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Letter from the Editors

Hello, Readers!

It's time to head outside for a fun summer picnic! Make your time in the sun even more memorable by creating everything from drink pitchers to snack bags. In addition to taking a DIY approach to your picnic essentials, think outside the box and create games, ice cream cone cozies and snack bags that the whole family will appreciate.

Of course, the most important aspect of any picnic is the food. That's why we've teamed up with our friends at [AllFreeCopycatRecipes](#) to bring you some reader-favorite meal ideas. No need to ask for a box when you leave your favorite restaurant – these recipes are just as good as the originals and you can easily make them at home. Fill up your homemade tote with a few ice packs and your favorite dips, dressings and dishes - a fun afternoon in the sun is just around the corner!

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DIY Picnic Projects

American Picnic Basket

By: [DecoArt](#)

A simple wood picnic basket transforms into a pretty and patriotic carrier with this painting project. This basket is great for bringing snacks to 4th of July fireworks or on a picnic for Memorial Day with friends and family. You can even fill it with food from our recipes in the Best Copycat Recipes for a Picnic section of this eBook. This project is the perfect addition to your crafts to make for the summer. You won't be sad when these cute ants come marching in to join your picnic.



Materials:

- Americana Acrylics
 - DAO1 - Snow (Titanium) White
 - DAO3 - Buttermilk
 - DAO8 - Yellow Ochre
 - DAO11 - Lemon Yellow (transparent)
 - DAO18 - Country Red
 - DAO52 - Avocado
 - DAO56 - Olive Green
 - DAO63 - Burnt Sienna
 - DAO67 - Lamp (Ebony) Black
 - DAO80 - Russet
 - DA140 - Red Violet
 - DA163 - Honey Brown
 - DA166 - Deep Midnight Blue
 - DA215 - Peony Pink
 - DA233 - Wild Orchid
 - DA255 - Bahama Blue
 - DA257 - Bleached Sand
 - DA274 - Carousel Pink
 - DA276 - Razzle Berry
 - DA277 - Spa Blue
- Americana Drying Time Extender
 - DAS1 - Brush 'n Blend Extender
- Americana Spray Sealers
 - DAS13 - Americana Matte Spray
- 1" flat brush
- 12 flat brush
- 6 flat brush
- 10/0 liner
- brush
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- Tracing & transfer paper
- 1" painter's tape
- Vintage picnic basket, stained
- Pattern

Note:

- Allow to dry between steps.

Instructions:

1. Use 1" flat to basecoat left section of basket top Deep Midnight Blue and right side Buttermilk.
2. Use painter's tape to mask off stripes. Paint open areas Country Red. Remove tape.
3. Load 12 flat with Drying Time Extender. Pick up Burnt Sienna on one corner of brush. Shade edges of Buttermilk stripes.
4. Trace and transfer designs
5. Paint stars Yellow Ochre and buttons Country Red.
6. Paint ants, Russet; banner, Bleached Sand; cupcake base, Spa Blue; frosting, Peony Pink; cherry, Country Red; olive, Olive Green; cheese cube, Yellow Ochre; grape, Red Violet; toothpick and small basket, Honey Brown; watermelon slice, Razzle Berry and Olive Green. Paint ant hands and feet assorted colors as desired.
7. For stars/buttons: Use 6 flat brush and Russet to shade inside button recess. Highlight edges with brush mix of Yellow Ochre and Country Red. Add small comma stroke highlights of Snow White. Use brush handle end and Deep Midnight Blue to place two dots in button centers. Use liner brush and Snow White to add thread. Use brush handle end and Lemon Yellow to dot stars. Use liner brush and Deep Midnight Blue to paint stitches.
8. For ants: Use 12 flat brush to highlight ant bodies with Wild Orchid. Use liner brush and Lamp Black to add eyes, mouths, legs and antennae. Add Snow White to eyes. Outline ants with Deep Midnight Blue.
9. For cupcake: Use 12 flat brush to shade under frosting with Bahama Blue. Use liner brush and Bahama Blue to stripe base. Shade frosting with Razzle Berry and highlight with Carousel Pink. Highlight cherry with Peony Pink. Add stroke highlight with Snow White. Use liner brush to paint sprinkles multiple colors. Use liner brush and Deep Midnight Blue to outline and add detail on base.
10. For olive: Shade olive with Avocado. Outline with Deep Midnight Blue.
11. For toothpick: Shade grape with brush mix of Deep Midnight Blue and Red Violet. Add comma highlight with Peony Pink. Outline grape, cheese, and toothpick with Deep Midnight Blue.
12. For basket: Paint fruit with Razzle Berry and Olive Green. Outline and add details with Deep Midnight Blue.
13. For watermelon: Add Snow White stripe; add Deep Midnight Blue seeds and outline.
14. Trace and transfer lettering on banner. Use liner brush and Deep Midnight Blue for lettering. Outline banner and paint posts with liner brush and Lamp Black. Add Bahama Blue flags.

15. Mist lightly with Americana Matte Spray to seal. Repeat, allowing picnic basket to dry between coats.

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[Gingham Salt and Pepper Shakers](#)

By: [Kathy Peterson](#)

Seasonal salt and pepper shakers can be cute, but expensive. For awesome salt and pepper shakers you can make yourself, try making these shakers for patriotic holidays and the fireworks on the 4th of July won't be the only things wowing your dinner guests. This cheap, quick and easy craft will add some festive holiday flair to your table during the hot summer picnic season. Add this idea to your DIY craft projects for the summer.



Materials:

- Basic cylindrical salt and pepper shakers
- Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner
- Blue gingham fabric
- Red grosgrain ribbon
- Color printer and ink
- Plain paper
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Scan gingham fabric using Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner and print image.
2. Cut gingham images to size so that they are as tall as the shakers and wide enough to completely cover the sides.
3. Adhere gingham images to salt and pepper shakers. Don't forget which one is salt and which one is pepper!
4. Adhere a piece of ribbon to each shaker so that it wraps completely around the shaker.
5. Print "salt" and "pepper" on a piece of paper, and then cut out the words in strips long enough to wrap around the shakers.
6. Adhere "salt" and "pepper" strips to the ribbon on the shakers.

[Patriotic Tie Dye Picnic Set](#)

By: [The Designers of I Love to Create](#)

Create a patriotic picnic set in red, white and blue tie-dye. It will be a great addition to a 4th of July cookout. The tie-dye set from I Love to Create includes napkins, tablecloth, cup holders and an ice bucket. Tie-dye this polka-dot set and show your American pride in style. This would also be a fun craft to do with kids.



Materials:

- Tulip® One-Step Dye™
 - Blue
 - Red
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter™
 - 23550 Silver Fine Jewel
 - 23557 Royal Blue Jewel
- Tulip® 3D Fashion Paint
 - 65023 Royal Blue
 - 65089 Silver
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
 - B115784 Glacier White
 - B115790 Crimson Red
 - B115796 Marine Blue
 - B115825 Royal Blue
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter Bond
- Aleene's® Platinum Bond™ 7800 All-Purpose Adhesive
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Low tack masking tape
- Foil
- Ruler
- Bucket
- Plastic trash bags
- Wedge cosmetic sponges
- Foam cup holders, red
- Tablecloth and napkins, 100% cotton, white
- Self-adhesive shelf paper
- Fabric, ½ yard 100% cotton, white
- Cup with 3" round opening
- Iron

Instructions:

1. Prewash tablecloth, napkins and fabric to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener or dryer sheets. Iron to remove wrinkles.
2. Cover work surface with trash bags.
3. Wearing rubber gloves, add water to dye bottles. Replace caps tightly. Shake until dye is dissolved.

Tablecloth

1. Lay tablecloth onto work surface. Fold tablecloth like an accordion. Wrap rubber bands around tablecloth to create 4" sections.
2. Squeeze Red Dye onto every other section.
3. Wash in a large load of water with a small amount of laundry soap. Line dry. Iron.
4. Place cup upside down onto shelf paper. Trace circle around cup, using marker. Trace a lot of circles, leaving at least 3" between them.
5. Cut out around circles, leaving 1 ½" margin. Cut out inside of circles to make a stencil. Remove backing. Apply a random pattern of stencils onto white sections of tablecloth. Refer to photo for placement.
6. Shake bottles of paint well. Squeeze a puddle of Marine Blue onto foil. Tap sponge into paint. Tap excess paint onto foil. Pounce paint into every other circle. Let dry.
7. Squeeze a puddle of Glitter Bond onto foil. Sponge glue into one unpainted circle. Sprinkle Silver Glitter onto half of circle and Blue Glitter onto other half. Repeat procedure for remaining circles. Let dry. Gently shake tablecloth to remove excess glitter.

Napkins

1. Apply a line of masking tape 2" from each edge of napkin.
2. Squeeze a puddle of Crimson Red onto foil. Tap sponge into paint. Tap excess paint onto foil. Pounce paint onto edges of napkin. Let dry. Remove tape.
3. Repeat procedure in Steps 4 and 5 for tablecloth to make and apply circle stencils.
4. Repeat procedure in Step 6 for tablecloth to paint each circle. Let dry.
5. Start flow of 3D paint on foil, using even pressure on bottle for a smooth line. Outline each circle, alternating Silver and Royal Blue. Refer to photo. Let dry.

Cup Holders

1. Apply tape to create a 1" stripe at top of cup holder. Refer to photo.
2. Pounce Royal Blue inside lines of tape, using sponge. Remove tape right away. Do not wait for paint to dry.

3. Draw small circles onto shelf paper. Cut out around circles, leaving 1" margin. Cut out inside of circles to make a stencil. Remove backing. Apply a random pattern of stencils onto cup holder. Refer to photo for placement.
4. Repeat procedure in Step 6 for tablecloth, using Glacier White to paint all circles. Remove stencil right away.

Bucket

1. Lay fabric onto work surface.
2. Fold fabric like an accordion. Wrap rubber bands around fabric to create 2" sections.
3. Squeeze Red Dye onto every other section and blue dye onto alternate sections.
4. Cover fabric with trash bag. Let set 4 to 6 hours. Wash in a large load of water with a small amount of laundry soap. Line dry.
5. Follow Steps 4 and 5 for tablecloth to make circle stencils. Apply a random pattern of stencils onto fabric. Refer to photo.
6. Squeeze a puddle of Glacier White onto a piece of foil. Pounce paint into circles, using sponge. Let dry. Remove stencil.
7. Squeeze a thin line of 7800 All-Purpose Adhesive around outer edge of back of fabric. Place fabric right side out to cover outside of bucket, wrapping edges to inside. Secure with tape until dry. Remove tape.
8. 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.

[Picnic Helpers](#)

By: [Rachel Griffith of P.S. I Quilt](#)

Make your picnic or barbecue a little easier with this great craft project using recycled aluminum cans. Your patriotic barbecue or picnic will be festive and eco-friendly! These picnic helpers are perfect for outdoor cooking on the 4th of July. You can customize your Picnic Helpers using different patterns like stripes, stars or even polka dots. You won't be sorry you made this easy craft as it is cute and helpful.



Materials:

- Assorted fabrics in assorted sizes
- Assorted empty aluminum cans
- Elmer's glue all multipurpose glue
- Craft foam brush
- scissors
- Bowl
- Wet wash cloth

Instructions:

1. First you'll need to pick which fabrics you would like on each can.
2. Take your first can and brush on some of your glue.



3. Make sure it's not goopy and you smooth it out.
4. Take your first piece of fabric and apply it to the can, folding over into the inside.



5. Make sure that you smooth out the fabric as you go.
6. Keep overlapping your pieces like so until your top is covered.



7. Start with your next row.



8. Keep going until your entire can is covered, making sure there aren't any air pockets.

9. When you reach the bottom, you'll have overlapping fabric, just like you did at the beginning.

10. Just brush on a nice coat of glue and start pressing the fabric down.



11. It's okay to be liberal with your glue here.

12. Just work your glue into all those nooks & crannies.



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

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

15. Now make 2 more...you know you want to!!!

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



[4th of July Picnic Placemat](#)

By: [Dimensions Needlecrafts](#)

Pockets aren't just for holding your wallet, keys and spare change. They can hold your utensils too! Give a plain place mat a pocket with a cross-stitch USA for the perfect table decoration for the 4th of July. The place mat pockets hold utensils for handy and patriotic decoration from Dimensions Needlecrafts. These simple crafts to make give your table a rustic and patriotic feel for a fraction of the cost.



Materials:

- Placemat
- Coordinating fabric for pocket
- Sewing thread
- Stamped cross stitch kit #72780 USA (Learn-a-Craft)
- Pocket Pattern [\[pdf\]](#)

Instructions:

1. The downloadable pocket pattern is the same size as the one used on our placemat; however, you may adjust the size and shape of the pocket to suit your needs.
2. Press the side and bottom edges of the pocket 1/2" to the wrong side.
3. Working on the top edge of the pocket, press 1/4" of fabric to the wrong side. Press another 1/4" to the wrong side and stitch it in place.
4. Trim the stamped cross stitch fabric 1/2" away from the stitching on all four sides. Press 1/4" of fabric to the wrong side.
5. Center the design on the pocket and sew it in place.
6. Sew the sides and bottom of the pocket to the placemat.

[Spotted Ladybug Picnic Cups](#)

By: [Tiffany Windsor](#)

Are you a huge fan of ladybug craft projects? Even if you just like polka dots, this is a project to add to your cute craft ideas for the summer. For your next picnic, create your own Spotted Ladybug Picnic Cups from Tiffany Windsor. This is a fun way to dress up boring, red plastic cups with glittery dots. This project is so easy to make and incredibly inexpensive. These cups will even match the Adorable Bottle Cap Lady Bug project featured later in this eBook.

Materials:

- Aleene's Tacky Double-Stick Sheets
- Circle hole punch
- Plastic cup(s)
- Crafty Chica Glitter (Black)
- Box (to catch excess glitter)
- Wet wipes



Instructions:

1. Align punch where desired on Aleene's Tacky Double-Stick Sheet.



2. Punch to create shape.



3. Remove top liner paper from shape and press adhesive side to cup. Remove top liner paper to reveal adhesive.



4. Hold cup over container and sprinkle glitter over adhesive.



5. Using finger, gently rub glitter into adhesive. Tap cup into box to release excess glitter.



6. If needed, use wet wipe to wipe off any remaining excess glitter.



Beer Bottle Holder

By: [Andy Spencer for Diamond Tech](#)

If you're looking for unique Father's Day gifts or even just something to hold your beer on a picnic during the summer season, the Beer Bottle Holder is a great easy craft to make. Plus, it looks cuter and is cheaper than beer koozies. Crafts made from recycled items, like this Beer Bottle Holder from Diamond Tech, are not only one of a kind gifts, but are a great way to save some money and help the environment! If you're feeling green this holiday make this craft and make all your friends and family happy this summer.

Materials:

- Generation Green Glass Cutter
- 1 Beer Bottle – 0.355 liter
- Two Part Epoxy

Instructions:

1. Cover the work area with craft or newspaper.
2. Measure 0.75" up from the bottom of the bottle and mark with a Sharpie®.
3. Using the bottle cutter, score and separate where indicated. The bottom of the bottle will become the base/foot of the beer glass and the top of the bottle, when turned upside-down will become the beverage holding part of the beer glass.
4. Mask off around all cut edges of the glass leaving approximately 1/8" between the cut end and the edge of the tape. This will prevent unnecessary scratching of the glass surface during the smoothing process. Smooth the rough edges as instructed in the bottle cutter manual. Remove tape after smoothing and rinse and dry glass pieces.
5. Apply a bead of two part epoxy around the lip of the neck. Place it, lip down into the center of the base. Hold until epoxy is set.
6. Once the epoxy has dried completely. Clean your new beer glass and tuck it, along with a few favorite brews into a decorative basket. Makes a great house warming gift too!



Ice Cream Cone Cozies

By: [Leigh Ann Tennant of the Object Project](#)

Using a CD case for the pattern, this simple sewing project is an easy way to use up fabric scraps. Summer brings long days, picnics and sticky little hands. Skip the drip with these fun little washable cozies. Plus, they are a cute way to dress up your ice cream cones to add more summery fun to these sweet treats. Pick your pattern and enjoy your ice cream cone without the mess.



Materials:

- Cotton and terry cloth scraps
- Needle and thread
- Rotary cutter and mat or scissors
- Buttons or embroidery floss to embellish if desired
- CD case

Instructions:

1. Using the CD case as a template, cut one square from the cotton and one square from the terry cloth. If you don't want to cut around the CD case with the rotary cutter, you can trace the CD case onto the fabric and then use scissors to cut it out.



2. Place the squares right sides together and pin.



3. Using a $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam, sew around the square. Stop sewing about an inch from where you started, leaving a space. Trim the corners diagonally.



4. Reach inside the space you've created and turn the cozy right-side-out and press.



5. Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, topstitch around the square, closing the turning space. This is the point at which you can embellish with buttons or embroidery.



6. Bring 2 sides of the square together, forming a triangle. A CD isn't a perfect square, so it will not form a perfect triangle, and this is fine. Stitch through the layers of terry cloth in the seam, from the point of the triangle to about 3 inches up the side.



7. Insert an ice cream cone and enjoy! You can fold down the points of the triangle as you eat the cone.

Reusable Cloth Snack Bags

By: [Amy Thompson of Progressive Pioneer](#)

Instead of throwing all your disposable plastic bags in the trash and filling up landfills, you can make your own cloth snack or sandwich bags. This greener prettier alternative keeps your food separated without hurting the environment in the process. Also, you get to pick how you want your bags to look and can even coordinate these Reusable Cloth Snack Bags with your lunchbox. Make some of these with your kids favorite lovable characters on them and you will be mom of the year!



Materials:

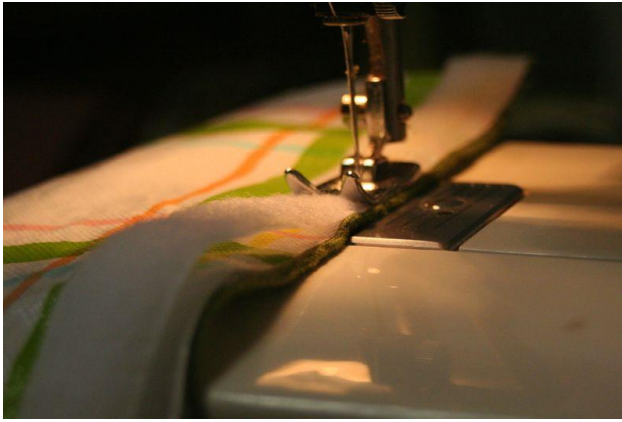
- Plastic tablecloth or oilcloth
- Fabric
- Rotary Cutter
- Sewing machine and thread
- Velcro (non-sticky back kind)

Instructions:

1. Cut squares of the tablecloth to the same size as the napkins and then sewed them together; one side cloth, the other side waterproof for the inside of the bag.



2. Stitch Velcro to two opposite sides on the tablecloth side. **DO NOT** use that sticky-backed kind! It is such a pain to use and you don't need it to be sticky if you're going to be sewing it on anyway.



3. Stick those Velcro pieces together and sew up the sides. You're going to have raw hems on the outside because you don't want them folded in or they'll get all in the food on the inside of the bag. You want the inside nice and clean.



4. Solve the raw edge problem, pin on some pretty binding and sew it up!



Wire Wrapped and Beaded Picnic Utensils

By: [Candace Jedrowicz](#)

You could throw a lady bug themed party with all the lady bug inspired crafts in this book. If you love easy summer crafts and lady bugs, then you'll love this project too. This craft is perfect for a summer picnic or even a little girl's ladybug themed birthday party. The Wire Wrapped and Beaded Picnic Utensils are quick and cheap too, so you don't have to worry about breaking the bank with these unique utensil decorations. Add this craft to your DIY craft projects this summer season.

Materials:

- Plastic flatware
- 18 gauge wire – 8" per flatware piece
- Assorted beads
- Focal bead

Instructions:

1. Make a small spiral in one end of the wire.



2. Think of the smallest part of the spiral as the center of the handle. Make a bead trap by creating a sharp bend away from the center, sliding on a bead and bending the wire sharply back toward the center.



3. Pin the spiral at the top of the handle with your thumb as you wrap the wire around the handle. Slide on a bead.



4. Trap the bead with a sharp bend away from the center. Bend the wire to the center and slide on your focal bead.



5. Wrap the wire around the handle, slide a bead on and trap it with a sharp bend away from the center. Wrap the remaining wire into a spiral and center it. The wire will slide off easily to be reused or repurposed. I wrapped mine around the strings on my blinds.



Pansy Summer Pitcher

By: [Cathie Filian and Steve Piacenza](#) from [Plaid Enterprises](#)

Bring some flower power to your parties this summer with the Pansy Summer Pitcher. You can paint a cute glass pitcher with pansy flowers that will brighten up any celebration. This would be an easy craft to make to help quench your guests thirst. It would be so fun to serve all your guests with this colorful pitcher during a barbecue. Be sure you read the important tip at the bottom of this project so you can make a pitcher that is as pretty as a picture.

Materials:

- 16008 - Gallery Glass Window Color
 - Kelly Green, 2 oz.
 - Amethyst, 2 oz.
 - Citrus Yellow, 2 oz.
- Glass carafe
- Egg carton
- Wooden skewer

Notes:

- Never shake Gallery Glass. If you do you might get an air bubble. If you get an air bubble, just pop it with the end of a sewing pin. If you make a mistake, wait for it to dry and just peel the mistake away.

Instructions:

1. Begin with a clean glass carafe. Balance the carafe on an egg carton.
2. Gallery Glass works best when applied to a flat surface so you will need to work in stages. Allow for dry time and then rotate the carafe on the egg carton.
3. Begin with the green Gallery Glass. Make a sweeping stem that begins at the base of the carafe and up to the top. Add small stems off the large stem.
4. Paint an organically shaped circle around each small stem with the yellow Gallery Glass. Drag a bit of the green from the stem into the yellow paint with a wooden skewer.
5. Add a drop of the purple Gallery Glass to near the base of the petal.
6. Allow to dry overnight. Hand wash inside only. Wipe clean on the outside.



Adorable Bottle Cap Lady Bug

By: [Heidi Borchers](#)

Another lady bug craft you can make for picnic season is the Adorable Bottle Cap Lady Bug. Bottle cap craft ideas are a fun way to go green and make cute projects on a budget. You won't be upset to see this cute ladybug crawling all over your picnic table. These could also make cute party favors for a little girl's ladybug inspired birthday party.



Materials:

- Plastic caps (I've use a Gatorade cap for the body and a water bottle cap for the head)
- Fabric- two different patterns in red (For body and head) and one in black check (for bow)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Glue- I used both the Aleene's Original Tacky Glue (for a permanent hold) and hot glue (for the quick hold)
- Cereal cardboard- (one circle for the body and one for the head slightly smaller than the caps)
- Plastic forks- black- 2 for feet
- Plastic spoons-black- 2 for wings
- Candle
- Craft foam-white and black (eyes)
- Paper punches- 1/4" and 1/8"
- Decorative wire- black approx. 2" (for mouth)

Instructions:

1. Cut fabric for the large cap (body) and the small cap (head). For the body, cut approximately 1-1/2"larger and for the head, cut approximately 1" all the way around each. Cut a piece of fabric to fit both cardboard circles.



2. Place the Aleene's Tacky Glue onto the cardboard circles, and place glue side down on wrong side of fabric.



3. Cut off the extra fabric around each circle.



4. Place the Aleene's Tacky Glue onto top of each lid, place small amount of polyester fiberfill into the glue.



5. Place small amount of glue onto the center on wrong side of fabric. Place cap with Polyfill, with the Polyfill down into the glue.



6. Hold this in place and go to next step.



7. Place hot glue and the Aleene's Tacky glue into the center of the inside of cap.



8. Immediately push fabric over the edges, over sides of cap, into the center of the glue. Continue around the cap, until all of the fabric is pulled over to inside. If you need more glue to help hold, use a small amount of the hot glue.



9. Place both glues onto the back (cardboard side) of the larger fabric covered circle. Put this to the inside of the cap you just covered, with the glue towards the inside. Hold until the hot glue doesn't feel warm.



10. Repeat with the small cap for the head.



11. Glue the small cap (head) to the large cap (body).



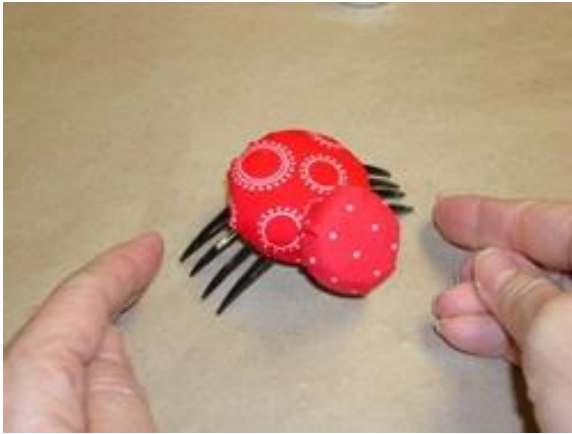
12. For the legs, you need the 2 plastic forks. To remove the stem of each fork, hold over a candle flame. As the candle heats the plastic, you can pull the stem from the fork. Remove from the heat. Immediately cut off the stem and trim the warm edges with scissors.



13. Glue the forks (feet) to the back side of the body.



14. Shown with the feet in place.



15. For the wings, you will need 2 plastic spoons. To remove the stem of each spoon, hold over a candle flame. As the candle heats the plastic, you can pull the stem from the spoon.



16. Cut off the stem, while the plastic is still warm.

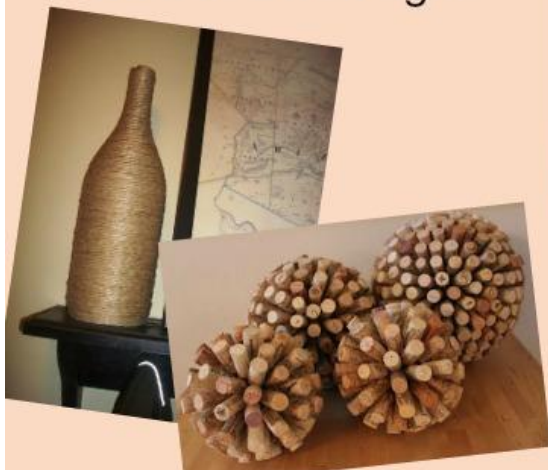


17. Glue wings to the body at the neck. Glue small bow from black check fabric over the top edge of the spoons.






18. Punch two white circles using the 1/4" paper punch, and two black circles from the 1/8" paper punch. Glue the white circles down first, then black on top of the white. Curve the wire for the mouth, and use a small amount of glue onto the wire and place onto the head, under the eyes. Let dry.

Whether you're looking for some unique home decor accents or looking to add some color and texture to your garden this summer, let "25 Cool Things to do with Wine Bottles" inspire you to look at that humble bottle of wine in a new light.



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Crochet Race Flag Blanket

By: [Kristin Omdahl](#)

NASCAR season revs up during the summer months and that means you need a picnic blanket to show your NASCAR pride. With picnic season in full swing during the summer, you will need a quick cheap and easy crochet blanket pattern to use for all your picnics. If you love crocheting blankets, you will love this crochet pattern. This blanket is a twist on a basic crochet blanket pattern that will leave everyone wanting one of their own.



Materials:

- 800 yards each of black and white super bulky yarn
- 10mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Finished size: 84' x 60"

Gauge: one square = 12"

Instructions:

Square (make 17 black and 18 white):

ch4, slip stitch into first chain to form ring.

Round 1: ch3 (counts as dc), 2dc into ring, ch2, *3dc into ring, ch2*. Repeat from * 2 times more. Ch 2, slip stitch into top of ch3 at beginning of round.

Round 2: slip stitch into the first 2 dc's and in the first ch2 loop. Ch3, 2dc in ch2 space, ch2, work 3dc into same space. *ch1, work 3dc, ch2, 3dc into next ch2 loop*. Repeat from * 2 times more. Ch1, join with slip stitch into top of ch3 at beginning of round.

Round 3: Slip stitch into the first 2 dc's and into the first ch2 space. Ch3, 2dc into ch2 space, ch2, work 3dc into same space. Ch1, work 3dc into next ch1 space, ch1. *Work 3dc, ch2, 3dc into next ch2 space. Ch1, work 3dc into next ch1 space, ch1*. Repeat from * 2 more times. Join with slip stitch into top of ch3 at beginning of round.

Work the next 2 rounds exactly the same but work the following into each ch1 space on each side of square: (ch1, 3dc, ch1).

At the end of round 5, fasten off.

After you have made 17 black and 18 white squares, line them up according to the photo above. Using the tapestry needle, sew the motifs together.

Finishing:

With black yarn, work one row of sc around entire perimeter of blanket, working 3 single crochets into each of the four corners.

Fasten off.

Crochet Tote Bag

By: [Bernat](#)

Crochet your own tote bag to go with any outfit with this free pattern. It would also look great carrying all your extra picnic supplies that don't fit in your picnic basket. This quick and easy bag is both adorable and practical because it is strong, durable, and large enough to hold all of your essentials.



Materials:

- Bernat Handicrafter Cotton or yarn of your choice
 - 22 balls of #00002 (Off White)
- Size 4 mm (U.S. G or 6) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

Measurements: 12" [30.5 cm] wide x 15" [38 cm] high x 12" [30.5 cm] deep.

Gauge: 13 1/2 sc and 16 rows = 4" [10 cm] with 2 strands of yarn.

Note:

- Bag is worked with 2 strands of yarn tog throughout.

Instructions:

FRONT and BACK Panels (make 2):

With 2 strands of yarn tog, ch 41.

1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 40 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 15 ins [38 cm], ending with a WS row. Fasten off.

Side Panels (make 2).

Work from to as given for Front and Back Panels.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 14" [35.5 cm], ending with a WS row.

Next row: (RS). Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 11 sc. Ch 4. Miss next 4 sc. 1 sc in each of next 10 sc. Ch 4. Miss next 4 sc. 1 sc in each sc to end of row.

Turn.

Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of first 11 sc. 4 sc in next ch-4 sp. 1 sc in each of next 10 sc. 4 sc in next ch-4 sp. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Work a further 2 rows in sc. Fasten off.

Join Panels:

Arrange Panels to form a box, having Side Panels opposite each other.

With WS of 2 Panels tog, join 2 strands of yarn with sl st at top left corner. Ch

1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sc evenly alongside edge. Fasten off.

Rep for rem Panels.

Base:

Work from to as given for Front and Back Panels.

Rep last row until work from beg measures 12 ins [30.5 cm], ending with a WS row. Do not fasten off.

Join Base to Panels:

With RS of Base facing, place lower edge of joined Panels behind Base with WS of work tog, aligning corners of Base with joining rows of Panels.

Next rnd: Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 rnd of sc evenly around all 4 sides of Base. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Top edging:

With RS of work facing, join 2 strands of yarn with sl st to any corner of top edge. Ch 1. Working from left to right instead of right to left as usual, work 1 rnd of reverse sc evenly around top edge. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Handles (make 2):

With 2 strands of yarn, ch 95 loosely.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn. 94 sc.

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep last row once more. Fasten off.

With RS of Basket facing, push ends of Handle through slits on Side Panel to WS. Sew ends tog. Bring halves of Handle tog and taking 2 strands of yarn tog, wrap center 4" [10 cm] of Handle as shown in picture. Fasten ends securely.

Rolling Place Mats

By: [Lily Sugar'n Cream](#)

With this crochet pattern, you can crochet a set of striped place mats with convenient silverware pockets. Roll up the crochet place mats with the stored silverware for picnics or outdoor dining. Paired with a red and white picnic blanket, these striped place mats are perfect for the 4th of July or any other patriotic holidays.



Materials:

- Yarn: Lily Sugar'n Cream® (70.9 g / 2.5 oz) Quantity for 4 Placemats.
 - Color A - #00095 Red 5¾ oz [161 g]; 274 yds [248 m] or 3 balls
 - Color B - #00001 White 6½ oz [180 g]; 306 yds [278 m] or 3 balls
 - Color C - #00009 Bright Navy 5¾ oz [161 g]; 274 yds [248 m] or 3 balls
- Crochet Hook: Size 5 mm (U.S. H or 8) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

Size: Approx 16¾ x 14¼ ins [42.5 x 36 cm]

Gauge: 13 dc and 7 rows = 4 ins [10 cm]

Note:

- Placemat and pockets are worked sideways. (make 2) To change color, work to last 2 loops on hook at end of row. With new color, draw through 2 loops on hook, then proceed. Ch 3 at beg of row counts as dc.

Instructions:

With A, ch 47.

1st row: 1 dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2 dc). 1 dc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 45 dc.

**2nd and 3rd rows: Ch 3. 1 dc in each dc to end of row. Join B. Turn.

4th to 6th rows: With B, ch 3. 1 dc in each dc to end of row. Join A at end of 6th row. Turn.

7th to 9th rows: With A, ch 3. 1 dc in each dc to end of row. Join B at end of 9th row. Turn**.

Rep last 6 rows 3 times more, omitting color change at end of last row. Fasten off.

Pocket (make 1 for each Placemat)

With A, ch 20.

1st row: 1 dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2 dc). 1 dc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 18 sts. Work from * to * as given for Placemat. Fasten off at end of 9th row.

Pocket Edging:

With RS facing, join A with sl st to top right corner of Pocket. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. * Ch 1. 1 sc in next dc post. Rep from * across. 1 sc in same post as last sc. Fasten off.

Finishing:

Sew Pocket to Placemat as shown in picture.

Edging:

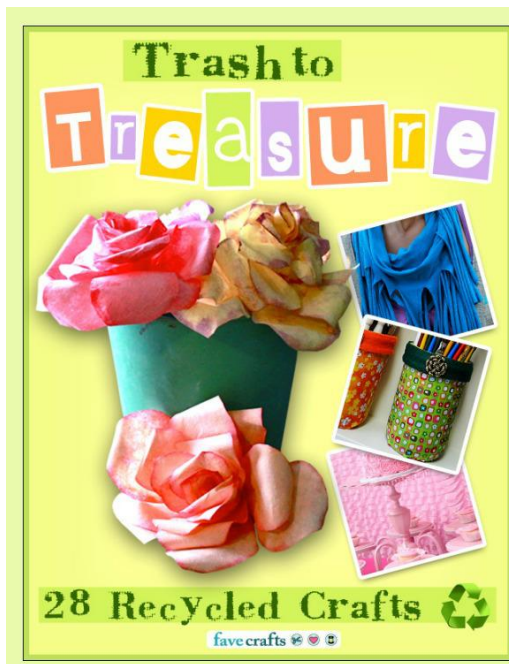
With RS facing, join A with sl st, to middle left side of Placemat.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each st along left side. 3 sc in corner. 1 sc in next dc post. *Ch 1. 1 sc in next dc post. Rep from * to next corner, working through both thicknesses where Pocket is placed. 3 sc in corner. 1 sc in each st along right side. 3 sc in corner. 1 sc in next st. **Ch 1. 1 sc in next dc post. Rep from ** to next corner. 3 sc in corner. 1 sc in each st along left side to first sc. Join with sl st in first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as last sl st. 1 sc in each sc and ch-1 around, working 3 sc in corners. Join with sl st in first sc. Do not fasten off. Cont for Ties.

Ties:

*Ch 41. Sl st in 2nd ch from hook. Sl st in each ch to end of ch. Sl st in Placemat. Rep from * once more. Fasten off.



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Picnic Craft Ideas for Kids

Soup Can Bowling

By: Kindra Boroff for [Plaid Enterprises](#)

Dive into the recycling bin to find everything you need to make this bowling game. This is a great craft for summer vacation. You will also be environmentally friendly making this easy to make craft. You can bring it out during picnics, BBQ's, and family reunions. Make as many "pins" as you want. Your kids will also love helping you decorate the pins and bowling ball.



Materials:

- Apple Barrel® Colors
 - Hot Pink, 2 oz.
 - Banana, 2 oz.
 - Cool Blue, 2 oz.
 - White, 2 oz.
 - Black, 2 oz.
 - Green Clover, 2 oz.
 - Apricot, 2 oz.
- Soup cans
- 5" Styrofoam ball
- Gloss sealer

Instructions:

1. Paint the Styrofoam ball with Black. Add three White dots with the spouncer.
2. Paint each can Banana, Apricot, Green Clover, Hot Pink, and Cool Blue.
3. Add White polka dots, large and small, with the spouncer and the end of a brush handle.
4. Paint numbers on the front with Black. Seal the cans to prevent the paint from chipping.

Initial Name Plate

By: [DecoArt](#)

Help your kids out with this cool craft. They can make their own plates with their initials on them. Using colorful liquid beads, you can make this a fun craft at a birthday party or on a rainy summer day. This is great for crafting with kids. You can customize this easy to make craft with different colored beads, plates and designs. The whole family will love using a plate with their initials on it. Add this project to your cute craft ideas for the summer.



Materials:

- Liquid Beadz
 - BE39C - Kiwi
 - BE05C - Purple
 - BE04C - Pink
 - BE07C - Royal Blue
 - BE38C - Sky Blue
- Americana Multi-Purpose Sealer
 - DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer
- Palette Knife
 - DT02 - Palette Knife
- Paper towels
- Tracing and transfer paper
- Pencil
- Old paintbrush
- Round toothpicks
- Scissors
- Gift wrap or scrapbook paper
- Foam sheet
- Craft knife
- Plastic picnic plates (number needed will depend on name)

Instructions:

Preparation:

1. Letters: Choose a font and size and print from your computer, free hand, or use a stencil. Print out letters for name being used. Trace and transfer letters onto foam sheet. Use craft knife to cut out stencils.

Painting:

1. Trace center of plate and make a circle template. Use template to cut gift wrap circles for each plate. Adhere circles with Multi-Purpose Sealer, applied with an old paintbrush. Let dry.
2. Use palette knife and toothpick to scoop and place Beadz around edge of paper circle. Let dry thoroughly. Repeat for each plate.
3. Position letter stencil in plate center. Use palette knife to place and spread Beadz inside stencil. Carefully lift stencil. Repeat for each plate. Let dry thoroughly.

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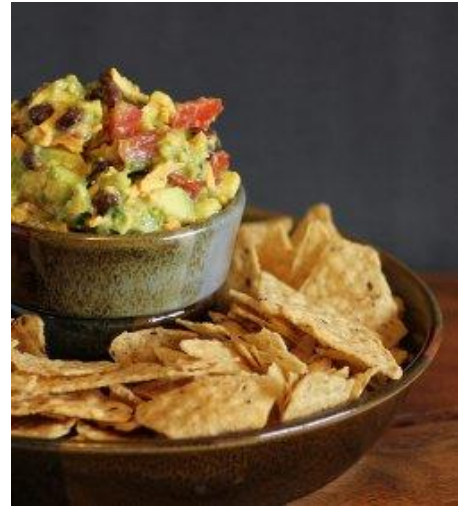
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Best Copy Cat Recipes for Picnic

[Touchdown Guacamole](#)

By: [Tara from Noshing with the Nolands](#)

Get ready for game day with this awesome copycat appetizer recipe. Mix it up and serve it to your friends during the big game and they'll be jumping for joy. If you're looking for a quick-fix snack with flavor to spare, whip this tasty treat in no time. This could also be a great addition to bring on a picnic. Your friends will enjoy this delicious guacamole while enjoying the great outdoors. Perhaps it will even inspire them to play a nice game of touch football.



Ingredients:

- 4 ripe avocados, seeded, peeled and diced
- 2 ripe red tomatoes, diced
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely diced
- ½ 19 oz. can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 limes, juiced
- ½ cup of old cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tsp. garlic salt

Instructions:

1. Place two of the avocados in a bowl. Add the tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, garlic salt and the lime juice.
2. Mash lightly with a potato masher.
3. Add the beans, onions and the cheese along with the two remaining avocados. Stir to combine.
4. Chill until ready to use.
5. Serve with tortilla chips and enjoy the game.

[Olive Garden House Dressing Knockoff](#)

By: [Arielle Matlin for AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com](#)

Olive Garden is known for having the best house dressing at any restaurant. Now you can enjoy it at home since this Olive Garden House Dressing Knockoff is just like the real thing. The creamy Italian dressing recipe takes just a minute or two to make and uses ingredients most people already have at home. The dressing recipe is loaded with flavor thanks to two kinds of cheese and the best Italian seasonings. Enjoy this dressing recipe with a fresh salad tonight.



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons Romano cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Instructions

1. Place all the ingredients in a blender and mix well. Place in a container and keep refrigerated for up to a week.

[Popeye's Copycat Extra-Crispy Spicy Fried Chicken with Delta Sauce](#)

By: [Judith for AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com](#)

Nothing beats some good old-fashioned Southern cooking, and you are bound to get the whole family on board with this copycat recipe for Popeye's Extra-Crispy Spicy Fried Chicken with Delta Sauce. The Popeye's Delta sauce is slightly spicy and completely divine, especially when paired with a crispy fried chicken recipe. When the family is looking for a quick and delicious chicken recipe, nothing tops a copycat recipe of Popeye's chicken! There is no reason to head out for fried chicken, when you can make this amazing fried chicken at home! You'll love this copycat Popeye's chicken recipe.



The Delta sauce is creamy and spicy, while the chicken is crispy, flavorful, and not too hot. This is a classic Southern dish that everyone will enjoy.

Ingredients:

For the Chicken

- 1 (3-pound) chicken
- 1 quart buttermilk
- 4 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons fresh ground pepper
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 cup hot pepper sauce
- 3 cups peanut oil
- salt and fresh ground pepper

For the Delta Sauce:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced very fine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard
- a few dashes hot pepper sauce to taste

Notes:

- If the oil gets too hot and the chicken browns too much before it is totally cooked, simply put it into the oven on the cooling rack/baking pan as directed above, but raise the oven temperature to 350 and let cook a few more minutes.

Instructions:

1. Place the chicken pieces into a very large bowl and add buttermilk to completely cover. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.
2. Make the Delta sauce while chicken marinates. Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and stir to combine well. Chill 1 hour or more; it will hold up to 1 week.
3. Combine flour, cayenne, and all-purpose flours and paprika in a large zip-top bag and shake to mix.
4. Combine eggs, water, and hot sauce in a large bowl.
5. Remove chicken from the buttermilk and arrange on a cooling rack set into a rimmed baking sheet so that excess buttermilk drips off.
6. In a large skillet that is at least 3 inches deep, place the oil and heat over medium high until it reaches 350 degrees F – use a thermometer to check the temperature.
7. While oil is heating, drop chicken a few pieces at a time into the zip top bag with the dry ingredients and shake to coat, then dip them into the egg mixture and finally back into the dry ingredients again. Shake off excess flour and set on the cooling rack to drip.
8. When oil is at 350 degrees F, use tongs to lower a few pieces at a time into the hot oil -- do not crowd the pan. Cook for about 15 minutes, turning once and keeping an eye on the oil temperature, adjusting the heat to be sure the oil remains at 350 degrees F.
9. When chicken pieces are done, remove from the oil with tongs and set on another cooling rack/baking sheet so that air circulates around them. Place into a 300 degree oven while you repeat the procedure until all the chicken is cooked.
10. Serve right away or at room temperature with the Delta Sauce for dipping.

[Homemade KFC Biscuits](#)

By: [Melissa Conner for AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com](#)

KFC Buttermilk Biscuits are iconic, but these Homemade KFC Biscuits are even better than the original biscuits. The easy biscuit recipe can be made by any beginner cook without difficulties. The ingredients are all easy to find, pantry items. These biscuits are perfect in the morning with homemade gravy. They are also the best side dish to serve with just about any dinner, but they are especially good with a homemade KFC chicken recipe. The flaky biscuits will "wow" friends and family members when they try them.



Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup buttermilk

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F.
2. Sift the dry ingredients in a large bowl and cut in the butter with a pastry cutter or with two knives until a coarse meal texture is obtained.
3. Add buttermilk and knead lightly but thoroughly. The dough should be soft but not sticky. If it is, add a little more flour.
4. Knead for 1 minute, wrap in foil or wax paper and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes.
5. Roll out the dough to 1/2 inch thick on a lightly floured surface and cut with a biscuit cutter. If you don't have one, a drinking glass of the desired diameter will work.
6. Transfer biscuits to a dark baking sheet and bake until golden brown, about 10 to 12 minutes.

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Better Than Luby's Ambrosia

By: [Arielle Matlin for AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com](http://AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com)

Luby's is a very popular restaurant known for its great-tasting food. Everything is made fresh, and their Luby's Ambrosia Salad is no exception. However, if you do not have a Luby's restaurant close to you then it can be difficult to get this great salad. With this Better Than Luby's Ambrosia recipe you can make that great fruit salad recipe in the comfort of your own home.

Forget about traveling miles to a Luby's, with this recipe you can eat like you are there without leaving your home!



Ingredients:

- 5 large navel oranges, peeled, sectioned, and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 (6-ounce) can of pineapple bits
- 1 cup of flaked coconut
- 1/4 cup of powdered sugar
- 1 container of Cool Whip
- 1 cup of mini marshmallows

Instructions

- In a medium sized bowl, combine the oranges, pineapple bits, flaked coconut, and powdered sugar. Stir in the mini marshmallows and Cool Whip, then cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.

[Homemade Trader Joe's Cowgirl Bark](#)

By: [Arielle Matlin, AllFreeCopycatRecipes.com](#)

The grocery store Trader Joe's has an amazing selection of sweet treats. They sell chocolate bark that is legendary to chocolate enthusiasts nationwide. This Homemade Trader Joe's Cowgirl Bark recipe is a recreation of one of their latest chocolate wonders: Cowgirl Bark. The white chocolate bark is covered in Rice Krispies, dried cranberries, peanuts, almonds, pretzels, and gingersnap cookies.



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup peanuts
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 18 ounces white chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup Rice Krispies Cereal
- 1/2 cup pretzels
- 5 gingersnap cookies, broken into chunks

Instructions

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Chop the peanuts and almonds, or grind in a food processor for 20 seconds.
3. Over a double boiler or in the microwave, melt the chocolate chips until smooth and fully melted.
4. Using a spatula, spread the chocolate on top of the parchment paper until it is about 1/8" thick.
5. Sprinkle the warm chocolate with the dried cranberries, Rice Krispies, chopped nuts, pretzels, and pieces of gingersnap cookie. Press down on the pretzels and cookie pieces to make sure they hold.
6. Let the bark harden for at least 1 hour or until solid.
7. Once the bark is hard, remove the parchment paper and cut into chunks.

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