftover from earlier. I wrote "Bridesmaid" in my finest penmanship, which is about the skill level of a 3rd grader. (What can I say, my job involves a lot of typing!)
7. The final step was to cut some bunting out of yellow scraps for the top right corner. I used the bunting shape in the Just a Note cartridge, which is included with the Anniversary Edition machine. I cut two bunting shapes per card and glued them down with glue dots in the corner of each card.



Wedding Cake Topper

By: Rebekah Meier for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

A thrifty Wedding Cake Topper is a great way to decorate unique wedding gifts. The faux dessert is easy to make and has many uses to liven up your wedding decorations.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Discs, two each: 4" x 1"; 3" x 1"
- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Sheet, 36" x 12" x 2"
- Metallic silver paint pen
- Paper, 12" x 12": blue toile-print; white card stock
- Small metal note clip
- Lace trim: white daisy, 1 yd.; ivory pearl, 1-1/2 yds.
- Ivory satin ribbon flowers with leaves, three Dimensional paints: white puff-finish; iridescent white pearl-finish
- Trims of choice: ribbon, silk, or porcelain flowers; satin ribbon; lace; pearls; pearl string
- Craft foam, 9" x 12" sheets, one each: white; pink, or color of choice
- Metallic poster board, gold or silver
- Round metal cookie cutters, 1" thick: 2"; 3"; 4"; 5" OR Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Compass, or round household items of appropriate diameter (see instructions)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors: regular; scallop decorative-edge
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue
- Fine-line black permanent marker
- Rubber bands or chenille stems, three
- Scissors: straight edge; decorative-edge
- Glue for plastic/craft foam

Instructions:

1. Stack and glue 4" foam discs together; repeat for 3" discs. Do not glue stacks together yet.
2. Trace discs onto toile paper, 3" disc once and 4" disc twice; use scallop-edge scissors to cut out circles just beyond traced lines. Glue 3" circle to top and 4" circles to top and bottom of appropriate discs.
3. Cut two 2" x 12" strips from toile paper; wrap and glue strips around disc edges, piecing as needed to cover foam and allowing ends to overlap.
4. Refer to photo to wrap and glue trims around cake tiers. Glue flowers to top of cake.
5. Use paint pen to paint note clip; let dry. Handwrite, or use a computer to print, recipient's name onto card stock. Trim name into decorative shape as shown; insert into note clip.
6. Glue note clip to top of cake.

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