

# GRADUATION CRAFTS

Homemade Gifts  
and Celebratory  
Crafts for Graduation!



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Letter from the Editors

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Dear Reader,

Graduating from high school or university is a wonderful achievement and should be celebrated as such. Congratulate the new graduate with a homemade gift or celebratory craft from this collection, including decorated mortarboards and graduation cards. We have quick and easy gift bags for those attending many graduation parties this season. Graduates can craft with friends to remember the occasion, making fun Class of '09 shirts or memory photo frames.

**Three cheers for the class of 2009!**

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Sincerely,

*The Editors of FaveCrafts*

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## Congrats Grad Card

By: Debi Adams for Sizzix

Say "congratulations" to the graduate with this festive, dimensional homemade card. The glitter stars are sure to celebrate the graduate properly.



### Brand Items

- 654374 - Sizzix Sizzlits Die Set 14PK - Seasonal Set
- 654900 - Sizzix Sizzlits Decorative Strip Alphabet Die - Wingo Zingo
- 654995 - Sizzix Originals Die - Stars #2
- 655160 - Sizzix Bigz Die - Star, Nested
- 655217 - Sizzix Bigz Die - Decorative Accent, Swirl

### Other Supplies

- Plain Paper
- Patterned Paper
- Glitter
- Wire

### Instructions

Create a card using plain and patterned papers. Die-cut shapes and letters out of plain paper. Adhere to the card and embellish with glitter and wire.

## Graduation Gift Box

By: DecoArt

Say congratulations to the graduate with this clever gift box with a top that looks like a mortarboard grad cap. The rest of the box is covered with coordinating scrapbook paper.



### Materials:

DecoArt Products Required  
Foam Paint

- FP01 - White

### Supplies

- 12" x 12" sheet scrapbook paper (We used Midnight Paisley by Bo-Bunny Press.)
- One sheet, 12" x 18" 3-mm black craft foam
- White glue
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Circle template
- Foam brush
- Lo-temp glue gun
- 4" white tassel
- Round papier mache box: 7-3/4" at base; 4" high

### Instructions

1. Cut two 4" x 12" strips of scrapbook paper. Use foam brush to apply white glue to back of paper strip. Aligning top and bottom edges of paper to box, attach paper to box side, smoothing flat with fingers to prevent bubbles under paper. Repeat with second strip of paper to completely cover outside of box.
2. From foam, cut two 1-1/4" x 18" strips, two 1" circles, one 8" square, and one 8-1/2" square.
3. Use lo-temp glue to attach one strip of foam around side of lid, with top and bottom edges aligned; trim remaining strip to fit and glue in place to completely cover side of lid.
4. Center 8" foam square on lid top; use lo-temp glue to attach foam. Center and glue 8 1/2" foam square over 8" square.
5. Use lo-temp glue to glue loop end (at fold with strands together) of tassel to lid center. Glue foam circles together and glue stacked circles over tassel loop.
6. With White Foam Paint, paint the word "Congratulations" around top of cap shape; allow paint to dry thoroughly.

## Class of 2008 Decorated Mortarboard

Go to the head of the class! Graduate with style, using Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™ and Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencils™ to add colorful flair to the usual pomp and circumstance.



### Materials:

- Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencils™
  - 23277 Numbers
  - 23565 ABC's
- Aleene's® Crystal Clear Tacky Spray™
- Aleene's® Fast Grab Tacky Glue®
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
  - Retro
- Ruler
- Cosmetic sponge
- Newspaper
- Clothespin
- Low tack masking tape
- Cardstock, black, white
- Ribbon, 1/8" to 3/8" wide, 4 colors to match Retro Kit
- Foil
- Mortarboard, black
- Scissors

### Steps:

1. Cut desired letters and numbers from stencils.
2. Place word "CLASS" in a curve above center button of mortarboard. Place word "OF" below button. Run fingernail around edges of stencils to ensure a tight seal.
3. Apply masking tape around edges and between letters as needed to create a protective border around stencil.



4. Squeeze a puddle of Turquoise Soft Paint onto foil. Tap flat end of sponge into paint. Tap excess paint onto a clean area of foil. Tap paint into openings of stencils, reloading sponge as needed. Carefully remove stencils before paint dries. Let dry.
5. Repeat procedure to paint numbers, using Pink Reflections Soft Paint.
6. Cut four lengths from each color of ribbon, each length 2" longer than width of mortarboard.
7. Cover work surface with newspaper. Place one length of each color of ribbon, wrong side up onto paper. Tape very edge of ribbon ends to newspaper so they will not move when sprayed.
8. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray to ribbons, following label instructions. Lifting one ribbon at a time, arrange ribbons along one edge of mortarboard, press excess to underside of mortarboard. Repeat procedure to apply remaining ribbons, working on one side of mortarboard at a time.
9. Glue a small piece of black ribbon over ribbon ends on underside of mortarboard.
10. Cut 6½" square from white cardstock. Roll cardstock to imitate a diploma. Place a dab of Fast Grab Tacky Glue on inside edge at center. Hold in place briefly, using clothespin. Remove clothespin.
11. Cut a 1½" x 5" piece from black cardstock. Wrap around center of diploma, placing narrow edges at bottom. Glue ends together.
12. Cut a 6" length from turquoise ribbon. Tie into a knot at center of black band. Trim excess ribbon.
13. Glue across corner above lettering, using Fast Grab Tacky Glue. Let dry before moving.

## Congrats Paper Banner

By: Debi Adams for Sizzix

Say "congrats" to the new graduate, a friend with the great new job or other achiever. The giant letters will make the message loud and clear.



### Brand Items

- 654995 - Sizzix Originals Die - Stars #2
- 655128 - Sizzix Bigz Alphabet Set 7 Dies - Serif Essentials

### Other Supplies

- Plain Paper
- Patterned paper
- Glitter
- Pipe Cleaners
- Ribbon
- Tissue Paper

### Instructions

Die-cut Letters out of plain paper and adhere to hand-cut paper triangles. Attach triangles to a length of ribbon to create a banner. Die-cut Stars out of plain paper and embellish with glitter. Adhere to the banner. Embellish with ribbon, pipe cleaners and tissue paper.

## Tie-Dye Graduate Frames

Mix Tulip® One-Step Tie-Dye™ colors to customize a graduation frame in your school colors.



### Materials:

- Aleene's® Tacky Packs
  - Tacky Pack
- Tulip® Super Big™ One-Step Tie-Dye Activity Kit™
- Collage Pauge Instant Decoupage™
- Sanding block
- Plastic garbage bags
- Tissue, silver metallic
- Washing machine
- Wood letters, P, O, O, S
- Fabric, ½ yd, 100% cotton
- Iron
- Scissors
- Foil
- Wood frame
- Paintbrushes, ½" flat, ¼" flat

### Steps:

1. Cut a piece from fabric large enough to cover front and sides of frame and wrap to back, adding enough fabric to margins to allow for shrinkage and raveling. Repeat procedure to cut a piece to cover back of frame.
2. Wash fabric to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener. Do not dry.
3. Wearing rubber gloves, add water to top of dye bottle. Replace cap tightly. Shake until all dye is dissolved.
4. Cover work surface with garbage bags. Lay damp fabric onto prepared surface. Crumple fabric, creating peaks and valleys.

5. Squeeze One-Step Dye onto peaks, letting it seep into valleys. Allow some white areas to remain for contrast.
6. Cover with garbage bag. Let set 4-6 hours. Wash in a large load of water with a small amount of laundry soap. Line dry. Iron smooth.
7. Squeeze a puddle of Instant Decoupage onto foil. Brush Instant Decoupage onto front of frame and onto back of fabric for frame front. Lay fabric glue side down onto frame. Apply Instant Decoupage over fabric, smoothing wrinkles and wrapping fabric to back of frame. Cut an X from corner to corner of frame opening. Wrap fabric to back. Apply a coat of Instant Decoupage.
8. Cut a piece of fabric to cover back, cutting away fabric from frame opening. Apply Instant Decoupage onto back of frame and onto back of fabric. Place fabric glue side down onto frame. Apply Instant Decoupage over fabric, smoothing out wrinkles. Let dry.
9. Sand edges of letters. Turn P over to look like a 9. Turn S over to look like a 2. Use O's for zeros. Brush Instant Decoupage onto letters and onto back of tissue. Lay tissue onto letters, wrapping to back and smoothing edges. Brush Instant Decoupage over tissue. Let dry completely.
10. Glue letters to frame, using Tacky Glue.

## Finding My Way" Graduation Doll

By: Debi Schmitz for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

You can create this personalized graduation gift by dressing the graduate doll in school colors for that big day. Use as a special graduation gift or display as a centerpiece or keepsake at graduation parties. This makes a great easy handmade graduation gift.



### Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
  - 2 Ball, 1"
  - 1 Ball, 2"
  - 1 Cone, 9"
- Felt:
  - 1- 9 1/2" x 12" sheet apricot
  - 3- 9 1/2" x 12" in school color (model used blue)
- Acrylic craft paint, school color (model used blue)
- Silver glitter fabric paint
- Doll hair, hair color of graduate
- Rayon thread, 1 skein each in school colors
- Small piece of white paper
- 8mm beads, black half-round
- Wooden shapes: 1 1 1/2" square; (3) 1" circles
- Craft wire, 18-gauge, 1 yard
- Tie wire, 26-gauge
- 7 Buttons, 1/2"
- Scissors
- Wire cutters
- Paintbrush, small flat
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

[Download pattern](#)

Steps:

1. Insert a 4" length of 18-gauge wire halfway into the ball (head) and the top of cone (body); glue in place.
2. Head: Center 9" square of apricot felt over head; pull felt tightly around ball to the neck and secure with 26-gauge wire. Glue excess felt to cone.
3. Arms: Glue and insert 1" balls on either end of 9" length of 18-gauge wire. Gather a 5" square of apricot felt around each "hand". Secure around the wrists with 26-gauge wire; twist wire around the arm wire to hold in place.
4. Glue together long edges of 7" x 18" piece blue felt, forming 18" long tube. Insert arms into tube and wire arms in place behind neck.
5. Gown: Fold in half a 7" x 18" piece of blue felt; the folded piece should measure 7" x 9". Following Diagram 1, cut a notch in the fold as shown; this will be the neck opening. Measure in 2" from each shoulder and draw a line from these points to the bottom corners (see Diagram 2); cut along these lines. Glue side seams together; cut open the front of gown, from neck to hem line. Dress doll in gown, with opening in front; glue opening shut.
6. Cut out bow using Pattern A. Cut a 1/4" x 1" piece of felt and glue around center of bow. Glue bow to neck.
7. Blush cheeks; glue on eyes. Glue hair to head.
8. Paint wood pieces blue; let dry. Stack and glue together 1" circles; glue square on top of 1" circles.
9. Make a tiny tassel: Wrap both colors of rayon thread four times around two fingers; wrap a 6" thread several times around one end, 1/4" from end (see Diagram 2). Knot thread and cut off excess; cut thread loops and fluff. Glue to center of wood square, and glue hat to doll's head.
10. Cut a small sign out of white paper and write "On My Way" (see Diagram 3). Cut a piece of blue felt 1/4" larger than sign; glue to back of sign. Glue sign to an 18" length of 18-gauge wire, 8" from one end. Twist wire and wrap around a pencil to shape. Slip three buttons on left side of wire and four buttons on the right side. Insert ends of wire into hands; glue securely.
11. Cut four, 10" lengths of rayon thread; tie together 1" from each end. Glue to back of doll's neck and let hang down the front.

12. Using silver paint, make "buttons" down the front of the dress. Write the year on the bottom front of gown.

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## Graduation Scrapbook Page

By: Debi Adams for Sizzix

Celebrate the graduate's accomplishments with this graduation scrapbook page. This is a great place to display those cap and gown pictures.



### Brand Items

- 654995 - Sizzix Originals Die - Stars #2
- 655018 - Sizzix Originals Die - Dress Ups Graduation
- 655448 - Sizzix Sizzlits Alphabet Set 12 Dies - Go Go Boots
- 655683 - Sizzix Originals Die - Flourish

### Other Supplies

- Cardstock
- Patterned Paper
- Button
- Circle Cutter
- Foam Dots
- Ink
- Ribbon
- Self-Adhesive Felt
- Stamp



## Instructions

Create a scrapbook page out of colored cardstock and patterned paper. Mat photos on cardstock and adhere to page. Die-cut the phrase “Grad” from cardstock and adhere to page. Layer ribbon and a strip of patterned paper on the page. Die-cut Graduation Cap and Flourish from self-adhesive felt and attach to page. Stamp sentiment, crop using circle cutter, embellish with a button and adhere to page using foam dots. Die-cut Stars out of patterned paper, layer and adhere to page using foam dots.

## Fashion Dyes Graduation Tee

Definitely a class act! Tulip® One-Step Fashion Dyes™ and Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™ let you choose cool colors to customize this creation. Pour on the glam with Tulip® Iron-On Crystals™ and you're proudly struttin' your stuff at the head of the class.



### Materials:

- Tulip® One-Step Fashion Dyes™
  - Brown
- Tulip® Multi-Surface Stencil™
  - Block Alphabet
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
  - Retro
- Tulip® Cordless Heat Setting Tool™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™
  - 300 Clear Pack
- Self adhesive shelf paper, clear
- Scissors
- Disposable containers, small, 3
- Garbage bag
- Tee shirt, white
- Tweezers
- Low tack masking tape
- Cosmetic sponge
- Plastic tablecloth
- Craft knife
- Foil
- Fine point marker, black

### Steps:

1. Prewash shirt to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Do not dry.
2. Cover work surface with tablecloth. Lay damp shirt onto work surface.

3. Wearing rubber gloves, add water to dye bottle. Replace cap tightly. Shake until dye is dissolved.
4. Squeeze full strength dye onto lower fourth of shirt. Pour remaining dye into separate container until bottle is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Add water to top of bottle.
5. Squeeze mixture onto next quarter of shirt, slightly overlapping first dyed area. Pour remaining mixture into container until bottle is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Fill bottle with water.
6. Squeeze new mixture onto next quarter of shirt. Repeat procedure once more to create a total of four shades of brown.
7. Cover shirt with garbage bag. Let set for 4 to 6 hours. Wash in a large load of water with a small amount of laundry soap. Dry in dryer or line dry.
8. Cut apart Block Alphabet Stencils to spell words, using scissors. Position onto shirt. Enlarge borders of letters and create a margin around stencil to protect shirt from paint, using masking tape.
9. Choose a computer font or draw numbers by hand to create number stencil. Trace numbers, using marker. Cut out.
10. Trace numbers face down onto back of shelf paper. Cut out to create stencil, using craft knife.
11. Remove back of shelf paper. Position onto shirt.
12. Squeeze a puddle of Soft Fabric Paint onto foil. Tap sponge into paint. Tap sponge onto a clean area of foil to remove excess paint. Tap sponge into openings of stencils, reloading as needed. Carefully remove stencils. Let dry.
13. Prepare Cordless Heat-Setting Tool. Arrange Iron-On Crystals to fill in numbers, using tweezers. Gently touch tip of tool onto top of each Crystal for 5 to 6 seconds to adhere.

## Graduation Celebration Centerpiece

Definitely the center of attention at the graduation celebration! Tulip® Spirit™ Iron-On Appliqué™ Numbers create the focal point for this easy-to-do centerpiece.



### Materials:

- Tulip® Spirit™ Iron-On Appliqué Numbers & Letters
  - 24652 #0
  - 24654 #2
  - 24660 #8
- Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencils™
  - 23277 Numbers
- Aleene's® Crystal Clear Tacky Spray™
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
  - B115826 Turquoise
- Pressing cloth
- Iron
- Cosmetic sponge
- Cardstock, black, turquoise, white
- Mortarboards, 2
- Craft knife
- Tassel
- Scissors, decorative corner trimmer
- Metal ruler
- Foil
- Styrofoam block
- Fabric, black, enough to cover Styrofoam®
- Ribbon, 2" wide, black, ¼" wide, turquoise
- Ironing board
- Wire cutter
- Newspaper
- Low tack masking tape
- Pencil
- Metal wire

- Scissors

Steps:

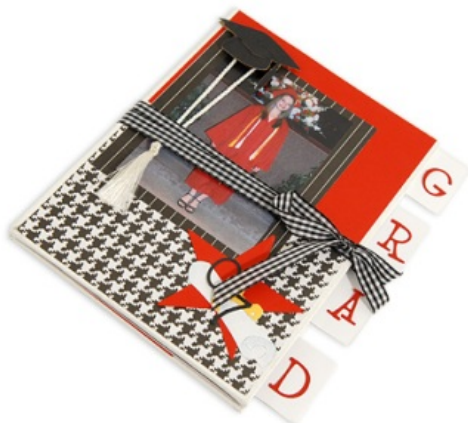
1. Cut 8½ x 9" piece from Styrofoam, using metal ruler and knife. Lightly sand edges smooth, using an extra piece of Styrofoam.
2. Cut black fabric to fit around Styrofoam piece. Cover work surface with newspaper. Lay fabric onto work surface, wrong side up. Apply a heavy, even coat of Crystal Clear Tacky Spray to fabric, following instructions on label. Center Styrofoam onto fabric. Smooth fabric around Styrofoam, folding ends as if you were wrapping a gift.
3. Remove lower portion from mortarboards, leaving squares.
4. Lay black ribbon face down onto clean area of work surface. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray. Smooth ribbon around lower edge of one mortarboard.
5. Cut numbers from Sticky Fabric Stencil. Smooth onto ribbon at lower right corner of one mortarboard, running fingernail around edges to ensure a tight seal. Apply masking tape around outer edges and between numbers as needed to create a protective border around stencil.
6. Squeeze a puddle of Matte Turquoise Soft Paint onto foil. Gently tap sponge into paint. Tap sponge onto foil to remove excess paint. Tap paint into stencil openings. Repeat procedure until desired coverage is achieved. Remove stencil while paint is wet. Let dry.
7. Place both mortarboards face down onto newspaper. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray. Position a mortarboard onto opposite sides of fabric-covered block. Press together firmly.
8. Cut two lengths from turquoise ribbon, long enough to wrap around square. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray to back of ribbon. Apply ribbon onto front of centerpiece as shown.
9. Cut four slightly varied lengths from wire, using wire cutter. Coil each length to look like a spring.
10. Cut eight 6¼ x 4" pieces from black cardstock for background for numbers. Trim corners, using decorative scissors.
11. Trace four small ovals onto turquoise cardstock and four large ovals onto white cardstock. Cut out.
12. Lay turquoise ovals face down onto newspaper. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray. Center and smooth one onto each white oval.
13. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray onto back of each white oval. Center an oval piece onto each background piece. Press together.
14. Preheat iron to wool setting. Position a number appliqué onto each oval. Cover with pressing cloth. Press, holding for 15-20 seconds to tack appliqué into place. Turn appliqué face down. Press for 30 seconds more to complete application.

15. Lay each appliqué piece face down onto clean newspaper, along with remaining four ovals. Apply Crystal Clear Tacky Spray.
16. Lay one end of wire onto back of appliqué piece. Press an oval over wire.
17. Cut a row of four holes into top of centerpiece, using craft knife. Insert one end of wire into each hole to create number. Gently bend wires to position numbers as desired.
18. Loop tassel around button on center of mortarboard.

## Graduation Mini-Book

By: Debi Adams for Sizzix

Create a miniature scrapbook to hold memories of graduation. This makes a great gift for the new graduate.



### Brand Items

- 654546 - Sizzix Sizzlits Alphabet Set 35 Dies - Cherish
- 654995 - Sizzix Originals Die - Stars #2
- 655018 - Sizzix Originals Die - Dress Ups Graduation

### Other Supplies

- Book
- Plain Paper
- Patterned Paper
- Chalk
- Glitter
- Ribbon
- Tassel

### Instructions

Cover a blank book using plain and patterned papers. Mat photo and adhere to the book cover. Die-cut shapes and letters, highlight with chalk and adhere to the book cover. Create tabs out of plain paper and adhere to the pages along the right side of the book. Embellish with glitter, ribbon and a tassel.

## Class of '09 Shirt

Here's the perfect gift and it's so simple to make with Tulip® One-Step Fashion Dyes™! Create one shirt for each of your friends and use your school colors and don't forget to have your friends autograph it on graduation night.



### Materials:

- Tulip® One-Step Fashion Dyes™
  - Red
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter™
  - 23541 Light Gold Jewel
- Tulip® Fashion Form™
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter Bond
- Scissors
- Garbage bags, 2
- Self-adhesive shelf paper
- Cosmetic sponge
- White tee, 100% cotton
- Foil
- Permanent marker
- Scratch paper

### Steps:

1. Prewash shirt to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener. Do not dry.
2. Cover work surface with garbage bag. Lay wet shirt onto prepared surface.
3. Wearing rubber gloves, add water to dye bottle. Replace cap tightly. Shake until dye is dissolved.
4. Crumple shirt, following dye package instructions.
5. Squeeze Red dye onto shirt, squeezing and turning fabric until completely dyed. Cover with clean garbage bag. Let set 4-6 hours.



6. Wash in a large load of water with a small amount of laundry soap.
7. Dry in dryer. Iron smooth.
8. Trace letters onto shiny side of shelf paper, using permanent marker. Carefully cut out inside each letter to create stencil, using scissors.
9. Remove paper backing. Press letters onto shirt where desired. Run a fingernail along inside edges to ensure a tight seal.
10. Insert Fashion Form into shirt.
11. Squeeze a puddle of Glitter Bond onto foil. Tap flat end of sponge into glue. Pounce a thick, even coat of glue within one section of stencil. Immediately pour Gold Fine Jewel onto wet glue. Lightly press glitter into glue. Repeat procedure to apply glitter to remainder of design, working in one section at a time. Let dry. Pounce excess glitter onto scratch paper to return to container. Repeat procedure to apply design onto back of shirt.
12. Wait 72 hours to wash. Machine wash warm on gentle cycle. Do not use harsh detergents or bleach. Remove promptly and line dry. To iron, turn garment inside out, being careful not to touch design with iron. Do not dry clean.

## Beaded Book Thong

By: Bead Studio

Use leftover charms and beads to create a beautiful beaded bookmark, perfect for the graduate headed to college or your bookworm friend. These can also be hung from the rear-view window. This homemade gift is so quick and easy!



### Materials:

- 2 feet of Waxed Linen Cord
- 1 Charm
- Assorted Beads – about a dozen with holes that just fit over the linen
- Clear Nail Polish
- Scissors

### Steps:

1. Tie the charm onto one end of the cord, trim and set knot with clear nail polish.



2. Slide a grouping of beads onto the cord and tie a knot after the last bead. (Use an awl to get the knot close to beads if needed).



3. Determine the length of cord needed for the type of book (less for paperback more for hardcover) and tie a knot where the beads will start.



4. Add beads to the tail of the cord and tie a knot after the last bead.



5. Trim the excess cord and set knot with clear nail polish.



## Last Minute Gift Bags

By: Tiffany Windsor for Inspired at Home

Make quick and easy gift bags with plain paper bags and rubber stamps. [Tiffany Windsor of Inspired at Home](#) shows us how to create four different bags. Fill with fresh herbs or a jar of salsa for an instant gift. Check out the salsa recipe below or fill jars with the dry ingredients for your favorite cookies.



Materials for All Bags:

- Paper gift bags
- Shipping tags



**Imagine Bag** (additional materials needed)

- Acrylic paint – apple green, lavender
- Rubber stamps – large square, dragonfly, small squares, word

- Cosmetic sponge

Instructions:

Apply green paint to shipping tag with cosmetic sponge. Set aside to dry. Stamp large green square on bag. Let dry. Stamp dragonfly over square. Let dry. Stamp two small squares on tag. Stamp word on tag.



**Happy Bag** (additional materials needed)

- Acrylic paint – green
- Cosmetic sponge (or paint brush)
- Aleene’s Crystal Clear Tacky Spray adhesive or Aleene’s® Original Tacky Glue Stick
- Rubber stamp – word
- Pre-scalloped scrapbook paper

Instructions:

Apply green paint to shipping tag with brush or cosmetic sponge. Set aside to dry. Stamp word on paper. Apply glue to back of paper and place on bag. Cut one piece of paper to fit size of shipping tag. Apply glue to back of paper and place on tag. Let dry.



**Bloom Bag (additional materials needed)**

- Floral stencil
- Acrylic paint – medium pink, coral, apple green
- Cosmetic sponge
- Waxed paper

**Instructions**

Pour small puddle of each paint onto waxed paper. Dab sponge into paint and “tap, tap, tap” on waxed paper sever times to evenly distribute paint on sponge. Place stencil on bag. With light taps, apply each color over stencil in desired areas. Don’t overwork paint or you will force it underneath stencil! A soft, airbrushed look is all you want! Lift stencil. Let paint dry.



### **Inspire Bag** (additional materials needed)

- Pre-cut scrapbook papers (floral design)
- Bead – small red
- Button – red ceramic heart
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue Sticks
- Aleene's® Fast Grab Tacky Glue®

This project is super quick! Apply glue stick to back of pre-cut paper flowers and stick onto bag and tag. Use Fast Grab to glue small bead to tag and red ceramic heart to bag. Let glue dry.

### **Yummy Garden Salsa**

#### Ingredients:

1 cup plum tomatoes, diced  
¼ cup red pepper, diced  
½ cucumber, diced  
1 small onion, diced  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro (use fresh, as cilantro loses its zing when dried!)  
2/3 cup fresh lime juice  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon minced jalapeno (optional)

#### Directions:

Prepare all vegetables and place in bowl. Add the rest of the ingredients and chill. You can spice this up if you think it needs more zing by adding more jalapenos or chili peppers. Serve with tortilla chips.

Tiffany's Designer Tips: Make these gift bags and tags ahead and tuck them away for quick and easy access when you need instant gift wrap that's extraordinary! Tuck in some homemade preserves, Yummy Garden Salsa or Herbs de Provence or a cute handmade gift and you're set to go!



## Green Treat Bag

By: Melony Bradley for Uchida of America, Corp.

Follow these quick and easy instructions to make a folded paper treat bag. It's a great way to give a unique gift and can be recycled over and over.



### Materials:

- Marvy® Clever Lever Jumbo Craft Punch - Circle
- Marvy® Ink Pad - Black
- Marvy® Mini Glue Tape
- Crafting Paper with Gingham patterns
- Black paper with white dots - Making Memories®
- Alphabet Stamps- 1/4" lowercase letters
- 3/8" ribbon: White with black dots, 1/4 yard, Offray®, Black and White Gingham, 5" Bobbin Ribbon, Morex®
- Marvy® Paper Trimming Buddy - straight blade
- Marvy® Squishy Scissors
- Ruler

### Steps:

All measurements are in inches.

1. Make bag and flower. Fold 8" x 8" crafting paper with gingham pattern as follows.

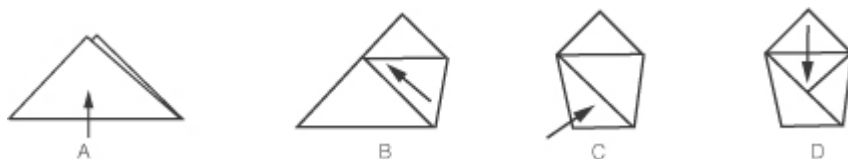
- Turn the paper sideways and fold it in half, on the diagonal. (a)
- Take the right side corner and fold it to the left (b).
- Repeat for left side (c)
- Take the first piece of the top point and fold downward. Adhere with glue.

Flip the "bag" over and fold the other piece of the top point downward. Adhere with glue (d) Cut one 1" x 8" piece from white paper. Fold 1" x 8" paper accordion style. Glue ends together to form flower. Glue to front of bag.

2. Punch and rubberstamp circles. Use punch to punch one circle each out of the black and white dots and lime green paper. Use rubberstamps to stamp "for you" on lime green paper. Glue circles together and glue to center of flower on bag.

3. Adhere ribbon. Cut white with black dots ribbon into two lengths of 4 1/2". Glue to inside top of bag for handles. Cut black and white gingham ribbon to one 4" piece and one 1" piece. Glue 4" piece to top front of bag. Tie a knot in 1" piece and glue to top right of bag.

Folding Directions:



## Dream Card

Create a beautiful dream card using scrapbook paper, push molds and polymer clay.

By Maureen Carlson for AMACO



### Materials:

- AMACO® Designer Push Molds: Sun, Moon
- Fimo® Soft Polymer Clay: White, Sunflower
- 12" x 12" Scrapbook Paper or Folded Card of Your Choice
- Blank Slide Mount, Small
- Suede Leather Lace: 18" of Blue
- Lumiere Paint: Metallic Gold, Pearlescent Blue
- Acrylic Paint: White, Brown
- Cream Card Stock and Paper Scraps
- Glue
- Sponges for Paint
- Water
- Flat Plastic Disposable Surface for Paint
- Paper Towels
- Baking Pan or Ceramic Tile
- Oven
- Leather Alphabet Stamps
- Round Toothpicks

Note: The pictured card shape was created by folding a piece of 12" x 12" scrapbook paper into a wrap-around card. You may substitute a plain greeting card, size of your choice, for the folded paper card.

Steps:

1. Condition FIMO® Soft polymer clay. Create face and any clay embellishments using AMACO® Designer Push Molds, as well as rubber stamps or leather stamps for faces and words. Alter clay shapes as desired by curving, cutting or indenting. A toothpick makes a great tool for indenting corners of mouths and eyes in molded faces. The pictured card uses one large sun face, one small moon, two stars, one word “dream” made from the moon mold, and one word “dream” made with leather stamps. Poke holes in clay if pieces are to be strung.
2. Bake clay in preheated oven following directions on package. Let cool.
3. Paint or antique clay pieces, wiping away excess paint with a paper towel.
4. Type or print words onto cardstock. Tear out words or cut with deckle- edged scissors. Layer words with torn pieces of collage papers on both card and envelope. Embellish papers and blank slide mount by sponge painting, stippling, or dotting with paint colors of your choice. If paint gets too dark, sponge white or pale color over top.
5. Use Crafter’s Pick Decoupage & Collage Gel to glue papers to card and envelope and into opening of slide mount.
6. Use Crafter’s Pick The Ultimate! to glue faces and any other trims in place on card.

## Vintage Memory Box

By: Jennie Stagliano for Glue Dots

Turn an old cigar box into a treasured keepsake! By using old family photos and embellishments, you can turn an ordinary box into a vintage work of art. Display this box on your coffee table to show guests your favorite pictures.



### Materials:

- Craft Glue Dots
- Memory Book Glue Dots
- Cigar box
- Desired photo
- 1" Glue Lines
- Continuous Glue Lines
- Suede Mocha, 8-1/2x11", (SEI Papers)
- Bronze Metallic paper, (Die Cuts With A View)
- Autumn Weave paper, (Petite Motifs)
- Pocket Watches Paper, (Two Busy Moms)
- Muslin fabric scrap
- Leather scrap cut into long thin strip
- Dried wheat
- Watch faces, (7 Gypsies)
- Decorative Brads, antique copper finish, (Making Memories)
- Mini Overall Set, (JHB International, available at fabric stores)
- Shank cutter
- Paper cutter

### Step 1

Line the inside bottom of the cigar box by measuring the inside bottom of cigar box and cut Pocket Watches paper to exact dimensions. Adhere 1" Glue Lines™ onto bottom of box, and press paper liner in place.

Step 2

Print a favorite quote onto Bronze Metallic paper and cut to desired length.

Step 3

Measure outside top lid of cigar box and cut Suede Mocha paper 1" – 1-1/2" shorter than width and length of the lid.

Step 4

Attach Craft Glue Dots to four corners of the Suede Mocha paper, center paper on cigar box lid and gently press to create bond.

Step 5

Using Memory Book Glue Dots, adhere photo to a muslin fabric swatch and the swatch to the lid

Step 6

Cut remaining papers to desired length. Layer papers and attach using Memory Book Glue Dots.

Step 7

Remove the backs of the Decorative Brads using shank cutters. Attach Decorative Brads to four corners of photo with Memory Book Glue Dots.

Step 8

Attach watch faces and other embellishments using Craft Glue Dots.

Step 9

To attach dried wheat, apply 2, 1" Glue Lines onto cigar box lid. Place wheat onto Glue lines and press gently to create bond.

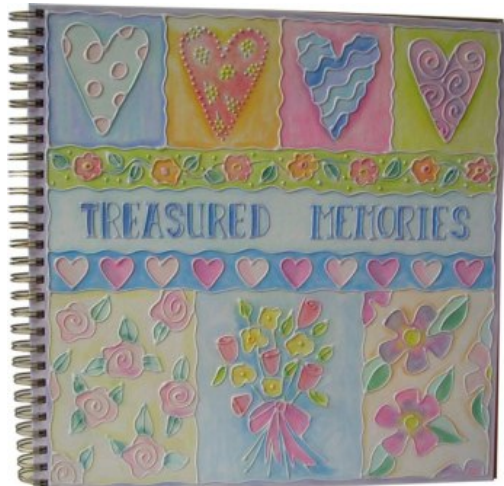
Step 10

Cut Continuous Glue Lines to exact length of leather strap, place onto leather strip back and rub over clear release liner. Place leather strip onto cigar box lid and gently press down. Place the button of overalls set to a Memory Book Glue Dot and adhere onto the end of the overalls hook

## Embossed Glue Treasure Album

By: Heidi Borchers for Inspired at Home

With a special glue embossing technique, create a beautiful album for your "treasured memories." The technique creates wonderful texture for floral accents and chalk creates soft colors. This project comes to us compliments of Heidi Borchers for [Inspired at Home](#).



### Materials:

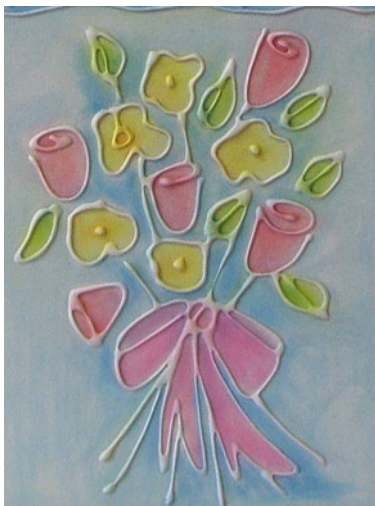
- Album (wood or heavy pressboard cover)
- Pencil
- Aleene's® Super Thick Tacky Glue™
- Scotch tape
- Blue low-mask painters tape
- Spray paint – flat white
- Decorator craft chalk - assorted colors
- Brush – hard bristle (stencil type brush works great)
- Paper towels
- Spray fixative for chalks

### Instructions:

1. Lightly draw design onto album cover with pencil.
2. Place a tape nozzle onto the bottle of glue. See [technique](#) for help.
3. Draw with glue along the pencil lines. Let dry completely.

4. Mask off the spiral binding with blue painter's tape and protect any other pages of album with paper towels or paper. Spray paint the entire cover and dried glue with white spray paint. Carefully remove blue tape. Let dry.
5. To color with chalk, rub the brush over the surface of the chalk, then rub onto cover where desired. Continue to add different colors of chalk to the cover until entire design is chalked.
6. Spray entire chalked surface with spray fixative.

Heidi's Designer Tip: To create the effect of shadowing with the chalks, leave some areas with less color while applying more color in other areas and blend with cotton swab.

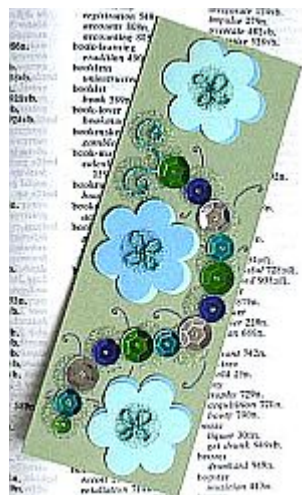




## Bookworm Bookmark

Use cardstock and sequins to design this beautiful bookmark that you can use again and again.

Designed by Amy Law for Kreinik



### Materials:

- 2" x 5.5" sage cardstock, aqua and blue cardstock (Hue Palette Scrap Pack, Paper Reflections)
- Silver, blue, and green sequins (Nicole Spangles)
- Flower Punch (McGill Craftivity P/N 91100)
- Kreinik #12 Braid color 684
- Treasure Tape Dots
- Diamond Beadlets

### Steps:

1. Punch three aqua and three blue flowers from your cardstock. Apply a Tape Dot to the back of each one. Peel the liner off two of the aqua and one of the blue flowers. Stick the aqua flowers on the two remaining blue flowers, slightly off center so the blue shows underneath. Do the same with the remaining aqua and blue flowers, this time with the blue on top.
2. Peel the red liner off the backs of each flower and arrange them on your sage cardstock. (see picture for placement) Place a dot in the center of each flower.
3. Make a line of dots, with each new dot touching the edge of the one before it. The line should wind in between the flowers (see photo). Peel the red liner off each dot and apply sequins to the line, alternating colors and sizes.

4. Place two dots diagonal to the last dot. Peel back the liner on each and make a curlicue on each, as antenna. Peel the liner off your flowers and make little four-loop flower shapes on those dots. Use your liner to press the threads into the tape.
5. Place your design into a shallow tray or in a small ziploc bag. Pour beadlets over the exposed tape areas. Tap to remove excess beadlets.

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