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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Readers,

In January at the Craft & Hobby Association Trade Show, FaveCrafts hosted a great networking event with some of the industry's best craft bloggers. These bloggers were given products from the event sponsors to bring their best project ideas to life. We used those projects to host a huge contest for the bloggers to compete for a prize and title of Best Blogger Craft of 2015.

All of those great projects are collected in this eBook, *The Best Blogger Craft Ideas 2015: Home Décor Ideas, DIY Jewelry, Easy Crochet Patterns, and More*. In this book, you will find jewelry projects, DIY home decor, knit and crochet tutorials, and so much more. Each project includes a full materials list and step-by-step instructions.

This incredible collection features projects made with products from [Clover](#), [Fairfield](#), [FloraCraft](#), [I Love to Create](#), [Little B](#), [MD Hobby & Craft](#), [Plaid](#), [Prima Bead](#), [Simplicity](#), [Sizzix](#), [Stencil](#), [STYROFOAM](#), and [Yarnspirations!](#) The ideas in this great eBook include products you have on hand or can easily find in your local craft store.

Be sure to visit these bloggers' sites and let them know that you saw them featured in *The Best Blogger Craft Ideas 2015: Home Décor Ideas, DIY Jewelry, Easy Crochet Patterns, and More*. Their sites include great free tutorials and project ideas for every season.

You can find more free craft projects, product reviews, and product giveaways at [www.FaveCrafts.com](http://www.FaveCrafts.com).

Get crafting and creating with these projects to inspire you and your family and friends. Feel free to share this eBook, and be sure to sign up for our free eNewsletter to get handmade inspiration right in your inbox.

Enjoy creating!

Sincerely,

**The Editors of FaveCrafts**

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# Mega Bulky Crochet Tote Bag Pattern

Project by Robyn Josephs for Rainbow Weaves

## Materials

1 skein Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn  
15 mm crochet hook  
Little B pull flowers

## Instructions

Ch 2.

**1st rnd:** 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st in first sc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st in first sc. 12 sc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from around. Join with sl st in first sc. 18 sc.

**4th rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st in first sc. 24 sc.

**5th rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st in first sc. 30 sc.

**6th rnd:** Ch 1. \*2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st in first sc. 36 sc.

**Next rnd:** Ch 1. Working into both loops, 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st in first sc.

Rep last rnd until work is the size you want. Do not fasten off.

**Handles:** 1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 9 (12-15) sc. Ch 6. Skip next 6 sc. 1 sc in each of next 18 (24-30) sc. Ch 6. Skip next 6 sc. 1 sc in each of next 9 (12-15) sc. Join with sl st in first sc. 2nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 9 (12-15) sc. 10 sc in next ch-6 sp. 1 sc in each of next 18 (24-30) sc. 10 sc in next ch-6 sp. 1 sc in each of next 9 (12-15) sc. Join with sl st to first sc. 3rd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. 56 (68-80) sc.

Add some Little B flowers or other embellishments by sewing them on with the thread you use to create the flowers. All you do to make the Little B flowers, is pull the thread! I dyed these with ink on my craft sheet and added a piece of lace and a diamond.



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# Hand Knitted Infinity Scarf

Project by Lyneen Jesse for I am Dreaming of Castles

## Materials

1 skein Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn  
Scissors

## Instructions

1. Tie tail around the thumb. Go behind the index finger, under the back of your middle finger, over your ring finger, and under your pinky. Wrap around the back of hand and in front (palm).

Start the Weave-Pull the first wrap over the second wrap and over the pinky, repeat on the ring finger, repeat on the middle finger, and the index finger. Wrap around the back of hand and in front (palm). Then repeat the weave until you have desired link.

Finish by taking the loop from pinky, and put it on ring finger. Pull the bottom loop up from ring finger and over to the back of hand. The loop from the middle finger and put in on the index finger.

Finally, remove the index finger do not let go of the loop. Cut the end of the yarn at about six inches, put it through the loop and tie off. Tie the ends together and weave the tails in the scarf!



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# Chunky Bowl Cover Free Crochet Pattern

Project by [Lorine Mason for It's Sew Lorine](#)

## Materials

1 skein Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn  
Crochet Hook P 11.50 mm  
Scissors

## Instruction

1. Attach yarn to your crochet hook. Chain 5 and form a ring with the stitches by slip stitching into the first stitch
2. Chain 3, Double crochet 12 stitches into the ring and join with a slip stitch into the top of the Chain 3.
3. Chain 3, then Double Crochet in the same stitch as the Chain 3. Double Crochet twice into each stitch all the way around.
4. Chain 3, Double Crochet in the same stitch as the Chain 3. \*Double Crochet twice in the next stitch. Double Crochet once in the next stitch. Repeat from \* all the way around. Join with a Slip Stitch to the top of the Chain 3.
5. Chain 1, Single Crochet into the back loop of the next stitch and continue all the way around. Slip Stitch to the beginning of the Chain 1. Note: This will create the ledge, perfect for the bottom edge of the bowl.
6. Single crochet all around the edge of the bowl, joining with a slip stitch. Repeat to create a second row.
7. Chain 3, Double Crochet in the same stitch as the Chain 3. Double Crochet into each stitch all the way around. Join with a Slip Stitch to the top of the Chain 3.
8. Chain 1, Single Crochet into the back loop of the next stitch and continue all the way around. Slip Stitch to the beginning of the Chain 1.
9. Single Crochet all around the edge of the bowl, joining with a Slip Stitch.
10. Using the remaining yarn, thread it through the top edge of each stitch, wrapping it around and over the next stitch. Hide the end of the yarn by threading it down through the stitches along the side of the bowl and trim. Turn the bowl inside out and form into desired shape.



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# 30 Minute Arm Knitted Scarf

Project by Stephenie Hamen from The Vintage Prairie

## Materials

1 skein Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn  
Scissors

## Instructions

1. First, cast on, starting with a slip knot. I cast on 12 loops to create mine nice and wide.
2. Next, begin knitting back and forth.
3. Cast off when you are at about 3 feet of knitted scarf. Make sure to leave a good length of yarn once you tie and cut it after securing your cast off row.
4. Fold the scarf in half, lining up the ends as best as possible.
5. Using the remaining length of yarn, weave it in and out, sewing both sides together. Tie off at the end and cut any remaining excess.



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# Beehive Baby Crocheted Beanie Hat

Project by Robyn Josephs for Crochet Addict

## Materials

- 10 mm (P) crochet hook
- 1 skein Bernat Mega Bulky yarn in Gold
- 5 bumble bee buttons
- Stitch marker
- Wool needle

## Instructions

1. Ch 2 (or use magic circle)
2. Round 1) 5 sc in 2nd ch from hk (5)
3. From now on only crochet in the back loop Round 2) 5 sc inc (10)
4. Round 3) \*1 sc, 1 sc inc\* x 5 (15)
5. Round 4) \*2 sc, 1 sc inc\* x 5 (20)
6. Round 5) \*3 sc, 1 sc inc\* x 5 (25) (newborn go to round 8)
7. Round 6) \*4 sc, 1 sc inc\* x 5 (30) (3-6 months go to round 8)
8. Round 7) \*5 sc, 1 sc inc\* x 5 (35)
9. Round 8-10) ?? sc around (newborn 25, 3-6 months 30, 6-12 months 35)
10. Round 11) sc around, 2 ss, finish (not including ss - newborn 25, 3-6 months 30, 6-12 months 35)



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# Quick & Easy DIY Planner

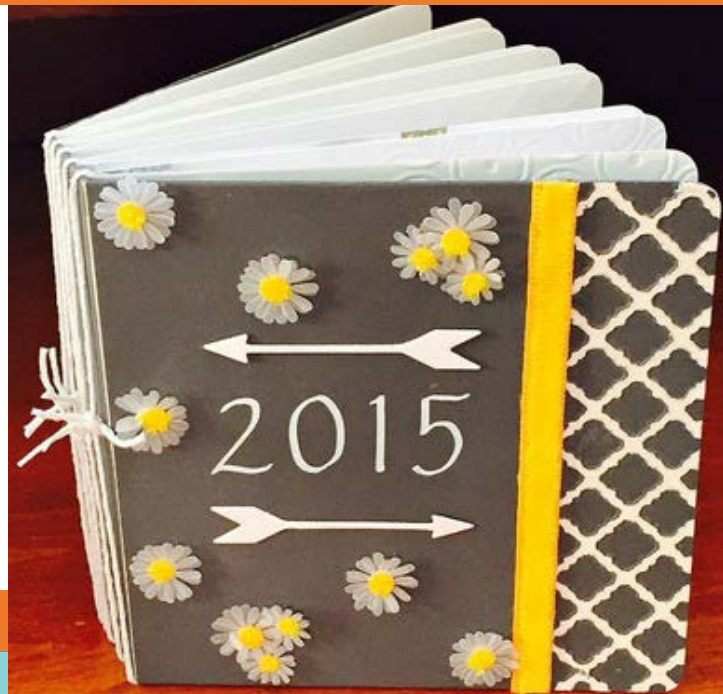
Project by Eileen Hull for Eileen Hull Blog

## Materials

Mini Album Sizzix die  
Textured Impressions Folder  
Big Shot Machine  
Extended cutting pads  
Plaid Folk Art Home Decor Chalkboard Paint in Arrowhead  
White twine  
8 sheets white cardstock 6"x11" from Little B Paper Pack  
Floral embellishments from Little B  
Kitchen Labels die set  
Sand paper

## Instructions

1. Die cut a Mini- Album from mat board and eight signatures made with white sheets from the Little B Paper Pack.
2. Paint the front and back cover of the album with Plaid Folk Art Home Decor Chalk paint. I used Arrowhead, a soft gray.
3. Emboss each edge of the album covers using the Textured Impressions Folder by Stephanie Barnard. When the paint is dry, take a piece of sandpaper and rub the embossed areas of the bookcover until the design stands out. I embossed some of the book pages too for a little dimension.
4. To create each signature, fold a 6" x 12" sheet of Little B heavy white paper in half. Place fold just shy of the last score line on the die and run through Big Shot. This yields one book signature. You can cut two-three folded papers at a time.
5. Use twine to bind pages. Cut eight lengths of 14 of white twine. Tie each page into book by placing page fold inside book binding and tie on the outside in a double knot.
6. Die cut labels, arrows and accents to use in the book. Decorate the cover and store extra embellishments on the pages.
7. Write desired text on the front cover with chalk or a chalk marker. If you want to re-use the book for another project, simply wipe lettering off with a wet paper towel.
8. Add ribbon and embellishments.



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# Precious New Baby Scrapbook Layout

Project by Anita Scroggins for The Flamingo Chronicals

## Materials

Little B Celtic Knot Punch  
Little B Mini Dimensional Sticker Embellishments - Butterflies  
Little B Mini Dimensional Sticker Embellishments - Cherry Blossoms  
Little B Mini Dimensional Sticker Embellishments -Daisys  
Little B Designer Die - Party  
Little B Pull Flowers - Chrysanthemum  
KaiserCraft Patterned Papers - Be-YOU-tiful  
Whipped Spackle - Faber-Castell Design  
Memory Craft  
Petalo- Flowers  
Scotch ATG and Quick Dry Adhesive  
Stencil  
Lace  
Alpha Stickers - SNAP



## Instructions

1. To create the frame behind my photo, I trimmed a 12" x 12" die cut sheet down to match my size.
2. Using a stencil I applied Whipped Spackle to my background page; when dry I gave it a spritz of ink.
3. Use foam tape and multi layers of paper to give the photo more dimension from the page.
4. Ruffle Pull Flower along side of photo, add a strip of lace on top, tucking both under the edge of the photo mat.
5. Add Dimensional Stickers and die cuts around page.
6. Add title with alpha stickers.

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# Vintage Thank You Card Craft

Project by [Megan Daves](#) for I Teach Stamping

## Materials

Little B Tags Die Set  
Little B Kraft/White Chipboard Pack  
Little B Kraft Corrugate Tape  
Little B Mum Decorative Tags  
Little B Pull Flowers  
Wrights Baby  
Rick Rack  
Inkadinkado Stamps  
10 Second Bow Maker  
Stampin' Up! Inks  
Stampin' Up! Accessories

## Instructions

1. Die cut large tag in Kraft card stock, Very Vanilla and Pink Pirouette. Trim down the pink and vanilla tags to nest together. Then trim off 1" from bottom of Vanilla tag.
2. On Very Vanilla background pieces, stamp flower image in Pink Pirouette ink all over. Sponge edges with Crumb Cake ink, then distress edges with scissors. Attach front piece to your Kraft card base. Attach inside piece to a piece of Pink Pirouette first (to help bring in more of the pink color) and then to the inside of your card.
3. To create the rest of your tag, stamp your flowers in Pink Pirouette ink, then stamp sentiment in Crumb Cake ink. Layer onto pink tag. Use sponge daubers to add ink to Little B Mum tabs, then adhere to bottom of the pink tag, removing excess tab pieces. Cut strip of Kraft Corrugate Tape down to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide. Attach rick rack trim behind Kraft Corrugate Tape and then secure this to your tag. Layer pink tag onto Kraft tag. Then secure entire tag layer onto your card front. Finish lower right hand corner of tag with three small pearls.
4. Mix Pink Pirouette refill ink with rubbing alcohol into a mister. Spritz all over your Pull Flowers to die them from white to pink. Pull on your strings to create your flower. Attach a Faceted Button to the center of your flower.
5. Use the 10 Second Bow Maker with Linen Thread to tie a double loop bow, then attach to the middle of your Faceted Button.



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# Iris Mixed Media Canvas Art

Project by Rita Barakat for Rita Barakat Blog

## Materials

Fairfield World - Foam core  
Prima Beads & Crystals  
Little B Corrugated adhesive borders & latic border punch  
Faber-Castell Design Memory Craft Gelatos, PITT Artist pens, Gesso, Whipped Spackle  
ColourArte Twinkling H2O'S and Silks (paints)  
Watercolor paper  
The Crafters Workshop Stencils  
Paint brushes

## Instructions

1. Add gesso to entire surface.
2. Draw and color.
3. Use stencils and corrugated paper to add texture.
4. Finish and accessorize with beads.
5. Mount it to the adhesive backed foam.



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# Decorated Notebook Cover DLY Craft Project

Project by Michelle Brown from Mixed Media Art

## Materials

Core'dinations Kraft-Core Nostalgic Collectins cardstock  
Sizzix embossing folder & die  
Little B tape and 3d stickers  
FolkArt stencil  
Wrights Jumbo Rick Rack  
Aleene's Turbo Tacky Glue

## Instructions

1. Choose a color of cardstock and add coordinating tape.
2. Insert into a Sizzix embossing folder and run through the Sizzix machine.
3. Use the Sizzix dies to cut out front window and glue contrasting coloured cardstock to back.
4. Add butterfly sticker as embellishment.
5. Options include running a piece of cardstock through the Sizzix embossing folder (dark blue) and then add patterned tape.
6. Another alternative is to only emboss a section of the cardstock (green) by placing the cardstock into the embossing folder with some of it hanging out. Then use tape and a sticker to dress up.
7. Adding rick rack is a fun way to add dimension to your notebook cover.
8. Or use paints and stencils to add an image and dress up with silver and pink tape.
9. When your cover is dry, cut a piece of card and some notepaper to a matching size.
10. Bind the pages together into a notebook. Here we've used the Zutter system.



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# Precious Baby Girl DLY Gift Tag

Project by Sue Eldred for Sue's Creative Workshop

## Materials

- 100366 Honeycomb Punch (Little B LLC)
- 100434 Silver Foil Pink Harlequin Decorative Tape (Little B LLC)
- 100146 Footprints Dimensional Sticker Embellishments (Little B LLC)
- 100395 Party Dies (Little B LLC)
- Large White Tag 3½" x 6"
- Cardstock: White, Pink
- Large White Button (Buttons Galore and More)
- Fabri Tac Adhesive (Beacon Adhesives)
- Tape Runner
- Thin 3-D Foam Squares (Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L)
- 5/16" hole punch
- Silver Ribbon (Offray)
- Computer-generated font

## Instructions

1. Punch a 3½" pink cardstock border using the Honeycomb punch.
2. Add a 3½" strip of decorative tape onto a piece of white cardstock. Trim a very thin border on each side of the tape. Add decorative trim tape piece onto center of the Honeycomb border.
3. Adhere border on the bottom of the tag.
4. Cut 12 from the White Pull flowers trim. Fold trim in half and pull strings as directed to create flower.
5. Add small pink feet stickers to a large white button. Glue embellished button to the center of the flower. Glue flower onto center of the tag.
6. Create a pink banner from the Party Dies. Add to top of the top using thin foam mounting squares.
7. Print out the letters: BABY using a computer and printer onto white cardstock.
8. Punch out each letter using a 5/16" hole punch. Add the letters onto the banner with small thin mounting squares.
9. Tie top of the tag with silver ribbon.



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# Distress Ink Watercolor DLY Greeting Card

Project by [Cathy Parlitsis](#) from [Stamps and Scrapbooks](#)

## Materials

Watercolor Cardstock  
White Shimmer Cardstock  
Purple Cardstock  
Broken China and Dusty Concord Distress Inks  
Sizzix Playful Embossing Folder  
Sizzix Kitchen  
Label Dies  
Tim Holtz Good Thoughts Stamp Set  
Jet Black Archival Ink  
Crinkle Ribbon  
Idea-ology Charms  
Little B Butterfly Stickers  
Prima Bead Swarovski Crystals  
Vanilla Smooch Spritz Spray



## Instructions

1. Cut Watercolor Cardstock to 4 x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Emboss using an Embossing Folder.
2. Press Broken China Distress Ink onto a Craft Sheet and Brush Ink over Watercolor Cardstock. Spritz with Water and Heat Set or allow to air dry.
3. Rub Broken China and Dusty Concord Distress Inks onto Crinkle Ribbon, spritz with water, crinkle and heat set. Attach Ribbon to front of Watercolor Cardstock and secure behind.
4. Tie a triple bow and attach to front of card.
5. Cut White Shimmer Cardstock to 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Score and fold at 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.
6. Cut a piece of Purple Cardstock to 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>".
7. Attach Watercolor Cardstock to Purple Cardstock and adhere to folded card with Foam Tape.
8. Stamp sentiment onto smooth side of Watercolor Cardstock with Black Archival Ink and die cut. Cut a second die cut from Purple Cardstock, cut diagonally and reassemble behind sentiment to create a border. Attach to card front with Foam Tape.

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9. Spritz entire card with Vanilla Smooch Spritz Spray.

10. Attach Charms to bow with Jump Ring.

11. Adhere Butterfly Stickers to card front.



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# Spread Your Wings And Fly Mixed Media

Project by Steph Ackerman for Live, Laugh, Scrap

## Materials

- Fairfield foam
- Oly-Fun in color of your choice
- Ann Butler Designs stencils, stamps and inks by Clearsnap
- Little B butterfly embellishments
- Stencil 1 butterfly stencil
- Folk Art paint by Plaid in a variety of colors

## Instructions

1. Adhere Oly-fun to foam
2. Paint Oly-fun and foam
3. Use stencils with molding paste to create dimension in the corners.
4. Use butterfly stencil and molding paste
5. Use a baby wipe to blend, remove and redistribute the paint
6. Stamp around the edges
7. Add little butterflies
8. Add stickers to finish



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# Sheet Metal Bracelet DIY Craft Project

Project by Carolina Moore for 30 Minute Crafts

## Materials

Felt  
Sheet Metal from MD Hobby & Craft  
Metal Snips  
Scissors from MD Hobby & Craft  
Seed beads  
Needle and thread  
Wonder Clips from Clover)

## Instructions

1. Cut the metal to 3"
2. Bend the metal to make a circle large enough for wrist
3. Cut felt to  $3\frac{3}{4}$ "
4. Stitch felt to metal
5. Embellish with beads



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# Starry Night Homemade Earrings

Project by Divya N from Jewels of Sayuri

## Materials

Copper sheet metal 30g  
6 Swarovski Flatback Stars from Prima Beads  
2 Lampworked disc beads  
Metal shears from MD Hobby & Craft  
Chasing hammer  
File  
Liquid fusion glue from I Love to Create  
Silver tone artistic wire 20g  
LOS - Liver of Sulphur, baking soda and water  
Metal sealant  
Chain nose pliers  
Bail forming pliers



## Instructions

1. Cut out two rectangles of copper. File them smooth.
2. Hammer the rectangles with the ball peen end of a chasing hammer to texture them.
3. Punch holes on both short ends of the pieces. File the holes.
4. Patina the rectangles in LOS solution for 2-3 minutes. Wash, clean and dry. Polish with a cloth and seal with sealant.
5. Glue stars with liquid fusion glue. Let dry.
6. Cut two 2.5 inches lengths of wire and use them to wrap the disc beads to the bottom hole of the rectangles.
7. Cut two 2 inches lengths of wire and curve them into earwires with a bail forming pliers. Attach them to the rectangles to complete the earrings.

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# Lace Victorian Hat DLY Craft Project

Project by [Carolyn Wainscott](#) for [Carolyn's Canvas](#)

## Materials

Structure2

Stiffen & Stiffen2

Chicken wire from MD Hobby & Craft

Metal working gloves from MD Hobby & Craft

Plumes

Dove

Lace yardage and lace trim

Pearl, braid, cording trims

## Instructions

1. Draft pattern.
2. Press lace yardage onto Stiffen.
3. Cut crown & hat body pieces from lace/Stiffen
4. Cut brim shape from chicken wire using gloves.
5. For brim-layer: 11" square of lace right side down, 11" square of Stiffen2, center chicken wire brim shape, 11" square of Structure2, 11" square of lace-right side up. Using press cloth, fuse all layers securely together according to instructions for fusibles - your brim now has lace on top and bottom and the chicken wire allows some shaping as desired.
6. Cut brim from created layered fabric from pattern.
7. Sew hat body pieces together all around to form circle by machine or hand-lace/fabric side out.
8. Sew crown onto hat body by hand
9. Brim - clip from center to brim as per pattern, glue to inside of hat, glue fabric/ribbon strip around inside to cover and make nicely finished.



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# Tie Dye Design Dress With Embellished Brooch

Project by Marisa Pawelko for The Modern Surrealist

## Materials

Dress  
Old large “freebie” button  
Tulip One-Step Tie-Dye Kit from I Love to Create  
Little B Pull Flowers  
Prima Bead Swarovski Crystals  
iLoveToCreate Liquid Fusion Clear Urethane Adhesive  
Buttons  
Large Faux Pearl  
Mod Podge Mod Melter  
Hand Sewing Needle  
Coats Dual Duty XP Thread

## Instructions

1. Tie dye the garment as per the kits instructions. To create the brooch scrunch up Little B Pull Flowers and glue them to the freebie button with the Mod Melter hot glue applicator.
2. Use the same technique to adhere the buttons and large faux pearl. Accent the piece by applying crystals using the clear urethane adhesive.
3. Use a needle and thread to attach the crystal beads. Pin the brooch to your garment and get ready to rock this frock all throughout the spring and summer seasons!



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# Structured Pattern Skirt DIY Craft Project

Project by Katherine Priest for Three Mint Balloons

## Materials

Sewing Pattern  
MD Hobby Craft Chicken Wire  
Aleenes Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Heart die  
White and Gold Glitter  
Glitter sealer spray paint

## Instructions

1. Take out your chicken wire and with gloves wrap it around your body for your desired length. Then cut.
2. Shape your chicken wire into a skirt then try it on. Adjust accordingly, then cut of any sharp ends.
3. Using a heart die cut and the pattern cut out the hearts. I would recommend leaving the pattern folded to cut out the hearts faster.
4. Then glue that hearts tip to tip with the tacky glue.
5. Attach the hearts to the chicken wire frame by gluing a line on the string of hearts and folding over  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, repeat along the top and in the middle to get volume.
6. Spray the top gold and spray down pulling farther and farther away to create a ombre effect and then spray the white paint on the edge lightly and add the glitter paint. Seal, then let dry.



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# DIY Painted Jugs and Spring Flowers

Project by [Julie McGuffee](#) for [Life in the Craft Lane](#)

## Materials

Little B Pull Flowers  
Smoothfoam Balls  
etchall dip'n etch  
Glass Milk Bottles  
Lo-temp Glue Gun  
Flower Soft Sprinkles  
Crafts Picks  
White Glue  
Green Straws

## Instructions

1. Prepare the glass bottles following instructions on the container of dip'n etch. Pour the etching liquid into one bottle. Let sit for 15 minutes, then pour the liquid from the first bottle into the second one. After 15 minutes pour the liquid from the 2nd bottle into the 3rd. Let sit for 15 minutes then return the liquid to the container. This product is REUSABLE, so you can etch a lot of glass with it.
2. Rinse each bottle thoroughly then dry with a soft cloth.
3. Now let's add some color. Because the glass is etched on the inside, it now has "tooth" (a rough surface), so you can use regular acrylic paint for this technique. I poured about half of the paint into the bottle then carefully, holding the bottle on its side, I turned it around slowly until the inside was completely covered. Pour the excess paint back into the paint bottle. I love to experiment, so I used Patio Paint to color the blue bottle. Patio paint has a thinner consistency, so it was easy to work with. The pink and yellow bottles were coated on the inside with regular acrylic paint. This paint had a much thicker consistency, so I thinned it with a little water before using. Both paints worked well. Let the paint dry at least 24-48 hours and DO NOT fill with water. These are intended for decorative purposes only. In case you're wondering, I tried glass paint with this technique on unetched glass, but the coverage wasn't quite as even as I would have liked. Now that you've colored the bottles, set them aside to dry while you make the flowers.



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4. Cut 18" of each color of ribbon. Pull the thread from both ends to gather then tie the ends together in a simple overhand knot.
5. To make the center, push the end of the craft stick into each of the Smoothfoam balls. Smoothfoam is very dense, so you may need to make a pilot hole with the tip of a craft knife first.
6. Using the craft stick as a handle, coat the surface of the ball with white glue. The surface is nice and smooth, making it easy to work with. When the surface is covered, sprinkle with Flower Soft sprinkles. Let dry.
7. Push the craft stick thru the center of the flower, then secure with cool temp glue at the base of the covered ball.
8. Trim the craft stick on the the under side of the flower to 1" then glue the end of the straw, over the craft stick, to the base of the flower. The "bendy" part of the straw will allow you to position the flower if desired.



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# Succulent Garden DIY Wall Decor

Project by [Linda Peterson](#) for [Linda Peterson Designs](#)

## Materials

Wooden frame  
MD Hobby and Craft Decra Adhere  
MD Hobby and Craft Chicken Wire  
MD Hobby and Craft Clear Adhere  
Succulents and other florals of choice  
Paint in color of choice  
Moss, Rocks and other items of interest  
Floral Foam  
Staple gun  
Paint brush  
Floral snips

## Instructions

1. Apply Decra adhere to wooden frame to give a textured look. Allow to dry.
2. Paint frame desired color or colors and antique.
3. Staple chicken wire to backside of frame.
4. Add craft foam and secure with Clear Adhere.
5. Working from front, arrange succulents, rocks and moss into a pleasing arrangement, securing all elements with Clear Adhere.
6. Cover back side with craft paper if desired.



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# Proggy Rugging Rainbow Pillow

Project by [Lorrie McCullers](#) for [Forty11 Designs](#)

## Materials

OlyFun fabric by Fairfield  
PolyFil polyester fiberfill by Fairfield  
proggy tool by Craft Yourself Silly  
Burlap  
Fleece

## Instructions

1. Cut fabric into strips of approximately 1 1/2" wide and 3" long. You need enough fabric for about three times the area of your finished piece.
2. Get a piece of loose weave burlap. It needs a more loose weave so that the proggy tool will go through the holes more easily. Size of the burlap depends on how large you want your pillow.
3. Fold one edge of the burlap over about 2 inches. Always work from the back of the project (the front will be the fluffy side).
4. Starting in the middle of the row, poke a hole through the burlap with the proggy tool. Use the proggy to poke the fabric through the hole. Then move over three strands of burlap and poke another hole, weaving your fabric into this hole.
5. Move over three more strands of burlap and repeat the process until you get to approx. 2 inches from the ends. Fold over the ends and repeat steps 4 and 5. You will fold over all 4 sides of your burlap until all sides are finished and you have a square.
6. Once your borders are done, continue filling in the middle. You can work in rows or just random -- its up to you!
7. After the burlap is filled in, take a piece of fleece and cut it approx. 2 inches larger on all sides than your burlap square (so if your burlap square is 12x12, then your fleece should be 16x16).



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8. Cut fringe into the fleece edge with each fringe strip measuring 2 inches by -.
9. To attach the fleece backing, use your proggy tool to poke the fabric through already established holes once (the backing and fabric will share holes). Repeat until 3 edges are complete. Leave the 4th edge open so you can stuff the pillow.
10. Stuff the pillow with polyester filling.
11. Finish last edge with the fleece backing.



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# Recycled Wine Crate Footstool DIY Home Decor

Project by Stefanie Girard for Craftside

## Materials

Foamology Twelve Piece Design Foam from Fairfield  
Recycled wine crate  
Scrap Wood  
12 pieces of fabric  
4 wood ball feet  
Buttons

## Instructions

1. The cushion top is made with Foamology Twelve Piece Design Foam and 12 of my favorite quilt fabric pieces along with some scrap wood, buttons and 4 wooden ball feet.
2. My wine crate wasn't the exact size of the Foamology Twelve square Foam piece so I made the lid a bit bigger. I didn't know exactly how much extra puffy the foam would be with the fabric on it so I decided to cover it first before I made the frame lid.
3. I wanted to fussy cut some of the fabric to include images and text so I made a velum template.
4. Once my foam was covered I measured it and cut some strips of wood to make the frame and a piece for the lid base.
5. I glued the frame together and made sure it was square with my quilt ruler and the lid base as a guide.
6. To embellish the cushion frame I cut the shanks off of a variety of buttons **USING EYE PROTECTION!** as the shanks can go flying even if you are holding the button with the shank side down.
7. I made 4 rows of buttons to make sure I had a nice variety for each side. All that was left to do was glue the buttons around the frame boarder and the ball feet on the bottom of the wine crate.
8. Then I put the cushion into the frame and glued it down to the lid base holding it secure with a c-clamp on each corner.
9. I glued dice on the underside of the lid in each corner so that the lid would not slide around.



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# Yarn Wrapped Spring Duck

Project by Debra Quartermain for Debra Quartermain Design

## Materials

Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn Gold (1 Skein will make several ducks)  
Styrofoam Brand Foam: 4", 6" balls  
9" x 12" Kunin Prestofelt Craftcut Copper Canyon  
2-12mm Black Beads  
1-12" x 1/4" Dowel  
1/2 yard craft ribbon  
Flower embellishment  
Aleene's Turbo Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Printable Pattern

## Instructions

1. Begin at center end of ball, glue and wrap yarn. Continue until ball is completely covered. Repeat for second ball.
2. Cut dowel into 3 equal pieces. Insert one piece of dowel between the two balls using the Turbo Tacky glue.
3. Print out pattern. Draw pattern onto paper backing of Prestofelt. Cut out each piece.
4. For legs wrap dowels with yarn leaving a 1/2" at one end. Glue at both ends.
5. Peel off backing of felt wing. Place the yarn back and forth across the adhesive back of the felt. Trim yarn. Repeat for second wing.
6. Peel backing off of both beak pieces. Place a small amount of yarn in center of one beak piece for stuffing. Place adhesive sides together around edges. Press to face, adhesive on felt with adhere to face. Insert beads on either side of of beak pressing into face. Glue on place.
7. Trim top of wings off and glue to either side of body as shown.
8. Peel backing off feet pieces and press together. Glue to ends of dowel. Insert opposite ends of dowels into body.
9. Cut a 12" and 3" piece of yarn. Fold the 12" piece back and forth three times. Wrap 3" piece around one end and tie. Trim ends. Glue to duck back for tail. Tie on bow and add flower.



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# Spring Hedgehog Yarn Wreath

Project by Jennifer Priest from Hydrangea Hippo

## Materials

1 skein Bernat Chunky Yarn in Gold  
Floracraft Wreath Form  
Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Circle Die #1 by Sizzix  
Flower Die by Eileen Hull for Sizzix  
Ric Rac by Wrights  
Swarovski Crystal Beads by Prima Bead  
Dimensions Hedgehog Cross Stitch Kit from Simplicity  
Kunin Eco-Fi Premium Plus Felt

## Instructions

1. Wrap the Floracraft wreath form with Bernat Chunky Yarn, adding a bit of Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue under the yarn every inch or so.
2. Following the instructions on the package, complete the Dimensions Hedgehog cross stitch project.
3. Roll the ric rac onto itself to create a ric rac flower. Use hot glue to secure the ric rac in place every few inches.
4. Die cut flowers with a Sizzix die from a Simplicity pattern. Thread Swarovski beads from Prima Bead onto wire and insert into the middle of the flower layers. Fluff the layers.
5. Die cut 6 circles from felt with a Sizzix Circle #1 die. Fold 4 of the circles into quarters and glue to one of the flat circles to form a pie cut into quarters. Fold the final circle into quarters and glue into the center of the four other quarter-folded circles. Fluff to make a flower.
6. Adhere the elements to a strip of chipboard. Adhere the chipboard strip to the wreath form using hot glue.



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# Beautiful Moments Chalkboard Tray DIY Wall Decor

Project by Margie Higuchi from [SCRAPS of \(my\) Life](#)

## Materials

Plaid: FolkArt Home Décor Chalk Rich Black Paint

Little B LLC: Pull Flower - Roses

iLoveToCreate: Aleen's Always Ready Tacky Glue Turbo

Simplicity Creative Group: ¼" Baby Rick Rack

Sizzix: Core'dinations Kraft-Core Nostalgic Collection by Tim Holtz For Sizzix

Disposable Silver Tray

Foam Brush

Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L: Dodz XL (extra large adhesive circles) and 3D Foam Squares, White Small

Hazel & Ruby: Chalkboard Kit (White Chalk, White Pencil and Practice Slate)

Spellbinders Creative Arts: S4-328 Foilage (Die #6)



## Instructions

1. Apply FolkArt Home Décor Chalk Rich Black Paint in the center of tray. Paint three coats with dry time in between coats.
2. While waiting for paint to dry, create Little Bs Pull Flower Roses as directed on package. Make two of each color. Set aside.
3. Once the last coat of chalk paint is dried, edge the painted area with Baby Rick Rack and Aleen's Always Ready Tacky Glue Turbo. Let dry.
4. On the computer create a sentiment to fit the center of tray and print out. I also drew some accents around the words. Chalk over the back of the copy paper of sentiment with white chalk. Place chalked side down on to the tray and beginning tracing the words. The white chalk will transfer to the painted area. Use white marker to finish the sentiment.
5. Cut and emboss Foilage set Die #6 (the smallest size die is #1) with No. 11 Green cardstock for a total of six die cuts. These will be placed behind the Pull Flower Roses for accent.

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6. Place a cluster of three Pull Flowers Roses (pink, red and yellow) and adhere with Dodz XL on the upper left edge of tray. Repeat another cluster of roses to the lower right edge. Add in leaf die cuts - the upper left corner, double up the die cuts and for dimension, use 3D Foam Squares, Small White.



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# Chicken Wire Chandelier

Project by Michelle Frae Cummings for Faerie \*Dust\* Dreams

## Materials

MD Hobby & Craft Chicken Wire  
MD Hobby & Craft metal working gloves  
MD Hobby & Craft Brass Metal Sheet Roll  
Prima Swarovski Crystals  
Sizzix branch die  
Sizzix Flower die  
Sizzix Embossing Folder  
Die cutting machine  
Red and green alcohol pens  
25 Heart shaped crystals  
Gold floral wire  
e-6000 glue  
Jewelry pliers  
Scissors  
Gold spray paint



## Instructions

1. Working carefully with the gloves on, roll out the chicken wire and cut a 12" X 12" piece with the jewelry pliers.
2. Shape chicken wire into a cylinder shape.
3. Carefully interlock wire ends together with your gloved fingers and pliers.
4. Pinch the top of the cylinder closed and push down until the cylinder measures 6".
5. Spray completely with gold paint and let dry.
6. Cut and emboss 4 flowers from the brass sheet.
7. Cut 4 branches from the brass sheet.
8. Use the edge of your scissors or a bone folder to make indents into the leaves.
9. Color the leaves and flowers with alcohol pens.
10. Attach crystals with e-6000.
11. Use colored floral wire to attach branches to top of the cylinder.

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12. Glue the flowers to the branches.

13. Hang hearts, prism side out, in the chicken wire holes.

14. Attach a wire hook and hang in a sunny spot, indoors or out in the garden for all to enjoy!



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# Metallic Mason Jar Art Dly Wall Art

Project by Angie Holden from [The Country Chic Cottage](#)

## Materials

Gray OlyFun from Fairfield  
Frame  
Chicken Wire from MD Hobby & Craft  
Mason jar Sizzix Die  
Sizzix emboss folder  
Label Sizzix Die  
White OlyFun from Fairfield  
White RicRac  
Aleene's Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Thin metal sheet roll from MD Hobby & Craft  
Pennant banner die from Sizzix  
Liquid Nails



The Country Chic Cottage

## Instructions

1. Add gray OlyFun and chicken wire to a black frame.
2. Cut Mason jars from metal sheet and emboss with folder.
3. Cut Mason jar top, label, and ruffled piece from white OlyFun. Glue these onto mason jars along with ricrac using tacky glue.
4. Cut pennant shapes from sheet metal. Fold over ricrac to make banner.
5. Use Liquid Nails to adhere all of the pieces to the chicken wire in the frame.

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# Rhinestone Embellished DIY Wine Bottle Craft

Project by [Shawn Mosch](#) for [Crafty Chic's](#)

## Materials

Wine bottle  
Rhinestone sticker sheet  
1 skein Bernat Bulky Yarn  
Corrugated tape  
Butterfly stickers from Little B

## Instructions

1. Since a couple of the wine bottles my sister gave me have the lettering and label information printed right on the glass, I knew I was not going to be able to use these bottles for painted projects.
2. See what I mean? I would have to do SO MANY LAYERS of paint to fully cover and hide the words.
3. So on to plan B . . . Bernat Mega Bulky yarn, rhinestone sticker sheets from The Buckle Boutique and embellishments from Little B. {wow . . . I guess that really is Plan B . . . lots of companies with the letter B in the name}
4. First I used the rhinestone sticker sheets from The Buckle Boutique to cover the main portion of the bottle. This fun animal print is from the new Tween Quad sheet. The quad sheets have 4 different patterns on one sheet, so you can get more variety out of every sheet. I love that these rhinestone are all on one large sheet with an adhesive back. I just peeled part of the backing off and lined it up on the bottle . . .
5. Then as I rolled the bottle and continued to peel off the backing the bottle basically covered itself in rhinestones. Quick, easy and beautiful! And since this is from the Tween Quad sheet, I still have 3 other patterns left in case I want to make this same project again in a different pattern.
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7. Next I added some glue to the top of the bottle, and dripped a little down the back. I did this so I could start the tail down the back and have it tucked under the yarn.

8. Once I wrapped the yarn around the top I let it sit for a little while. I wanted to make sure that the yarn was secure at the top before I started to wrap it around the bottle. In this photo you can see the little tail I left hanging down. As I wrap the yarn around the bottle I will go right over that so that the end of the yarn is not exposed.

9. Then I applied more glue and just wound the yarn around the bottle, making sure not to leave any gaps between the rows.

10. After I was sure that the glue had dried under the yarn, I used the corrugated tape from Little B to cover the last parts of the bottle. Just the the rhinestone sticker sheets, this tape has an adhesive back, so I just needed to cut off the right amount, peel off the backing and stick it on the bottle.

11. When I finished with the corrugated tape I felt like it still needed "something". I used a few scraps of the rhinestone sticker sheets I had left over from another project along with butterfly stickers from Little B

12. I love how these dimensional butterfly stickers look like they are going to fly right off the bottle. And look how great the colors go with the pattern in the rhinestone sticker sheet! It is like all of these products were made to go together.



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# Metal Stamped Heart Valentines Day Craft

Project by Margot Potter for The Impatient Crafter

## Materials

Set of 3 Galvanized Steel 6-x4.5 Hearts from Target Dollar Bin

Copper Sheet 20 Gauge

Martha Stewart for Plaid Multi-Surface Paints in: Blue Calico, Pea Shoot, Blue Sky, Poodle Skirt, Beetle Black

FolkArt Home Decor Wax Sealer-Clear from Plaid Enterprises

Jute Craft Baker's Twine Cording

Pink and White Baker's Twine

2 6mm Jump Rings Silver Plate

Uppercase 3/8" Metal Stamps

Lowercase 1/4" Metal Stamps

Metal Hole Punch Pliers for Sheet Metal

ImpressArt Steel Block

ImpressArt Brass Stamping Hammer

Folkart Home Decor Sanding Foam Block

Martha Stewart Brushes, Detailing, Set of 5

Martha Stewart Foam Pouncer

Metal Stylus or other metal tool for scratching into paint

Cotton Swab

Paper Towel



## Instructions

1. Brave Heart Metal Stamped Valentien Heart: Remove red ribbon from heart. Use sanding block to roughen up surface of heart. This will help the paint adhere better. Use metal stamps to stamp BRAVE in center of heart. You really, really have to hit these hard to get them this deep. Start with the A in the center and then stamp out from there. Flip heart over to flatten stamped areas after stamping if indentations are too deep. Apply black paint with a cotton swab. Wipe off with a paper towel. Squeeze out a little bit of the pink, green and blue paints.

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# Metal Stamped Heart Valentines Day Craft

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Apply a small amount of each color to one section of your paint pouncer (keep them separate so they dont get muddy.) Use paint pouncer to dab paint across surface of heart, twist and turn it so you get a nice blend. Use a paper towel to blend it further. Once paint has dried, seal with a coat of wax. Add jute twine so you can hang your creation.

2. Wild Heart Metal Stamped Valentine Heart: Remove red ribbon from heart. Use sanding block to roughen surface of heart. Stamp wild heart. on heart. This is more of a free form stamping, no need for perfect alignment. Alter the stamp placement as shown. Use the awl to add small stamped dots around edge of heart. Apply black paint to stamped letters using a cotton swab. Wipe off with a paper towel. Paint the edge of heart with darker blue. Allow the paint to dry. Use small paint brushes to add half dots along edge of heart as shown. Add jute twine so you can hang your creation.

3. Sweet Heart Metal Stamped Valentine Heart: Remove red ribbon from heart. Roughen surface of heart with sanding block. Use paint brush to apply 1 blue circles to heart in a pattern. Apply pink paint in a ring around blue hearts. Apply smaller green dots in varied placement on blue circles. Add green leaves using edge of brush. Once paint has dried, use a stylus to scratch into paint as shown. This adds a little movement and dimension. Cut a small piece of copper sheet using shears. Stamp sweet into metal. Apply black paint with cotton swab, wipe off with paper towel. Use hole punch to add a hole to the top left and right corner of stamped blank. Attach jump rings. Cut some twine and attach to jump rings as shown. Dab a little glue on the knots to secure them. Add jute twine so you can hang your creation.



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# Super Spring Flag Garden Craft

Project by Donna Budzynski for Meme's Art Place

## Materials

- Oly\*fun by Fairfield - variety of colors
- Embroidery threads to match
- 2 black buttons, 3 small buttons
- 1 Metal rod (or wood dowel)
- Black cord
- Needle
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Clover - Kanzashi flower maker (optional: you can also make your own flowers)
- Sizzix Die by Eileen Hull - Bird
- Die cut machine to cut it out

## Instructions

1. Draw out project.
2. Cut 2 11"X20" of Sky Blue Oly\*fun. This will be your front and back of the flag.
3. Cut out birdhouse, butterfly, leaves, bird, pole out of Oly\*fun
4. Pin pole onto front of flag and hand stitch on.
5. Pin birdhouse, roof, base and hole onto front of flag and hand stitch on.
6. Pin bird, butterfly in place and hand stitch on.
7. Hand stitch a dotted line behind butterfly to resemble a flying line.
8. Using the Clover Kanzashi flower maker make 3 flowers and stitch in place.
9. Hand stitch stems and leaves for each of the flowers.
10. Machine stitch front of flag to back of flag.
11. Turn 2" over at top towards back to make pocket for rod. Stitch black buttons to hold in place.
12. Add metal bar and tie on cord (or use a wood dowel).



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# Dreamy Chicken Wire Crown DIY Craft Project

Project by Cheryl Waters for Artsy Findings

## Materials

MD Hobby and Crafts Chicken Wire and Gloves

Fiskars Amplify Scissors

Little B tapes: Baby Blue, Silver Lace and Corrugated  
Cardboard tape

Stencil1 Swallow Stencil

Fairfield World Products: Stiffen Material

Vintage: Cupcake Tin, Paper garland, Dresden.

Misc. Washi tape, acrylic paint, spray ink (Clearsnap), Image  
of Dancing Girl (The Graphics Fairy), Upholstery strips,  
Feather, Ribbon, Tacky Glue (Aleenes), Glitter (Clearsnap by  
Donna Salazar).



## Instructions

1. Wearing and using MD Hobby and Crafts gloves cut the chicken wire top into the shape of a crown. Trim metal pieces as necessary with Fiskars mixed media Scissors.
2. Adhere Little B washi tape to the crown top by wrapping around the top edge. This serves a dual purpose; for decor purposes but also to help hid sharp edges that may protrude.
3. Next, adhere vintage paper trim, silver lace washi tape, misc. script washi tape and corrugated cardboard tape to the base of the crown using Tacky Glue. Add a bit of acrylic paint to cardboard tape if desired.
4. Make fans from corrugated cardboard tape. This is easy to do because the corrugated tape is self adhesive. Add to the top of each crown point using tacky glue and add a fan to the base (leaving room for the cupcake tin).
5. Make three washi tape flowers by wrapping and twisting the tape around into a flower/rose shape. Add one to each side point along with the dresden. Add last one to the base. Make fabric flowers from upholstery strips.
6. Print dancing girl image and cut her out. Adhere to the center of the cupcake tin. Dip the cupcake tin into tacky glue and then into glitter. Glue tin onto base of crown and allow to dry.

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# Dreamy Chicken Wire Crown DLY Craft Project

Project by Cheryl Waters for Artsy Findings

7. Print word Dream and adhere. Add letters FLY to top of crown and add a circle of patterned paper if you desire. Embellish the base with ribbon and other delights you desire, ie. bling, feather, ribbon, tassel, etc.

8. Stencil the swallow bird onto a piece of Stiffen material using Clearsnap Smooch Spritz. Cut out bird. Take a piece of wire and wrap around a pencil providing a spiral type of effect. Attach the wire to the bottom of the base using wire. Adhere the bird stencil to the tip . . . thus making the bird look as if it's in flight.



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# Birdhouse Table & Chicken Wire Bird

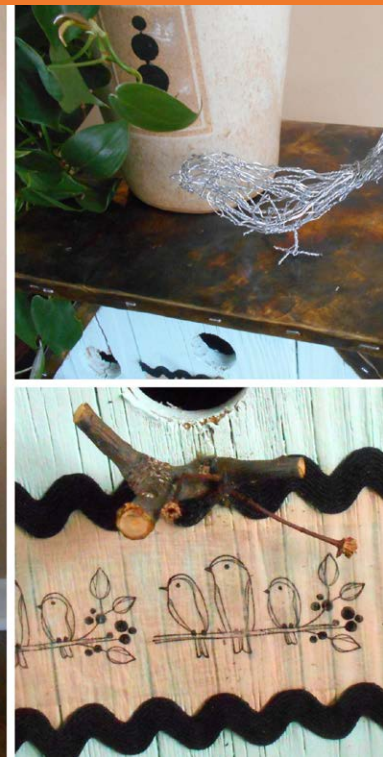
Project by [Cindi Bisson](#) from [Fat Cat Creations](#)

## Materials

Plaid FolkArt Home Decor Chalk Paint- Seaside Villa  
Plaid Martha Stewart Crafts Multi-Surface Satin Acrylic Paint - Sandcastle  
Plaid Outdoor Mod Podge  
EKSuccess Inkadinkado Stamp Set - Flower Icons  
Wrights 5/8" Black ric-rac from Simplicity  
MD Hobby & Craft Metal Working Gloves  
MD Hobby & Craft Brass Rolled Metal  
MD Hobby & Craft Chicken Wire  
MD Hobby & Craft Hobby Shears  
KellyCraft Get-it-Straight Laser Square & Multi-Mat  
Westcott Titanium Bonded Non-Stick Scissors  
Craft Attitude Printable Craft Film  
Staz-On ink pad - Jet Black  
Jax Pewter Black  
Repurposed wood 1/2" thick (I used old fence boards to create this birdhouse).  
Assorted carpentry tools - saw, staple gun, drill, safety glasses, large hammer, rag  
Paintbrushes  
Beacon 527 Adhesive  
Permanent glue stick

## Instructions

1. Cut 4 pieces of repurposed wood (approximately 1/2" thick for all wood) 5" x 21". Nail together to create center of birdhouse. Cut 2 pieces of repurposed wood 7 x 10". Cut 2 pieces of wood 4-1/2" x 5". Cut 2 triangles 8" x 6 1/2" x 5". Assemble to create side portions of roof. Cut piece of wood 11" x 11".
2. Cut piece of brass metal 12" x 12" and 2 pieces 8" x 11". Place brass metal pieces on hard surface, hit with large hammer to distress. Apply Jax Pewter Black to all brass to add patina to age distressed metal.



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3. Fold edges of each piece back 1/2" and use staple gun to mount to two slanted roof pieces. Mount 11" x 11" piece to top of birdhouse to create table top. Fold edges of 12" x 12" metal piece back 1/2" and use staple gun to mount to flat 11" x 11" table top (staples on folded edge).

4. Drill 3 evenly spaced 1- 1/2" holes in center of birdhouse, and one in each slanted side roof piece. Drill 3/8" holes beneath each large hole.

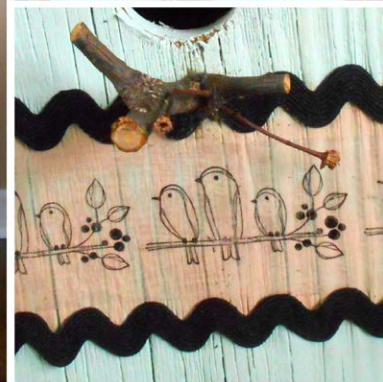
5. Paint birdhouse with FolkArt Home Decor Chalk paint. Let dry. Paint 2-1/2" band of Sandcastle paint beneath each hole on center of birdhouse. Let dry.

6. Ink birds on a branch stamp with permanent black ink. Place Craft Attitude film onto Multi-Mat and use Get-it-Straight Laser Square to help align separate rows of stamped bird images as shown. Cut into strips. Use permanent glue stick to mount stamped Craft Attitude to Sandcastle sections.

7. Cut black ric-rac and mount to top and bottom of each painted strip. Cut twigs and use Beacon 527 to mount in 3/8" holes.

8. Seal by coating all non-metal surfaces with outdoor Mod Podge.

9. I first saw a chicken wire bird on Pinterest - and was inspired to try it myself with the chicken wire I received from MD Hobby & Craft - I found some photos online for reference and then free-form created the little bird.



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# Restyled Red Shelf Home Decor Craft

Project by Betsy Burnett for Aim Happy

## Materials

Wood shelf  
1" X 2" pieces of wood to create door frame  
wood glue  
Nails  
MD Hobby & Craft Chicken Wire  
Md Hobby & Craft Metal Working Gloves  
Tin Snips  
Needle Nosed Pliers  
Staple Gun/Staples  
Hinges  
Decorative knobs  
Plaid Craft Folk Art Chalk Paint Base Color (White shown)  
Plaid Craft Folk Art Chalk Paint Top Color (Imperial Shown)  
Plaid Craft Wax Finish (Clear Shown)  
Plaid Craft Wax and Chalk Finish Paint Brushes  
Sandpaper  
Lint-free rag  
Soap and water (for clean-up)  
Paper plate  
Eye protection (when using tin snips cutting metal)  
Screwdriver or drill and screws  
Hammer  
Spring load clamps



## Instructions

1. Prepare shelf-thoroughly clean off shelving unit and repair any loose pieces, nailing and or gluing back into place.
2. Measure the opening of the shelves, and then create door frame using 1" X 2" pieces.
3. Apply base coat of Plaid Chalk paint to surfaces of shelf and door frame. Paint will dry quickly especially if the wood is "thirsty" but the manufacturer recommends allowing paint to cure for 2 hours before applying additional coats.
4. Apply top color of Plaid Chalk Paint. Allow to dry and cure as well.

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# Restyled Red Shelf Home Decor Craft

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5. Using sand paper, gently sand around areas you want to expose base color. For a vintage inspired piece consider places that would receive a lot of handling, or have something easily brush up against.
6. When finished sanding, wipe a rag over sanded surface to remove dust and debris from sanding.
7. Coat entire surface of shelf and frame with Plaid Crafts Folk Art Wax Finish. Allow to dry (approximately 1 hour) and then buff to desired sheen with lint free cloth.
8. Unroll MD Hobby and Craft Chicken Wire. The Chicken Wire rolls comes folded in half. The project as shown kept wired folded in half and had a double layer on the doors. Trim chicken wire to desired size using tin snip. Insert on the back of the wood door frames stapling into place with staple gun. Be sure to wear eye and hand protection as metal edges are sharp, and pieces go flying when they are being trimmed with tin snips. Use needle nosed pliers, to bend in any sharp edges.
9. Install hardware for hinges and attach doors.
10. Install knobs on front of doors.



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# Vintage Chalkboard Frame DIY Home Decor

Project by Kazan Clark for Nunu Toolies

## Materials

Plaid FolkArt Home Decor Chalk Nantucket Blue  
Plaid FolkArt Home Decor Wax - Clear Wax  
Plaid FolkArt Home Decor Wax - White Wax  
Plaid Martha Stewart Crafts Multi-Surface Chalkboard  
Acrylic Craft Paint Black  
White Acrylic Paint  
Thrift store vintage frames  
Porcelain bird ornaments  
Chalkboard Marker  
Branch from my garden

## Instructions

1. Clean frame and remove glass and image
2. Paint frame using FolkArt Home Decor Chalk Paint in Nantucket Blue. Allow to Dry.
3. Apply FolkArt Home Decor Clear Wax, let dry and buff.
4. Brush on a thin layer of FolkArt White Wax, immediately remove excess wax with a clean cloth, leaving white wax in the surface recesses.
5. Paint a layer of black Martha Stewart Chalkboard paint onto the backing board of the original frame.
6. Paint a tree branch white.
7. Secure the black painted chalkboard panel to the frame. Attach the painted branch and porcelain birds using a strong adhesive.
8. Finish by writing a sentiment with a chalkboard marker.



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# Stenciled Metal Vase

Project by Carmen Flores Tanis for Bzzy Little Bee

## Materials

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Plaid FolkArt Home Decor Wax - Clear Wax  
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Acrylic Craft Paint Black  
White Acrylic Paint  
Thrift store vintage frames  
Porcelain bird ornaments  
Chalkboard Marker  
Branch from my garden

## Instructions

1. Wrap a strip of masking tape around the bottom edge of the vase.
2. Wrap three more strips of masking tape around the vase, evenly spaced.
3. Paint the areas between the paper tape strips with Beetle Black paint. Let dry.
4. Peel away the masking tape to expose the unpainted metal vase stripes.
5. Squirt a small amount of Brushed Pewter paint onto the plastic dish. Load the paint sponge with a small amount of paint by dipping the sponge lightly into the paint and then tapping it on the edge of the plate to remove most of the paint.
6. Starting at the top edge of the vase, hold the stencil in place with one hand and pounce the loaded paint sponge onto the stencil with the other hand. By pouncing or tapping the sponge up and down rather than sweeping it sideways, you will get a nice clean image with no blurry edges.
7. Carefully lift the stencil and reposition it to repeat the above painting step. Continue until the entire vase is decorated.



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# No Sew Patchwork Panel

Project by [Lisa Fulmer](#) from [Lisa Liza Lou](#)

## Materials

Foamology Design Foam with Stickybase  
Bernat Mega Bulky Yarn  
Cotton fabrics  
Aleene's Fast-Grab Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Aleene's Fabric Fusion Peel and Stick Tape from I Love to Create  
Bone folder  
Scissors  
Buttons

## Instructions

1. Cut fabrics into squares about 3/4" larger than the pre-cut squares in the design foam.
2. Tuck each piece of fabric into the foam, using the bone folder to slide the fabric edges into the slits.
3. Remove the sticky-back paper liner from the back of the panel and center it, sticky side down, on top of an 18" square of fabric.
4. Fold each side of the backer fabric up along each edge of the foam panel, folding and securing with Fabric Fusion tape flush to the top of the panel, tucking and covering the edges of each square. Miter the corners like you're wrapping a gift box.
5. Glue a strand of yarn around the top edge and glue a button in each corner to frame the panel.



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# Faux Quilted Tie Dye Pillow

Project by Ann Butler for Ann Butler Designs

## Materials

Tulip One Step Dye: Yellow, Pink from I Love to Create  
American Spirit Premium Polyester Betting by Fairfield  
World, 14" x 14"

Poly-Fil by Fairfield

Ann Butler's Faux Quilting Stamps by Unity Stamp Company,  
2' Assorted

Ann Butler Crafters Ink by Clearsnap Berry

Bleached Muslin: 14" x 14"(3)

Button

Scissors

Needle

Thread

Sewing machine (optional)

Baby wipes

Acrylic Block

Iron



## Instructions

1. Tie dye fabric according to manufacturer's directions. Dry and iron.
2. Attach desired stamps to an acrylic block and stamp out pattern with stamps on a 14" square piece of fabric; heat set with an iron.
3. Layer stamped fabric with batting and a piece of muslin then quilt together by stitching between the stamped blocks and diagonally if desired.
4. Trim to 12-1/2" x 12-1/2".
5. Put right sides together (batting side of batting piece and stamped side of quilted piece) and stitch together with a 1/2" seam allowance, leaving a 4" opening for turning.
6. Turn to the right side, sew button in the center front, then stuff with poly-fil and stitch opening closed.

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# Styrofoam Koalas DLY Kids Craft

Project by [Cindy deRosier](#) for [My Creative Life](#)

## Materials

Styrofoam ball  
Grey paint  
Grey felt  
Black felt  
Googly Eyes  
Aleene's Tacky Glue from I Love to Create

## Instructions

1. Paint the styrofoam ball grey by pouncing paint onto it.
2. While the paint is drying, cut out an oval nose and a smile from black felt. Cut a pair of ears from grey felt.
3. When the foam ball is dry, use tacky glue to attach the facial features.
4. Glue the ears in place. Hold them for 2-3 minutes so that they don't slump under their own weight.



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# Hanging Pendant Light DIY Bedroom Decor

Project by Jen Goode from 100 Directions

## Materials

Chicken Wire from MD Hobby & Craft  
Olyfun in pink, lavender and purple from Fairfield  
White Pull Flowers from Little B  
Aleene's Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Wire cutters  
Metal working gloves from MD Hobby & Craft  
White Christmas Lights (100)

## Instructions

1. Make a cylinder with the chicken wire.
2. Add a top to the cylinder using chicken wire.
3. Cut Olyfun into 2" strips. Glue together, along the long side, to create a single long sheet.
4. Place lights inside the wire cylinder. Pull the plug through the top. pull individual lights through the wire, or use wire ties to tie into place.
5. Wrap Olyfun color sheet around the cylinder and glue ends together.
6. Cut 1 strip of Pull Flowers into 3 pieces. Make 3 flowers. Tie a knot at the end of the threads.
7. Tie the flowers to the end of the cylinder.
8. Hang and enjoy.
9. Optionally - add extra embellishments to the pendant light to decorate in your own style



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# No Fray Tassel Party Garland

Project by Tyra Babington for Just Tyra

## Materials

Oly Fun Fabric  
Ribbon  
Stapler

## Instructions

1. Use your paper trimmer to trim a 12" x 12" panel of Oly Fun fabric into four 6"x 6" squares.
2. Take each square and cut .25 inch strips leaving 1.5 inches uncut at top.
3. Roll your cut panel into a garland and staple.
4. staple garland onto a strip of ribbon
5. Hang garland and party!



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# Glowing Balloons Night Light DIY Bedroom Decor

Project by [Gloria Uhler for Domestic Diva](#)

## Materials

Fairfield Oly Fun fabric  
Tulip Beads In A Bottle  
Elmer's Extreme glue stick  
Aleene's Turbo Tacky Glue from I Love to Create  
Floral Craft Styrofoam 2" ball from DOW STYROFOAM  
Clover Wonder Clips  
Battery operated 18 light string  
3" unpainted wood photo cube  
Hot glue gun (on low setting)  
Testors Aztek 9444 Peach and 9440 White Paint  
Aztec Airbrush  
Sculpey Red, Black and White Premo clay  
Boa Craft fur  
Metallic silver stars  
Floral stem  
Pencil  
Drill  
Cardstock  
Wood pick



## Instructions

1. Align the battery pack to the back of the photo cube and place a pencil mark just above the battery case.
2. Make another mark about .5" to the left of the wire photo holder in the top of the cube. Drill holes in the two marks large enough to pass the light string through.
3. Drill or saw an opening in the bottom of the cube large enough to accommodate a couple of your fingers for threading the light string into the cube top.
4. Cut six 3 squares in a variety of Oly Fun fabric colors. (All the fabric pieces can be cut on a Cameo stencil cutting machine.) Glue one square onto the back of the cube with Elmers Xtreme glue stick. Apply the glue to the wood and smooth on the fabric. Poke a hole in the fabric to match the drilled hole. Pass the light string through the fabric and out the hole at the top of the cube.

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- Hot glue the battery pack to the back of the cube. Pull the light string to eliminate any slack in the wire.
- Apply a gold X on three of the fabric squares with Beads In A Bottle. When dry, attach silver stars in the center with hot glue. Attach the gold X squares squares to the front and two sides of the cube with the glue stick. Glue a plain square to the bottom of the cube. Make a cut halfway through the remaining square and slip it around the light string and photo wire on the cube top. Bring the slice together and glue in place.
- Create the back flap by cutting two fabric and two card stock pieces to measure 3" x 4.25". Use the glue stick to sandwich the card stock pieces inside the fabric pieces. Glue the layers to the back of the cube just above the battery pack. Use Wonder Clips to hold the layers together until they dry. Bend the flap back at an angle. Hot glue silver stars in each corner.
- Cut six pairs of ballon shapes in a variety of fabric colors to measure about 1.25". Apply Aleenes Turbo Tacky Glue to the perimeter of the balloons and put the matching color on top. Leave the center bottoms open 1/4".
- Gather the 18 bulbs on the light string into six groups of three. Bend each into a small package to fit inside the fabric balloons. Hot glue the ballon center bottoms to prevent the wires from pulling out. Push a floral stem into the hole in the top of the cube. Slip the other end into a balloon and bend it to support the light string and other balloons.
- Cut 14 discs measuring 2 round in a variety of colors. Cut a hole in the center of each and a slit from the outside edge to the hole. Use the glue stick to match together two different colors until you have seven discs.
- Slip each disc around the photo cube wire. Overlap the ends until the disc curves upward or down and hot glue the ends together. Repeat with all seven discs stacking them on the wire.
- Stick a wood pick in a Floral Craft styrofoam ball. Airbrush the ball a flesh color by mixing Peach and White paint.
- Roll out bits of Premo Red, black and White clay to create eyebrows, mouth, eyes and a nose. Stick a toothpick in the nose. Bake the clay for 30 minutes in a 275 degree oven. Allow to cool.



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14. Shorten the tooth pick to about .50. Place hot glue on the end and stick it in the middle of the painted ball. Hot glue the other clay pieces to the face.

15. Apply hot glue to the sides and center top of the face and press craft boa fur to the ball. Attach the ball to the wire coil of the photo cube by making a gash in the bottom of the ball, applying hot glue to the coil, and pushing the foam onto the coil.



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# DIY Chicken Wire Frame

Project by Latisha Yoast for A Busy Little Crafterbee

## Materials

MD Hobby & Crafts Chicken Wire  
MD Hobby & Crafts Gold Foil  
MD Hobby & Crafts hobby shears  
MD Hobby & Crafts gloves  
Antique white paint  
Wood frame  
Spellbinders butterfly dies  
Clothes pin  
Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L Dodz small  
Paint brush  
Hammer  
Finishing nails or staple gun

## Instructions

1. Attach chicken wire to the back of the frame either using finishing nails or a staple gun.
2. Trim off excess wire, and hammer the edges into the frame (so it doesn't scrape your wall).
3. Using Antique White paint, paint the frame and chicken wire. Paint the clothespins as well.
4. Paint the clothespins as well
5. While the paint is drying, die cut the gold foil using a butterfly die. If you want texture to the butterfly, run through a diecut machine using an embossing folder or texture plate.
6. Adhere the gold butterfly to the clothes pin, using a Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L Dodz small.
7. Hang the frame.
8. Add jewelry, photos, and quotes to the frame.



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# Bedside Hanging Storage Pockets

Project by Pauline Molinari for Chica Circle

## Materials

Foamology 12" x 12" Design Foam with On the Grid Soft Tiles

Five 12" x 12" sheets of Oly Fun fabric

36" x 8" piece of patterned fabric of choice

Little B Pull Flowers

Glue Gun

Scissors

Wrights Baby Rick Rack (approx. 18")

## Instructions

1. Start by tucking in Oly Fun fabric squares into Design Foam Grid. Secure with glue gun in the seams.
2. Wrap fabric around Design Foam neatly (like wrapping a package) and adhere to the sticky back surface on Design Foam.
3. Cut two lengths of patterned fabric, fold in half to make pocket edge and tuck into foam grooves to create pockets. Secure with glue gun in the seams and along the sides and back.
4. Arrange your rick rack on back of foam piece to create a hanger and finish off by gluing on last piece of Oly Fun square with glue gun.



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# Chicken Wire Memo Board DIY Home Decor

Project by Tanner Bell from A Little Craft In Your Day

## Materials

MD Hobby & Craft Chicken Wire  
MD Hobby & Craft Gloves  
Old Frame  
Paint  
Brush  
Staple Gun  
Scissors

## Instructions

1. Paint your frame with 1-2 coats of True Blue Americana Multi-Surface Paint.
2. Size and cut your chicken wire. Be sure to not make it too small.
3. Staple chicken wire down into the back of your frame.
4. Add photos



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# Precious Memory Board DLY Wall Decor

Project by Nancy Keslin for Nancy Keslin Designs

## Materials

Darice Frame  
MDHobby & Craft Pierced Metal  
Folk Art Chalk Paint from Plaid  
Paint in the color of your choice  
Sizzix Die Cut Machine and Dies  
Crate Paper  
Darice Clothes Pins

## Instructions

1. Begin by cutting metal sheet to size.
2. Paint metal sheet and frame in desired colors.
3. Die cut labels from paper and embellish if you choose.
4. Place metal sheet into frame.
5. Hang items and embellishments using mini clothespins.



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# Ice Cream Sandwich Boxes

Project by Laura Russell for Make Life Lovely

## Materials

Sizzix Cookie Box Die  
Sizzix Big Shot  
Sizzix Little Sizzles Mat Board  
Sizzix Extended Cutting Pads  
Plaid White Collage Clay  
Glue Gun  
Sprinkles  
Plaid Country Tan Paint  
Paintbrush  
Optional: Wax Paper and Baker's Twine

## Instructions

1. Start by making a Sizzix sandwich. Stack an extended cutting pad, the mat board, the cookie box die cutting side down, then the other extended cutting pad on top. Roll it all through the Big Shot, and pull out the pieces. Repeat for as many cookies and pieces that you need in your desired colors.
2. To assemble the ice cream sandwich box, take the longest piece, and bend the end tabs down.
3. Use a glue gun to glue the tabs down and around the piece with 11 sides.
4. Glue the small tab to the inside back of the box, and fold along the score line.
5. Hot glue the scalloped top and bottom of the box.
6. Apply your preferred tip to the Collage Clay. I used the star tip (since it let the most clay come out at a time), and squirted a large dab at a time.
7. I started by using a plastic spoon to spread the Collage Clay onto the middle ice cream part of my sandwich, but quickly realized that it was easier and faster (and a whole lot more fun) just to use my fingers. The great part about this is that it really doesn't have to be perfect, since there will be sprinkles covering it anyway.



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8. I applied the Collage Clay a section at a time, then sprinkled sprinkles onto that section. I used a clean finger to gently press down on the sprinkles so they stayed in place, and then moved on to the next section and repeated. My first box took me about 20 minutes for this part, but my third box took less than 5 minutes- it really does go quickly! Now comes the hard part- waiting. The Collage Clay needs time to fully dry, and you don't want those sprinkles falling off when you finish the rest of the steps! Definitely follow the waiting time recommended on the box.

9. If you used white mat board for the top and bottom of the box, you might want to paint the cookie part a dark tan/ light brown color so it looks more realistic. I used a foam brush to paint on the Apple Barrel color Country Tan on the top cookie, which I thought was the perfect cookie color. I used a smaller paintbrush to paint the smaller edge of the bottom cookie. For one of the cookies I used black mat board, which looked great too, and required no painting.

10. To finish off a couple of the boxes, I cut a thin strip of freezer paper (since somehow I was out of wax paper), wrapped it around the ice cream sandwich, and used a tiny dab of hot glue to secure the piece at the bottom. I wrapped a piece of Bakers twine around the center of the freezer paper a few times, then tied a bow around the top.



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# Antique Look DLY Gift Box

Project by [Marjolaine Walker](#) for [Marjolaine Walker Blog](#)

## Materials

Martha Stewart Crafts Gift Box Tool  
Core'dinations Cardstock  
Core'dinations Sand It Gadget  
Dazzle-It Pure Hemp  
Sizzix Embossing Folder- Flower Circle  
Sizzix Die and Big Shot- Labels/Kitchen  
X-Press It- Double Sided Tape  
EK Success- Edger Punch  
MD Hobby & Craft Hole Punch



## Instructions

1. Follow the gift box tool directions to cut out pillow boxes from the cardstock.
2. Use the Sand It gadget to distress the cardstock.
3. Fold the box on the score lines and add tape to the flap and adhere both sides to hold the box together.
4. Fold the scored outside edges inwards to create the pillow shape.
5. Use the edger punch to create a decorative border. Adhere it to the box with the double sided tape.
6. Die cut labels using the Label/Kitchen die and cutting machine.
7. Place labels inside an embossing folder and run it through the Big Shot.
8. Punch a hole at the top of the labels with a hole punch.
9. Sand the labels with the Sand It Gadget.
10. Wrap the hemp around the box and attach the label. Tie a bow to finish it off.

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# Fancy Flask Pouch DIY Gift Bag

Project by Cheryl Boglioli for Cheryl Boglioli Designs

## Materials

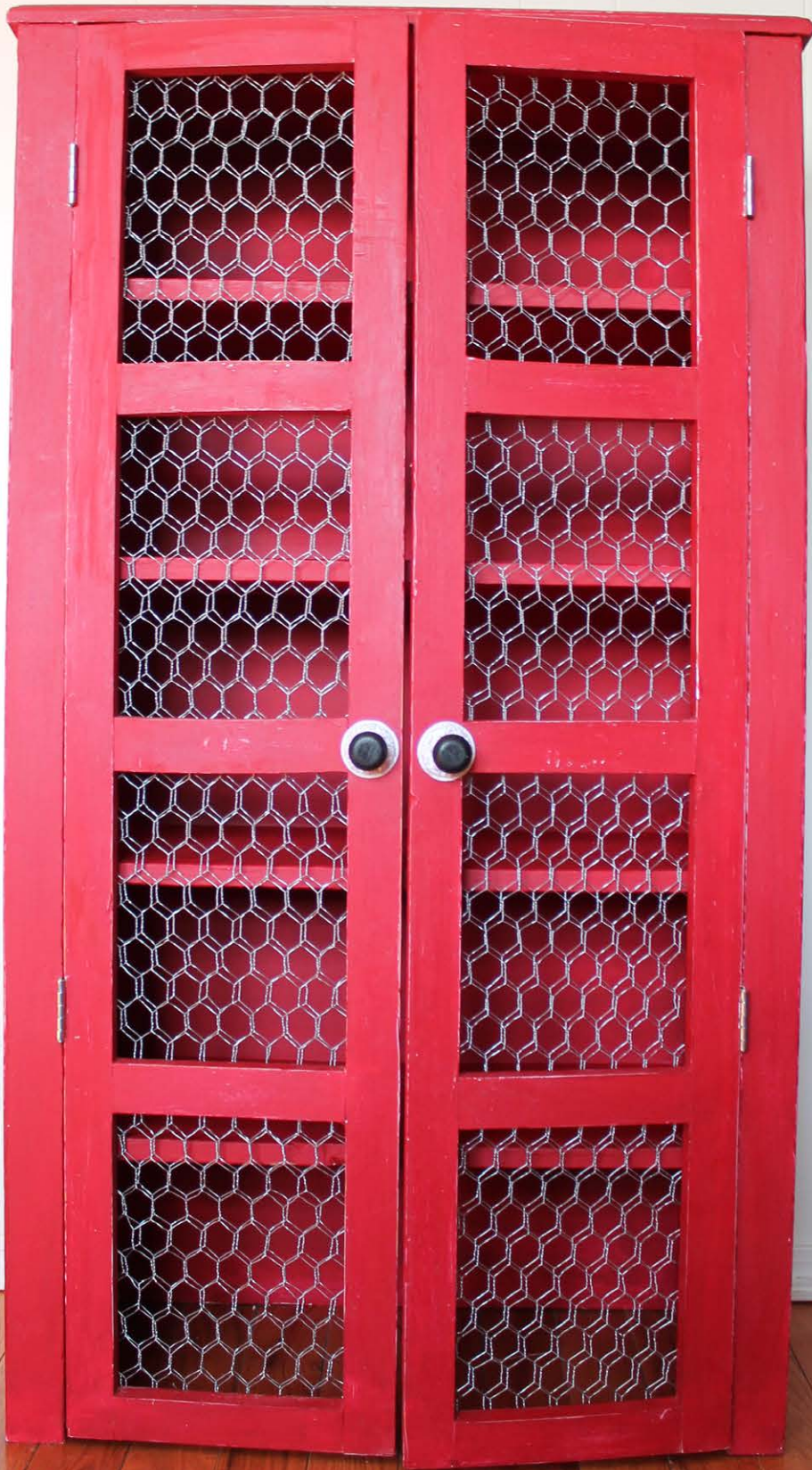
Canvas Corp small pouch bag  
ColorBox Crafters Inks  
by Ann Butler / Clearsnap  
Pull flowers by Little B LLC  
Swarovski crystals by Prima Bead  
Wendy Vecchi Studio 490 stamps by Stampers Anonymous  
JustRite Stamps  
Aleene's Tacky Glue by I Love to Create  
WOW clear embossing powder

## Instructions

1. Using nonstick craft mat, press inkpad on mat to dispense ink. Using ink and water, paint canvas bag, increasing amount of water for an ombre effect. Dry bag and heat set inks.
2. Stamp background stamp on both sides of canvas bag. Heat set inks.
3. Continue layering stamped images with coordinating inks. Again, heat set inks.
4. Stamp a focal point with colored ink. Sprinkle with clear embossing powder. Knock of excess powder and emboss.
5. Add crystals as desired with clear-drying glue.
6. Cut pull flower ribbon(s) to desired length. Pull flower(s). Tie off flower(s) and glue to bag top.
7. After bag is dry, fill with your favorite treasures and enjoy!



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