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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

In this eBook, explore a collection of [4th of July crafts](#) created by some of our favorite craft bloggers. You will find 21 different craft projects from 21 different bloggers, including easy craft projects using recycled materials from around the house. Find crochet, knitting and simple sewing crafts for 4th of July. Find patriotic centerpieces, wall décor, table settings and much more!

We love working with craft bloggers at FaveCrafts. Our goal has always been to create and nurture a vibrant and varied community of crafters. In addition to publishing guest craft projects on the main website and on the blog, we now promote creative bloggers in the [Craft Designers](#) area through custom profile pages. You will see many bloggers featured in this eBook in the Craft Designers category.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

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4th of July Wooden Stick Flags

By: Terri O

Looking for 4th of July craft ideas? Turn your leftover crafting sticks into beautiful 4th of July Wooden Stick Flags with instructions from [Terri O](#).



Materials:

- Craft sticks. These are larger in size than Popsicle sticks.
- Blue craft foam
- Acrylic paint in red, white and blue
- Brushes
- Wood stars
- 3/8 round dowels
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun. I used wood glue sticks.
- Tacky glue
- Craft mat or wax paper

Instructions:

1. Paint 4 sticks red and 3 sticks white. Paint front, back and sides. Let dry.
2. Paint stars white. Let dry. Cut dowel in half and paint blue. Let dry.
3. To glue craft sticks together I set two sticks about 4 inches apart horizontally. Starting with the red stick lay it vertically across the two sticks and glue. Alternate with white and red sticks. Before you glue the last stick trim off the ends because the craft stick will be too long.
4. Cut a square from the blue foam. Approximately 3x2 inches. But you may need to eyeball it and trim it.

Felt Star Napkin Rings

By: Kathy Beymer of MerrimentDesign.com

Need a creative, crafty way to hold your napkins and silverware at your 4th of July party? Try these Fourth of July felt and button star napkin rings! They are not only decorative, but they are also patriotic.



Materials:

- Metal star cookie cutters (or freehand)
- Blue felt and Red felt
- Red embroidery floss
- Disappearing ink fabric marking pen
- Rotary fabric cutter (a DIY staple!)
- Clear fabric ruler
- Self-healing mat
- Good fabric scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut blue rings



2. Cut blue strips 6" wide x 1.5" tall using a rotary cutter, clear fabric ruler and rotary mat.



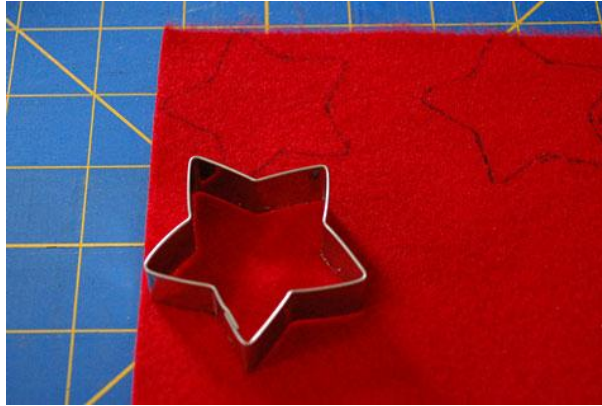
3. Fold each strip in half and cut with a pair of scissors to make two blue rings.

4. Cut ring slits

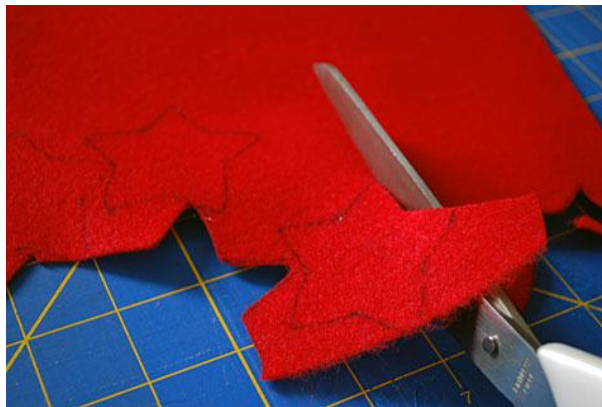


5. Measure 1/2" from the left side and cut a slit halfway through (so your slit will be half of the 1.5" tall). Repeat on the right side, but make sure the slit is opposite like in the photo above.

6. Cut stars



7. Trace your star cookie cutter or freehand your own star shape onto the red felt and cut out. Use disappearing ink pen if you can; I am lazy and used a Sharpie so I just cut inside the lines to make up for it.

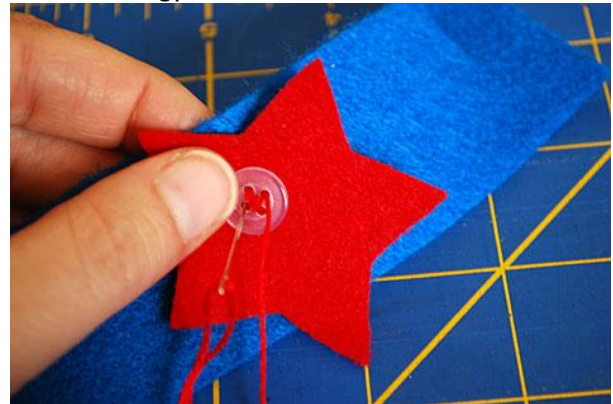


8. Cut one star for each ring.
9. Attach stars to ring with button



10. Place your star in the middle of the blue ring. Place a small button on top. I like making

the buttons and stars off-center because it gives it more energy.



11. Using a needle and red embroidery thread, sew through the button, star and ring to secure. Tie a knot in the back.

12. Place on napkins



13. Roll your silverware in a napkin and secure the tabs to close the ring. I used high-quality paper napkins and plastic silverware for the BBQ, so if you're using fabric or silverware then you may need to make larger rings.



Firecracker Centerpiece

By: Heather of Small Fry and Co.

This 4th of July craft idea is a great way to decorate your picnic table this summer. Your table will be decked out in red, white, and blue with this painted firecracker centerpiece.



Materials:

- Old broom handle
- Power saw or hand saw
- Sandpaper
- Paint--red, white, blue, and yellow
- Brown ink
- Pushpin
- Wire
- Pencil
- Superglue
- Wooden craft stars
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Wooden base

Instructions:

1. Cut old broom handle into sections of varying lengths with your saw.



2. Sand all of your handle sections down if they are rough or have paint on them.
3. Paint handle sections. After they are dry, add a bit of brown ink and smudge it around to make them look a bit antique.



4. Sand them again.



5. Use a push pin to poke a hole in the top of each firecracker piece.



6. Cut a random length of wire and wrap it around a pencil to curl it. Leave both ends straight to attach to the firecracker and to the star.
7. Use Superglue to attach the wire to broom handle sections. Just put a little dab over the hole you made with your push pin and stick in your wire.



8. Paint wooden craft stars and sand them down.
9. Attach painted stars to the other end of the wire using hot glue.
10. Attach the firecrackers to the wooden base with hot glue.



Fourth of July Chalkboard Label

By: Lindsay of Living with Lindsay

Use these patriotic chalkboard labels to identify the different dishes at a Fourth of July spread. These lovely mini-chalkboards are easy to paint and can be used again and again. You can also use as place cards at a sit down meal on the Fourth of July.



Materials:

- 4x6 picture frame(s)
- 220 grit sandpaper
- Chalkboard spray paint
- White spray paint
- Acrylic paint in red, white, and blue
- Three one-inch foam brushes
- Scotch 'Delicate' Painters Tape
- Ruler
- White chalk

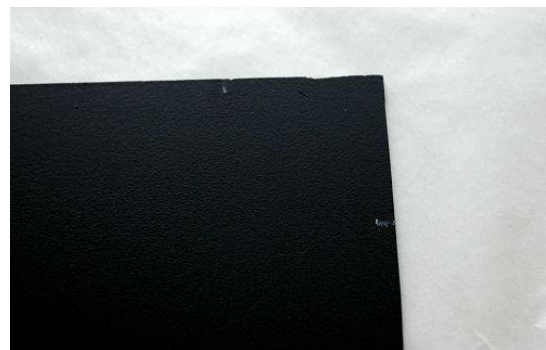
Instructions:

Take apart your frames and lightly sand the glass with your sandpaper. You want to just rough up the surface enough to remove the gloss. You only need to sand one side of the glass. In a well-ventilated area, spray the sanded side of the glass pieces with the chalkboard paint. Apply three light coats, allowing each coat to dry for about 15 minutes before applying the next. While the glass is drying, spray the frames with the white paint. Allow the frames and glass to dry completely

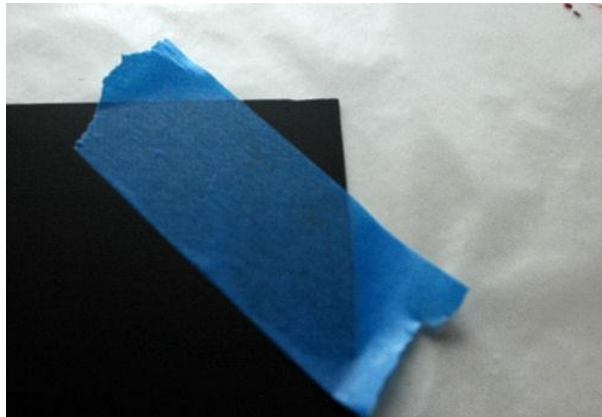
(about an hour) before handling them.



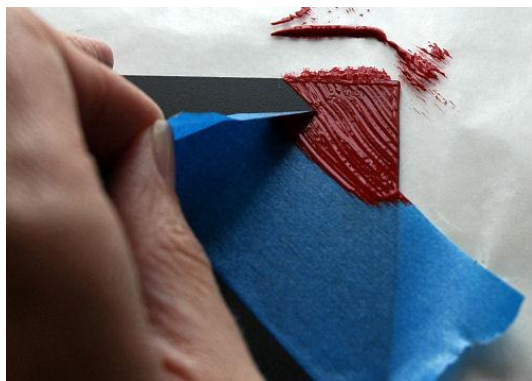
Using your ruler and either a pencil or piece of chalk, mark a dash one inch across and one inch down from the upper right corner of each piece of chalkboard.



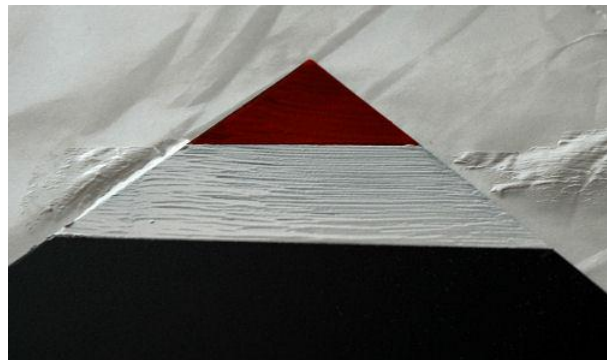
With a piece of delicate painters tape (otherwise, you may peel off the recent paint, which will make you cry trust me), mark off the diagonal between the two dashes. Make sure you press the tape edge down firmly so that paint will not seep underneath it.



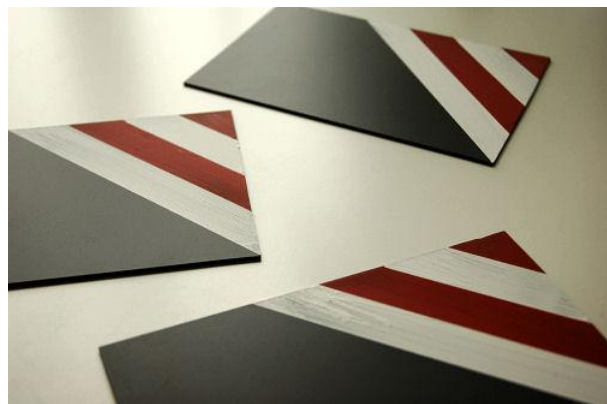
With your red acrylic paint and a foam brush, paint the marked off corner of the chalkboard. I applied a thick coat of paint and then immediately and gently removed the tape. Any brush marks in the paint will mostly fade, and those that are left will add character to your piece. Isn't it great to add character by being sloppy? Yeah, I think so, too!



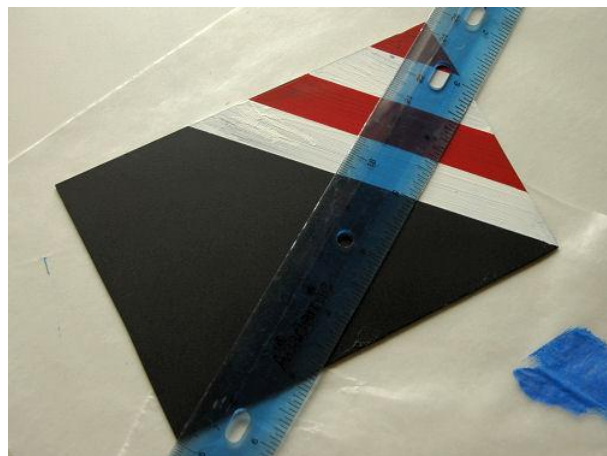
Once the red paint is dry (about an hour), mark off an inch from the red edges and add another diagonal of painters tape. Also line the long red edge with tape to make a clean edge. Paint the marked off space white and gently remove the tape while the paint is still wet.



Repeat the process making another one inch stripe of red and another stripe of white.



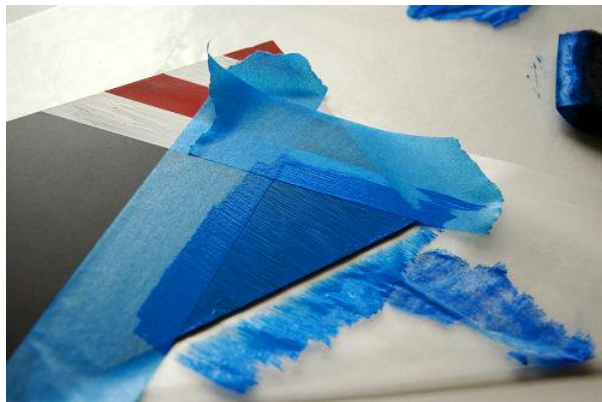
After your red and white stripes are dry, create a diagonal line from the upper right corner to the lower left corner of your chalkboard frame with your ruler. Mark a dash where the lower side of the ruler crosses with the lower white painted line.



Next, tape a line from the dash down to the lower left corner of the chalkboard. Also, tape off the lower edge of the last white stripe to make a clean edge. You'll make a little triangle.



Paint the bottom area blue and carefully remove the tape while the paint is still wet.



Once the blue paint is dry, add the chalkboard and frame backing to the white frames. You can use chalk to write on the black portion of the chalkboard. When you are ready to erase the writing, simply use a wet cloth to wipe it away. Be careful not to write on the areas painted with acrylic paint; it's difficult to remove the chalk without damaging the stripes.



Use your frames to label items on your Independence Day spread. Sit back and enjoy the day with your friends and loved ones!



Grand Old Flag

By: Becca Rowberry of Naptime Journal

Whenever the July 4th holiday comes around, the words to this song always comes to my mind.



You're a Grand Old Flag by George M. Cohan
You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true
'neath the Red, White and Blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag

So with that in mind I decided to make myself a Grand Old Flag to display in my home. And not just for the holidays but always.

Materials:

- Styrofoam block (at least 10" x 10")
- 2" x 2" fabric squares (red, white and blue)
- glue
- pencil
- ribbon

Take your foam and cut it to the desired size that you want. For mine, I wanted 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes. Measure out how wide each stripe needs to be to make sure they are even. I cut my foam to be 12" X 10".

Cut your fabric into 2" x 2" squares. You'll need less of the blue and more of the red and white fabric (the amount depends on how close you put the squares together, I had plenty with 5/8 of a yard of each).



Next, I placed my foam on a towel to help keep it from slipping.



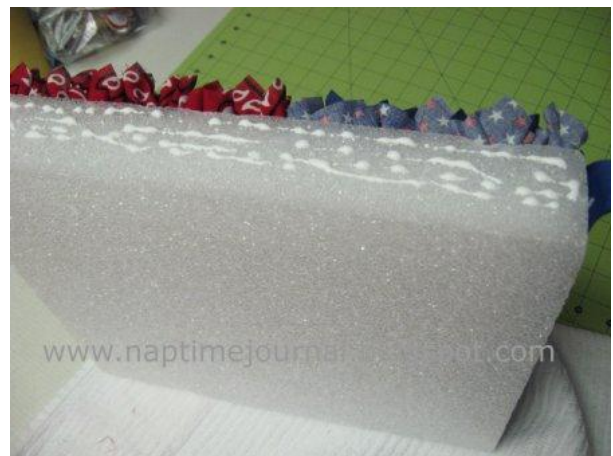
Now it's time to glue the fabric to the foam. Wrap the fabric around the tip of your pencil, dip it in the glue and then stab it into the foam. Don't go too deep but enough that it will stick in place.



Continue doing that until the whole flag is complete.



To finish off the sides of the flag I decided to wrap ribbon around it. I glued it in place as I wrapped around it.



There you have it, a grand old flag that is happy and ready to be put on display!!

Independence Day Crochet Kitty

By: Armina Parnagian, Crafts by AP

Make a 4th of July, Independence Day kitty with this amigurumi crochet pattern designed by [Armina Parnagian](#). Decorate for 4th of July with this crochet kitty or give as a hostess gift.



Materials:

- Size US-F/3.75mm Crochet Hook
- Lion Brand Pound of Love - White
- Caron Simply Soft – Red
- Caron Simply Soft – Berry Blue
- Pink & Black embroidery floss
- Polyester Fiberfill
- 2 - 9mm Safety Eyes
- Blunt darning needle
- Toothpick Flag
- 3/4" Tinsel Pompoms – 1 Each Red, White & Blue
- Aleene's Tacky Glue

Abbreviations:

SC = Single Crochet

HDC = Half Double Crochet

Ch = Chain

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Beg = Beginning Sts = Stitches

2tog = Crochet 2 stitches together (decrease)

* = Repeat stitches from * to end of *

2nd = Second

Notes:

This pattern is worked in continuous rounds; do not join and do not turn unless specified. Use stitch marker to indicate beginning of rounds.

May not be safe for small children.

Toothpick flags and tinsel pompoms are available at Michaels Arts & Crafts and Joann's.

Head:

With White Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc = 10 sc

Rnd 3: *Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Rnd 6: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 30 sc

Rnds 7-12: Sc in each sc around

Rnd 13: *Sc in next 4 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Rnd 14: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 15: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Fasten off, leaving a very long tail. You will use this piece of yarn to sew the head on to the body. Position and insert safety eyes. Stuff head firmly. Do not sew opening closed.

Body:

With Red Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc = 10 sc

Rnd 3: *Sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 4: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 5: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc*, repeat from * around = 25 sc

Join White Yarn

Rnds 6-10: Sc in each sc around

Join Blue Yarn

Rnd 11: *Sc in next 3 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 20 sc

Rnd 12: *Sc in next 2 sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 15 sc

Rnd 13: *Sc in next sc, sc 2tog*, repeat from * around = 10 sc

Fasten off; leaving a tail long enough for sewing. Stuff body firmly. Sew opening closed; weave in yarn.

Arms: (Make 2)

With White Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2-9: Sc in ea sc around

Fasten off, leave a tail long enough for sewing.

Do not stuff arms.

Legs: (make 2)

With White Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2-5: Sc in ea sc around

Fasten off, leave a tail long enough for sewing.

Do not stuff legs.

Ears: (Make 2)

With White Yarn, Ch 2

Rnd 1: Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 5 sc

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in each sc = 10 sc

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around

Fasten off, leave a tail long enough for sewing..

Do not stuff.

Bow:

With Red Yarn, Ch 6

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, ch 1, turn

Row 2-5: Sc across, ch 1, turn.

Fasten off, leave long tail for sewing.

To Form Bow:

1. Weave in short piece of yarn (where ch was started) to center;
2. Weave in long tail to center;
3. Pinch center and wrap long tail around several 5 times;
4. Thread through blunt needle and secure by running under the wrapped part, bringing it out; secure firmly.

To Assemble:

1. Attach head to body.
2. Attach arms, just below head.
3. Attach legs.
4. Attach bow to one ear.
5. Using black embroidery floss; sew whiskers.
6. Using pink embroidery floss, sew nose.
7. Glue the tinsel pompoms on the other ear – red, white & blue.
8. Place toothpick flag in hand – secure flag with a drop of glue.
9. Allow glue to dry.
10. Weave in all excess yarn.

Your Amigurumi Independence Day Kitty is Done! Doll measures 4"

Happy Crocheting!





July 4th Candleholders

By: Heidi Borchers of *Inspired at Home*

Stacked clay pots painted in stars and stripes become patriotic candleholders. These are a great addition to your July 4th centerpieces.



Materials:

- Aleene's® Super Thick Tacky Glue™
- Clay pots: 2 (1-3/4" diameter), 6 (2-1/4" diameter), 3 (3-1/4" diameter)
- 2 (4" diameter) clay pot saucers
- Acrylic paint – red, navy blue, white
- Paintbrushes: sponge, ¼" flat shader, fine-tip
- Pop-up craft sponge
- Fun Foam scrap
- Pencil with eraser
- Waxed paper
- Toothpick (optional)
- [Pattern](#)

Instructions:

For small candleholder: paint bottom of 1 (2-1/4") pot red and rim with navy blue. Paint rim of 1 (3-1/4") pot navy blue.

For medium candleholder, paint 1 (1-3/4") pot and 3 (2-1/4") pots white.

For large candleholder, paint bottom of remaining 1-3/4" pot white and rim navy blue. Paint bottom of each remaining 2-1/4" pot red. Paint bottom of each remaining 3-1/4" pot navy blue and rim of each red. Paint bottom of each saucer red, leaving rim unpainted, and inside of 1 saucer white. Let dry.

For each candleholder, transfer patterns to pop-up craft sponge and cut 1 of each design except small star. Dip each sponge into water to expand and wring out excess water. Transfer small star pattern to Fun Foam scrap and cut out. Glue small star to pencil eraser to make stamp. Let dry.

Pour separate small puddles of paint onto waxed paper. Dip 1 sponge into desired color of paint and "tap, tap, tap" your sponge beside paint puddle on waxed paper. This helps to distribute the paint and saturate the sponge. But don't over-saturate the sponge – it doesn't take much paint to stamp these designs! Using photo as guide, determine pattern and press sponge onto first pot where desired. Repeat to create design. Let dry. To change colors, wash sponge thoroughly and wring out excess water completely. Dip into next paint color and repeat. To stamp paint small stars, brush paint onto foam

stamp and press onto pot. Repeat to create design. Let dry. To paint small dots, dip toothpick or end of paintbrush into desired color of paint and dot on pot. Let dry. Use fine-tip brush to paint wavy lines. Let dry.

To assemble small candleholder: glue bottom of blue-rimmed 2-1/4" pot to bottom of blue-rimmed 3-1/4" pot.

To assemble medium candleholder: glue 2 white 2-1/4" pots together around rim and then glue bottom of remaining white 2-1/4" pot to 1 end of joined pots. Glue bottom of white 1-3/4" pot to opposite end of joined pots.

To assemble large candleholder, glue blue and red 3-1/4" pots together around rim. Glue bottom of 1 saucer to each end of joined pots. Glue red 2-1/4" pots together around rim. With white saucer up, center and glue 1 end of joined pots on saucer. Glue bottom of remaining 1-3/4" pot to free end of joined 2-1/4" pots. Let dry.

Heidi's Designer Tip: Be sure you use plenty of glue to secure these candlesticks together and let your glue dry completely. If you can't find clay pots in the exact sizes I have used, have fun mixing and matching your own sizes and shapes!



July 4th Clay Pot Bell

By: Vicki O'Dell

Turn an ordinary clay pot into a July 4th clay pot bell with some paint and patriotic stars. This 4th of July craft idea by [Vicki O'Dell](#) is a great way to decorate your home this 4th of July.



Materials:

- 3 1/2" clay pot
- Acrylic Paints: Moroccan red, Blue Velvet, White, Burnt Sienna
- Rusty Stars
- 40mm Rusty Jingle Bell
- 30' Rusty Wire
- Crop-a-dile



Instructions:

1. Paint the rim of the pot with Blue Velvet, let dry. Paint the bottom of the pot with Moroccan red, let dry. (I'm an impatient person so I use a heat gun to speed the drying process!) Splatter the whole pot with white paint. NOTE: To splatter paint load a stiff brush with paint and with the end of another brush or a craft stick quickly flick the end of the loaded brush causing paint to splatter onto the pot surface. Remember to splatter AWAY from yourself! :)
2. After the splattered paint dries, use a damp sponge and Burnt Sienna and give the whole pot a "wash" of Burnt Sienna. Wipe off any excess. You don't want the wash to be too dark. This helps age it and make it look more primitive.
3. Cut a 3' length of rusty wire and put a rusty jingle bell in the center. I used the barrel of my heat gun as a form to make a large wire loop. This gives the jingle bell plenty of movement but the big loop also keeps it from pulling up next to the pot where it won't make any noise at all. Give the wire a few twists as shown to hold it in place and then thread the wire up through the hole in the pot.
4. Use the crop-a-dile to put holes in the rusty tin stars. It takes quite a bit of muscle but it does work!

July 4th Party Poppers

By: Little Birdie Secrets

Make your own party poppers filled with of candy or other prizes for a 4th of July party. Follow the instructions by [Little Birdie Secrets](#) to create patriotic party poppers filled with your favorite things.



Materials:

- Toilet paper/paper towel roll
- Cracker Snaps--I bought mine at my local Packaging Specialties store.
- Tissue paper
- Ribbon
- Cardstock
- Tape or glue
- Goodies to go inside the tube (candy, money, small toys, etc.)

Instructions:

Fill your tube with all the goodies. You can choose to put a small piece of tape over the openings to prevent them from falling out. I didn't, but then I had to be really careful when finishing the party poppers.



Cut your tissue paper to your desired size.



Wrap the roll in tissue paper. Place the cracker snap on the outside of the roll after you wrap it in tissue paper. After some experimenting I found that the cracker snaps better if it is between the tissue paper and your card stock.



Cut your card stock to your desired length and attach to the outside of your roll. Glue or tape shut so it stays on.



Tie the ends of your roll off with coordinating ribbon. I used pinking shears to finish off my tissue paper edges, but this is not necessary.



Throw a fun party so you can use them! Get creative. This would be such a fun way to tell others you are getting married or you are expecting. I stuffed mine with dollar bills. My oldest daughter would like this much more than little toys or candy (meee too!).

July 4th Utensil Bundles

By: Molly Kozera of A Bit O'Shine

For a cute, patriotic touch to a July 4th picnic, barbecue or party at your home, put together these utensil bundles designed by [Molly Kozera](#).



Materials:

- thin weight paper
- scissors
- glue
- green covered floral wire

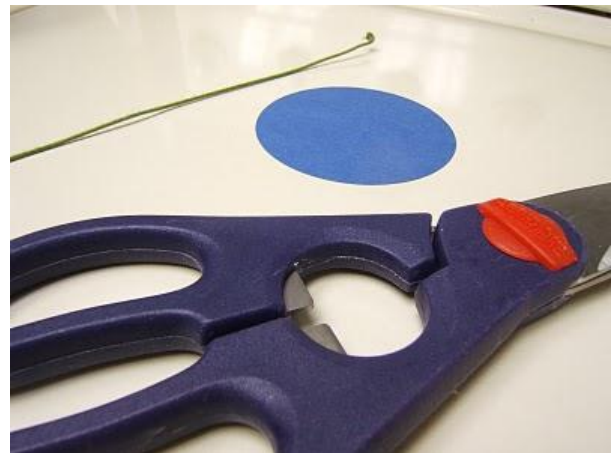
Optional but recommended materials:

- sewing pin
- circle punch

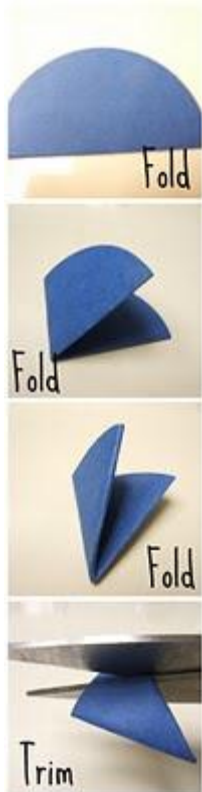
You can start with colored paper but make sure it is a thin weight paper as you'll be folding it several times and the thicker it is, the more difficult it will be to fold. If you don't have colored paper available computer printer paper works just great. ***If using printer paper: Do not use a circle punch, the paper is too thin and it will likely tear instead. Use a biscuit or cookie cutter, jar lid, compass, etc. to trace your circles and cut them by hand. When you've gone through the steps listed below you can then color your plain paper by making a wash (paint and water mixture) to color your flowers.***

Instructions:

Cut floral wire in half and dab some glue on each end to keep the covering from fraying loose when you try to work with it. When that is dry curl one end in on itself to create the flower center. While the glue is drying, cut or punch your circles.



Fold your circle in half, then in half again, then in half again - it should form a tiny cone shape (see below).

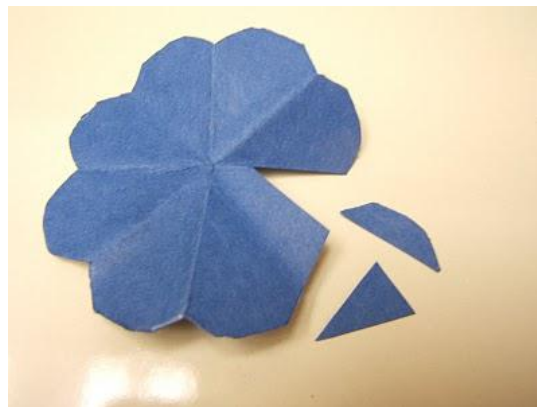


Trim the wide end to a rounded edge - this will form the "petals" when you unfold it.



Cut down one of the fold lines - it doesn't

matter which - then trim the top and side off the "petal" to give yourself a little flap.



Dab glue on your newly made flap and bring your sides together, putting the flap behind the whole petal. This adds dimension to your flower. Let glue dry.



When your glue has dried, use a sewing pin to make a hole in the center of the flower - this

will make it easier to push your floral wire through.



Now gather your utensils inside a paper napkin and use the floral wire to bind them together creating a napkin ring/bundle all in one!



Enjoy your Independence Day!



Paper Star Fourth of July Centerpieces

By: Rachel Theall of Happay Scraps

Make your own pretty and patriotic fourth of July centerpieces featuring perfect paper stars. Follow this step-by-step tutorial to create your own 2-sided fourth of July centerpieces.



Materials:

- 2 Sheets of red and white striped 12x12 scrapbook paper "Wild Love"
- from Paper Trunk Maybe Baby line
- 1 Sheet of 12x12 designer Kraft paper from the Paper Trunk Krafty Collection
- 3 Journal spots from the Paper Trunk Krafty Collection
- 1 set of white "Benny" alphabet stickers from Paper Trunk
- 12 inch long strips of paper from the Paper Trunk Rockabilly Collection Small scallop border Fiskars punch
- 6 petal flower punch
- Tattered Angels Glimmer mists, blue and red
- Colorbox blue pigment ink
- Black Soot Distress Ink by Ranger
- Recycled craft sticks from rub-on packages
- Wide ribbon
- Hot glue gun
- Scrapbooking adhesive
- Recycled cappuccino can
- Red, white, and blue plastic bags

Instructions:

Follow the [instructions here](#) for making a 5 point star using a 12x12 inch piece of paper and one cut. Use the star pattern to cut a star from the red and white striped paper and the sheet of kraft paper. Fold the red and white striped stars in half at each of the points. From the center point of the star, each arm of the star will be folded so that the fold is up. The part of each fold that does not go out to the arm of the

star is folded so that the crease goes down. When finished, the stars will look like barn stars. With the star folded flat cut about 1 inch off the peak in the center part of the star so that you have a star shaped hole in the middle of the star when it is unfolded.

One of the red and white striped stars will go on each side of the Kraft paper. Glue the tip of each star arm to the tip of the Kraft paper star arms using a hot glue gun or quick drying adhesive. Cut two journal spots from the Kraft paper. Punch a scalloped border from the Paper Trunk Rockabilly paper.

Cut 3/4 of the way through the paper from the straight edge toward the top of each of the scallops. Overlap each of the cuts so that a circular shape can be made out of the strip of paper. Glue the scalloped strip to the back of the circular journal spot. Ink the edges of the scalloped border with blue ink. Make two paper roses using the flower punch (there are quite a few tutorials on this on the Internet).



Spray blue Glimmer Mist on the roses. Glue one rose to the center of each journal spot. Add Happy 4th of July around the edge of the journal spot. To make the "th" on 4th trim down the "t" and "h" letters. Add July 4th around the rose on the second journal spot, also trimming the "t" and "h".

Using a hot glue gun, adhere the journal spots over the star-shaped holes in the center of the striped stars. Add hot glue to the top of a Popsicle stick and glue it to the Kraft star by sticking it underneath the red and white striped star. Do this on both sides of the Kraft star. Glue two additional sticks to the bottom of the first sticks so that the support for the star is three sticks long. Tie 2 bows from the wide ribbon and glue to each side of the Popsicle sticks.

Cut a strip of Rockabilly paper wide enough to cover an empty cappuccino can. On the black and white side of the paper, spray red Glimmer Mist along one of the long edges and blue glimmer mist along the other long edge. Glue the red, white, and blue strip of Rockabilly paper to the can.

Cut a third journal spot from the Krafty Collection paper. Cut out a star shape from a piece of scrap paper to create a mask. You do not need the star shape, you need the star-shaped hole in the piece of paper. Place the mask on the journal spot and spray red Glimmer Mist on the bottom of the star and blue Glimmer Mist on the top of the star.

Spell out the word "celebrate" in Benny Alphabet stickers. Glue the journal spot to the can to cover the gap between the ends of the paper or the seam where the ends came together. Stuff the can with red, white, and blue plastic bags. Place the star in the can and put your new centerpiece on display!



Patriotic Crochet Bow Tie

By: Emi Harrington

Use this free 4th of July crochet pattern from [Emi Harrington](#) to make an adorable patriotic bow tie. It can fit anyone from a newborn baby to an adult. Show your patriotic side and crochet this pattern today.



Materials:

- Knitting worsted yarn, 10 to 15 yards of each color, depending on the size being made
- Crochet hook, size 5.5mm (US I-9)
- Elastic
- Needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS:

NEWBORN: With red yarn.

Chain 14, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for 2 more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 5, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 2 inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED



3 TO 6 MONTHS: Follow instructions for Newborn.

6 to 12 MONTHS: Follow instructions for Newborn.

1 to 3 Years: With red yarn.

Chain 15, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for 2 more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 5, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 2 inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED

3 to 5 Years: With red yarn.

Chain 17, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for one more row. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for 2 more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 6, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 2 inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED

5 to 12 years: With red yarn.

Chain 18, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for two more rows. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for two more rows. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for 3 more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 6, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 2 ½ inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED

12 to 16 YEARS: With red yarn.

Chain 19, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for two more rows. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for two more rows. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for 3 more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 7, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 2 ½ inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED

ADULT : With red yarn.

Chain 20, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * for three more rows. Fasten off.

Attach white yarn, chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for three more rows. Fasten off.

Attach blue yarn, *chain 1, single crochet in each stitch across the row. Repeat from * for four more rows, and fasten off.

Make the band: Chain 8, single crochet in the 2nd stitch from the hook, and in each stitch of the chain.

*Chain 1 and turn, single crochet in each stitch across the row.

Repeat from * until the band is approximately 3 inches long.

Wrap the band around the rectangle made for the bow tie, and slip stitch the band closed.

Weave the yarn ends into the finished work.

Pass a length of elastic, long enough to be comfortable around the neck, under the band.

Sew the ends of the elastic together.

Slide the sewn ends under the band, and stitch to hold them in place.

YOUR PATRIOTIC BOW TIE IS FINISHED

Proud to be American Wall Art

By: Terri Sproul

Celebrate the 4th of July with this patriotic wall art craft designed by [Terri Sproul](#). Decorate your home with this attractive 4th of July decoration or give as a hostess gift.



Materials:

- 8 x 10 EcoArt Board from Rubberstamp Concepts
- Red, White and Blue Acrylic Paint
- Wood Star from a craft store
- Heartwarming Vintage Booklets "Seasonal" from Crafty Secrets
- Metal word from Die cuts with a View
- Burnt Sienna Glaze from Golden Paints
- Black Marker - fine point
- Black India Ink
- Stamp: "Freedom is Never Free" from Stampotique

Instructions:

1. Paint Blue square at top left hand corner of 8" x 10" EcoArt Board.
2. Paint Red Strip and White Strips to complete flag design.
3. Paint Wood Star with White Acrylic Paint. After Star's are dry adhere to Blue square of flag. See sample for placement.
4. Cut Vintage Images from "Seasonal" Booklets and adhere to EcoArt Board.
5. Adhere Metal Words to Ecoart Board.
6. Ink "Freedom is Never Free" with Black India Ink and stamp onto one of the White strips of the flag.
7. Using a fine point Black Marker and stickers around of the strips, stars and blue square of the flag.
8. Using a Make up sponge add "Burnt Sienna" Glaze to all image and flag - this will give your piece an aged look.

Star Spangled Banner

By: Chasity Gordon of Belle and Burger

Create a star-spangled banner for quick and easy 4 of July decorating ideas. This 4th of July craft project by [Chasity Gordon](#) requires no sewing! Use fabric scraps for this no-sew craft.



Materials:

- Fabric- 5 white stars with heat and bond attached to the back
- Fabric- 2 @7x9 blue rectangles
- Fabric- 3@ 7x9 red rectangles
- 5 yards of bias tape(whatever you have will work. I had 1/2")
- heat and bond lite
- iron
- chalk

Instructions:

Iron on heat and bond and cut out your pieces. I made paper patterns for all my pieces including a star. I used all scraps for these projects but you could go for a matching coordinated look.



Lay out all your pieces



and arrange them in a most pleasing manner.



Iron on your pieces.



Pink the edges of your flags.



Use your pinking shears to trim up the three sides of your flags (leave the top side unpinked.)



Measure and mark your bias tape. I always eyeball everything first then I go back and measure and even everything out.

Here are measurements I came up with. I start the flags on each side at 10" inside. Then I lay down a flag and measure 8" and repeat till all your flags have a home.



Then iron the flags onto the marked locations. Then you can lay the bias tape flat or fold it over the top edge of your flags. If you want to fold it over I recommend using bias tape with adhesive already attached. or stitching it after you fold.



Attach flags to bias tape. Cut 5 strips of heat and bond 7"x ?" (?= width of bias tape, mine was 1/2") and iron to the front top of each flag.

You can make loops on the ends if you like or just pin through the bias tape.

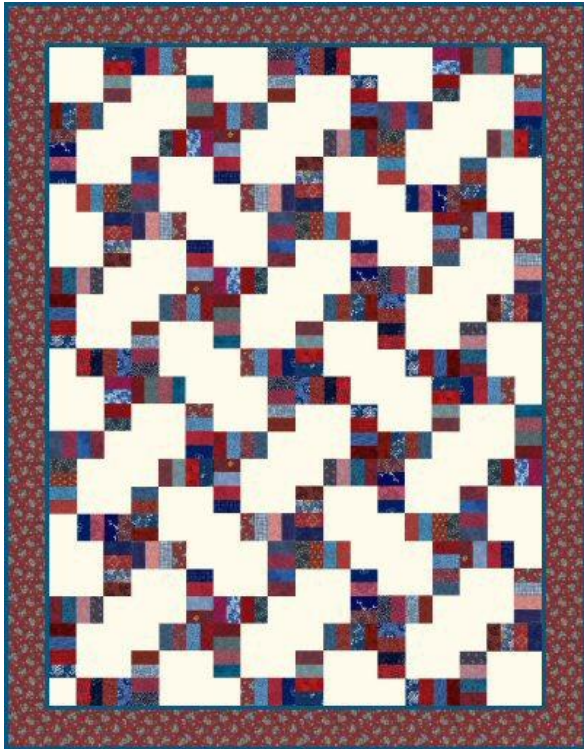


Hang your bunting with handmade pride

4th of July Road Strip Quilt Design

By: Benita Skinner for Victoriana Quilt Designs

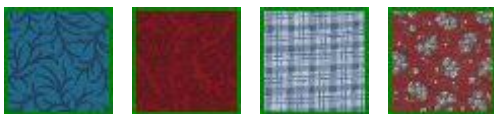
This 4th of July quilt is a great way to learn how to strip quilt. Combine five red, white, and blue fabrics into a patriotic quilt from Benita Skinner of [Victoriana Quilt Designs](http://VictorianaQuiltDesigns.com).



Finished Block Size: 6" x 6"



Fabrics:



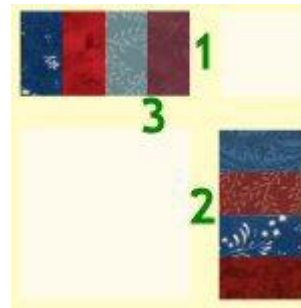
A: Assorted blue and red fabrics: Cut a total of eight 1½" x 3" strips per block



B: Muslin or Solid Fabric: Cut a 2½" square and a 4½" square per block

Instructions:

Rotary cut fabrics A + B for the number of blocks you need. Sew the colored strips together into two sets of four, alternating the colors and the dark to light fabrics. Trim these two units to 2½" x 4½" each. Lay out the block, as illustrated.



Sew the units together in numerical order, matching the seams. Sew four block together in the following arrangement to make larger blocks.

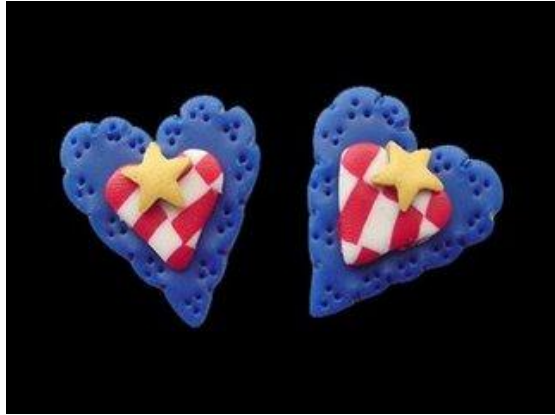


Arrange larger blocks and add borders as desired; quilt below uses 48 6" block (12 larger blocks). Quilt as desired and bind.

American Clay Hearts

By: Marie Segal

Create these lovely red, white and blue clay hearts for jewelry or home accents on the 4th of July. You might recognize the hearts from [Marie Segal's Valentine's Day project](#).



Materials:

- Cernit Clay
- Opaque White- 029
- Christmas Red- 036
- Blue- 017
- Gold- 122
- Makin's Clay Heart set- 35011
- Needle tool- RNT or ABUG
- 5/16" star cutter
- Clay Blade- AKTBLA
- Clay Machine- 35054
- Eye hooks
- 10 mm posts and backs
- Cyanoacrylate glue

Instructions:

Condition and roll out on the thickest setting in the clay machine a 1" ball of opaque white clay. Condition and roll out on the thickest setting in the clay machine a 1" ball of red clay. Cut the white clay so you have a strip that is 1" x 2" long. Cut a strip of red the same size as the white. Lay the red clay on top of the white clay so the edges line up.



Cut 4- 1/8" slices of the stacked colors; stack one on top of the other. Or... you can cut 1/8" slice and drag the blade towards yourself to attach the slice to the blade and place the slice and the blade a top the stack to measure and cut the next slice.



Keep cutting and bringing towards yourself to stick the slices to the blade until you have 4 sets.



Make two of those 4 slice stacks, turn one around horizontally 180 degrees and stack one on top of the other.



Cut the stack in half.



Rotate one of the slabs horizontally 180 degrees and stack on top of the other. Line up the lines so everything matches and then compact the cane to attach all of the slices. One at a time press on the lined side and then rotate stack $\frac{1}{4}$ turn and press that lined side, keep rotating and pressing all 4 lined sides to compact all of the squares together. Do not press to change the size, just to compact.



Slice off a $\frac{1}{8}$ " slice of the checkerboard cane and roll through the clay machine on the thickest setting. Rotate the slice $\frac{1}{4}$ turn and turn down the setting on the clay machine to the 2nd thickest setting and roll the slice through

again. Roll the slice through the clay machine on the 3rd thickest setting the same direction as the step above without rotating the slice.



Condition and roll out blue clay in the clay machine on the thickest setting. Cut out 2 hearts using the medium cutter from the heart set. Cut out 2 of the small hearts out of the checkerboard pattern and place on top of the blue cut out hearts. Press these gently in to place without smashing.



Follow steps [4 and 5 in the valentine sweethearts](#) instructions to add the marks and make the dots around the outside of the Blue heart. Condition and roll out some gold clay on the 5th thickest setting in the clay machine and cut out a gold star with the $\frac{5}{16}$ " cutter and place it in the middle of the small heart at the top. Press gently in to place and do the same steps to the other blue heart. Refer to finished hearts on at the top of the page for placement.

Bake according to steps 9 and 10 in the [valentine sweethearts instructions](#). To make earrings, glue on earring backs and let dry completely!

American Flag Loom Knit Hat: Version 2

By: Michael Sellick

Make a patriotic American flag hat with this loom knitting from [Michael Sellick](#). Version 2 is done in vertical stripes, rather than horizontal stripes. For video tutorials for this pattern, [click here](#).



Materials:

- Standard Round Loom 31 Peg Loom - Most Good Crafting Stores and Huge Retailers will have these looms. They are usually provided in a standard package of 4 Size Looms.
- 3 Colours of Yarn. Red, White, and Blue. Ensure each colour is in the same family of brightness and colour tones. Yarn used was Bernat 4 Ply Worsted.

Tip: Due to the gauge (space between pegs). You need to wrap each row twice. You can either wrap two same colour yarns together at one time, or simple double wrap (going around the loom twice for each row). 1 Wrap or 1 String will produce poor results and a very loose look that is sloppy looking. We are going to use the TWISTED KNIT STITCH during this entire project. Numbers in front of each description represents rows. I divide the project into two. You are creating the brim in part 1, then body in part 2.

Starting With The Brim Creation

1. Cast On Using BLUE Yarn Only. E-WRAP every peg and circle the loom twice to complete 1 row of work, the KNIT. This doubles up the yarn producing store quality looks and texture.
2. BLUE ONLY, WRAP TWICE, then Knit.
3. Repeat
4. Repeat
5. Repeat
6. Repeat
7. Repeat
8. Repeat
9. Repeat - TIE OFF BLUE on the last peg.
10. Tie On RED & White to the starting peg of the round. E-Wrap entire loom ONLY ONCE. Then look at project, follow knitting line down from the peg, fold up and place the very bottom of the corresponding section onto the peg. At this time you will have 2 strings from the BLUE on the peg, 2 Strings of Red & White, and then 2 Blue strings from the bottom of the work due to the folding up. KNIT over the peg sending the RED & WHITE YARN OVER FIRST, FOLLOWED BY the

two bottom BLUE YARN SECOND. This will leave on the pegs the bottom sections that were placed onto the peg. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GO IN THE ORDER AS MENTIONED... if you change up the order, the brim seam will look different for each knitted peg.

The Body of The Hat

1. Using WHITE, E-WRAP TWICE starting at the first peg. JUMPING OVER OTHER PEG! SECURE THE LAST PEG by knitting it...but don't knit anything else yet. E-WRAP TWICE using RED, FILLING IN ALL THE PEGS YOU left blank. This will cause two white stripes to be in a row at the back of the hat. Due to the odd number of pegs on the loom, you have no choice but do this this. Secure the final peg of the Maroon. NOW KNIT ENTIRE LOOM.
2. repeat (just a note, the stripes are vertical to each other... so where there's a peg with white on it, the next time you circle over the loom, the colours of what you are wrapping should be the same as the new line. So if you wrapped a maroon string around a peg with white string, you know you have done it wrong.
3. repeat
4. repeat
5. repeat
6. repeat
7. repeat
8. repeat
9. repeat
10. repeat
11. repeat
12. repeat
13. Cast Off Using Sewing Needle picking up each loop sliding the needle from the bottom of the peg up under the loop and sliding loop onto the string. Picking up all the loops as you go. Once all loops are picked up, loom will come free of project. pull string tight which causes the top of the hat to form. Sew shut with 3 really tight loops over the top of the hat... then slide needle through the top of the project. Turn hat inside out and tie string off.

Patriotic Cloth Napkins

By: June Scroggin of Junie Moon, junie-moon.blogspot.com

Watching fireworks on the Fourth of July is a national pastime. My husband and I have a favorite viewpoint to watch each year where we enjoy a picnic supper along with the fireworks show. I'm sure many FaveCrafts readers do pretty much the same. To augment our country's birthday celebrations, make a set of 8 easy patriotic cloth napkins to use when picnicking with friends. The napkins prove useful for other national holidays as well, such as Memorial Day.



Materials:

- 1½ yards fabric in a patriotic print (you need less fabric for fewer napkins)
- 4 packages of red (or dark blue) double-fold binding/bias tape
- Thread to match
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pins
- Sewing needle
- Sewing machine

Instructions:

1. Wash, dry, and iron your fabric before starting your project.
2. Cut out 8 10-inch-square pieces (they don't have to be huge, they're for packing in your picnic basket).
3. Zig-zag or stay-stitch around edges to prevent fraying (optional but recommended).
4. There are varying ways to sew on binding tape, here are just a couple to consider:

(A) One is to simply sew by hand. To do this, fold the binding around the napkin perimeter, cutting it off 1-inch past your beginning point. Pin in place, folding the short edge of the end piece under ¼ of an inch (run your fingernail over it to crease it into place) and position it to overlap your starting section. Pin in place and slip-stitch around the napkin on both sides.

(B) Alternatively, sew the binding on with a sewing machine. Follow the same instructions as described above and sew close to the inner edge (closest to the napkin main section), making sure to catch the binding on the other side.
5. After sewing, press your napkins, pack them in your picnic basket, and have a happy Fourth of July.

Patriotic Star Pinwheel

By: Sheila of Cheeky Magpie

Create a star pinwheel with patriotic paper for a fun 4th of July craft project. Stick into your garden or planter for outdoor decoration this holiday.



Materials:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Adhesive
- 2 buttons
- 3" thin wire
- Large plastic bead
- Stick
- Tape
- Ribbon (optional)
- Shape for decoration (optional)
- Brad (optional)
- [Pinwheel Template](#)

Step 1:

Cut your star following the template. Make sure you leave the dashed lines uncut. These will become the blades of the star. Punch or cut a small hole in the center of the star. Place adhesive around the center hole. Loop the blades into the center and stick down.



Step 2:

Poke hole in middle of paper circle and use adhesive to apply it to center of star. This helps to hold all of the blades in place.

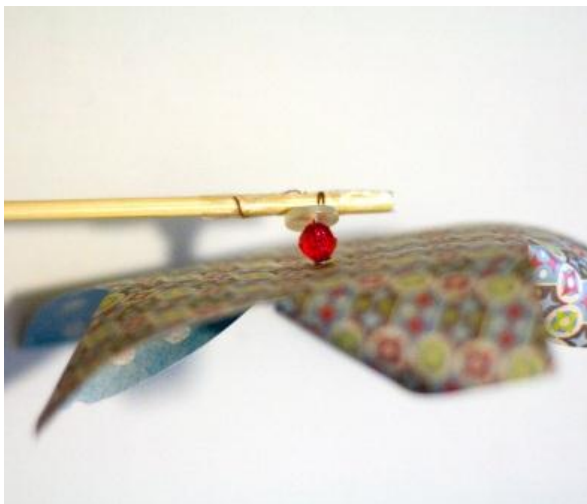


**Step 3:**

Thread wire through button and then place on top of hole in center of the star. The wire will be what allows the star to spin.

**Step 4:**

On the back of the star, thread the bead on the wire and then add the second button. The bead keeps a space between the stick and the star allowing it to move freely. Twist wire to keep button/bead in place. Then wrap wire around the stick and tape down ends.



At this point, you are done but may want to decorate with ribbon or trim and a shape for the center of the star. I used a small chipboard star for mine. It's not only a toy, but doubles as decor. Mine is being stored in a planter next to some flowers. I spins gently with the breeze. Very nice!

Picnic Helpers Tutorial

By: Rachel Griffith of P.S. I Quilt

Rachel Griffith of P.S. I Quilt is here to make your picnic or barbecue a little easier with this great craft project using empty aluminum cans. These picnic helpers are perfect for outdoor cooking!



You will need to pick your fabrics.



Materials:

- assorted fabrics in assorted sizes
- assorted empty aluminum cans {that have been de-labeled and washed.}
- elmer's glue all multi-purpose glue
- craft foam brush
- scissors
- bowl
- wet wash cloth

Take your first can and brush on some of your glue. Make sure you smooth it out.



Take your first piece of fabric and apply it to your can, folding over into the inside. Make sure that you smooth out the fabric as you go.



You keep overlapping your pieces like so until your top is covered.



You are going start with your next row.



Keep going until your entire can is covered,

making sure there aren't any air pockets.



When you reach the bottom, you'll have overlapping fabric, just like you did at the beginning. Just brush on a nice coat of glue and start pressing the fabric down.



It's okay to be liberal with your glue here. Just work your glue into all those nooks & crannies.



You are going want to brush a thin layer of glue over the entire fabric covered can.



Take your wet wash cloth and gently pat the fabric so that you don't see goops of glue.



Now make 2 more...you know you want to!!!
And that little whole cloth one...be still my heart.



Now just let them dry in the sun for about 20 minutes.



Look here, no more flying napkins...your forks readily available...and you can throw that empty bun bag right in the empty can until it's time for clean up. Did i mention these make great hostess gifts for all those bbq's & picnics you're invited to this summer???

Independence Day Scrapbook Layout

By: Einat Kessler

Preserve your favorite Independence Day memories with this 4th of July scrapbook layout. Give blank layouts as party favors to those who attend a 4th of July party at your home.



Materials:

- *Paper:* KI Memories – Glitter stars lace cardstock
Fancy Pants – My Family – Cards, Sister, Mother
American Crafts – Cardstock – blue, red
 - *Letters:* American Crafts (white, blue), Miss Elizabeth's (red), Sassafras (red), memory makers (small white).
 - *Chipboard:* Basic grey – Monograms
 - *Ink*
 - *Stickles* by Ranger
 - *String*
 - *Black pen*
 - *Colored pencils:* red, white and blue.
- *Glue:* Zip Dry, Glue dots, Pop-Up Glue Dots.
 - *Tooth picks*

Instructions:

1. Use KI Memories lace cardstock to create the layout.
2. Adhere a 4" by 6" photo on the left side of the paper. Create a red mat by adhering a 5" by 7" red cardstock on the back side of the lace paper, so the red color will show through.
3. Cut two strips of patterned paper and create pleats by folding them. Glue the strips on the bottom side of the photo.
4. Cut different sizes of stars from patterned paper and add them to the layout.
5. Create a weather vane: cut a 2" by 2" square. Cut the square diagonally from all four corners towards the center. Make sure not to cut all the way to the center. After cutting you have four triangles upside down. Fold the right corner of each triangle towards the middle. Attach a brad

to secure. Attach a tooth pick as a pole.

6. Attach another tooth pick to a US flag. If you don't have a sticker or a cut out of the flag you can find an image on-line (use a free clipart website only!).
7. Attach the weather vane and the flag to the layout.
8. Create a banner of triangle flags: cut 8 diamond shapes from patterned paper. Fold them in half to create a triangle. Glue the flags to the string. Tie the edges of the string to the cardstock as desired.
9. Create a title: color the "I" monogram with stripes of red and white. Color the dot of the "I" blue and add dots of stickles on it. Glue the monogram to the layout with Pop Up glue dots. Add red, white and blue letters to create your title. To make your title pop even more glue a strip of blue cardstock on the back side of the lace paper. Cut the edges of the blue cardstock to fit the stars edges of the paper.



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