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All of those great projects are collected in this eBook, *The Best Blogger Craft Ideas 2014: Decoupage, Sewing, Jewelry Making, and More*. In this book, you will find jewelry projects, projects with yarn, colorful painted projects, 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 [Coats and Clark](#), [Darice](#), [Design Master](#), [Duck Tape](#), [Elmers](#), [Fiskars](#), [iLoveToCreate](#), [Krylon](#), [Leisure Arts](#), [Lion Brand Yarns](#), [Plaid](#), [Polyform Products](#), [Rit Studio](#), [Simplicity](#), [Sizzix](#)! 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 2014: Decoupage, Sewing, Jewelry Making, and More*. Their sites include great free tutorials and project ideas for every season.

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Top Blogger Projects

Retro Muffin Tin Frame

By Michele Kovack from [Thoughts of a Cardmaking Scrapbooker](#)



Use old items in new ways with a frame grandmas love. If you like the look of retro craft ideas, then you'll have so much fun making your own Retro Muffin Tin Frame. You can even use an old, rusted muffin tin. You can use glitter, paper and even paint to bring your piece to life. Be sure to add plenty of details to your frame so it really stands out from a sea of boring decorative items.

Materials

- Muffin tin
- Krylon Spray Paint - cream
- Personal photos
- Circle dies
- Label Maker
- Rosette dies
- Glitter
- Plaid Mod Podge – matte, glossy
- Foam Brush
- Darice stencil
- Silver paint
- Darice Sparkle Gold Tape
- David Tutera Kraft Tags
- Simplicity Silk Posies
- Bias tape
- Darice Embossing Folder
- Circle punches, flower punch
- Dimensional Foam circles
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Ribbon
- White ink

Step One

Spray paint muffin tin in cream. Use Darice Stencil and silver paint to stencil branches/leaves on muffin tin.



Step Two

Cover muffin tin with Mod Podge in matte and sprinkle with glitter.



Step Three

Cut 12 photos into circles using circle die and die cutting machine. Make rosettes using rosette dies. Emboss David Tutera Kraft Tags and Darice embossing folder. Ink edges with white ink. Stack rosettes on embossed tags.



Step Four

Using various circle punches, punch circles into Darice's Sparkle Gold Tape. Use Mod Podge's Glossy Accents on each circle to create a "faux" epoxy dot. Do the same with a few punched stars to use as accents. Once dry, adhere to various pictures and the tin.

Step Five

Stack three dimensional foam circles three times in each muffin tin circle. Adhere rosette/pictures inside.

Step Six

Use bias tape to create a hanger for the tin. Thread through circles. Tie various ribbons to the top right side. Adhere a button to the grey silk flower from Simplicity. Adhere to the center of ribbons.

Step Seven

Use three rosettes for outside of muffin tin. Add posies and personal information using a label maker.



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Quirky Crochet Handbag

By Jaime Maraia from [Crochet Dynamite](#)



This Quirky Crochet Handbag is an explosion of color that you can carry with you. This tutorial on how to make a crochet purse involves alternating seven colors of yarn. Instead of looking chaotic, the effect is a cute striped pattern that allows the colors of yarn to blend slightly. This DIY handbag tutorial also includes techniques for keeping the shape of the bag intact and for preventing the handles from stretching out. The rhinestone accents on this bag allow you to dress it up or dress it down, so it looks great with any outfit.

Materials

- Size F crochet hook
- Lion Brand Bonbons
- 1/4 yard of bleached muslin
- 1/4 yard of fusible interfacing
- Coats & Clark White Sewing Thread
- Coats & Clark Invisible Sewing Thread
- Fiskars Scissors
- Iron
- Darice Mix and Mingle Beads
- 5/8" black grosgrain ribbon
- 1/4" black grosgrain ribbon
- Pen
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle
- Straight pins
- Sewing machine - Optional: All of the sewing in this project can be done by hand, but it is easier and faster to use a machine

Note: This project uses eight Bonbon colors to create the body of the handbag. Changed color every row, rotating through all 7 colors: pink, pumpkin, teal, brown, red, silver, and purple. Gold yarn will be used for the edging.

Outer Shell

Pink Bonbon, ch 35

Row 1: hdc in 2nd ch from hook, (ch 1, skip 1 ch, hdc in next ch) 16 times , hdc in last ch (34 st)

Rows 2-64: change color, ch 1, hdc in first st, (ch 1, hdc in next ch space) 16 times, hdc in last st (34 st)
Fasten off.

Attach gold yarn in the top corner of the crochet outer shell.

Ch 1, sc in each ch space across the top of the piece, 3 sc in the corner st, 42 sc evenly along the side, 3 sc in the corner st, sc in each ch space across the bottom, 3 sc in the corner st, 42 sc evenly along the side, 3 sc in the corner st, sl st to first sc to finish row. Fasten off.

Weave in remaining end.

Side Piece (2)

Gold bonbon, ch 16

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across (15 st)

Rows 2-5: ch 1, sc in each st across (15 st)

Row 6: ch 1, sc 2 st tog, 11 sc, sc 2 st tog (13 st)

Rows 7-10: ch 1, sc in each st across (13 st)

Row 11: ch 1, sc 2 st tog, 9 sc, sc 2 st tog (11 st)

Rows 12-15: ch 1, sc in each st across (11 st)

Row 16: ch 1, sc 2 st tog, 7 sc, sc 2 st tog (9 st)

Rows 17-18: ch 1, sc in each st across (9 st)

Row 19: ch 1, sc 2 st tog, 5 sc, sc 2 st tog (7 st)

Rows 20-21: ch 1, sc in each st across (7 st)

Row 22: ch 1, 7 sc, ch 1, 15 sc evenly alongside, ch 1, 15 sc across bottom of piece, ch 1, 15 st evenly alongside, ch 1, sl st to first st to finish row. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Lining

Step One

Trace crochet outer shell piece onto the interfacing. Cut along line with scissors to remove interfacing.

Step Two

Iron the 1/4 yard strip of muslin to remove any wrinkles. Following manufacturer's instructions, fuse the interfacing to one end of the muslin strip.

Step Three

Fold muslin in half behind interfacing. Pin in place. Using the edge of the interfacing as a guide and a 1/4" seam, use a sewing machine to sew along three sides of interfacing (short side, long side, short side).



Step Four

Leave 1/2" of fabric along unsewn side of the lining. On the three sewn sides, trim the muslin/interfacing to 1/8" from seam, making sure not to snip into the seam. Clip corners if necessary. Turn the lining right side out.



Step Five

The interfacing is very stiff, and it will cause the whole piece to bow a little. Finger-press the seams down to help fold them into place. Tuck the raw edges of the open side of the lining to the inside. Pin the edges closed.



Step Six

Iron the lining to smooth any wrinkles and press all of the edges, paying careful attention to press the fabric along the open edge. Sew the open side closed using a 1/8" seam.



Step Seven

Pin the lining to the crochet outer shell. Using the invisible thread, hand sew the lining to the crochet piece along both of the long sides only. Leave top part of the stitches in the crochet edging free. Make sure to sew into the center of the body of the stitch of the edging row of the crochet outer shell.



Adding Side Pieces

Pin the side pieces onto the lined crochet shell. Using gold yarn, and matching stitches, single crochet the sides to the bag (42 st).



Handles

Step One

Cut two 12" lengths from the 5/8" ribbon.

Step Two

Thread a silver and blue bead onto each end of one of the ribbons to create front handle. Slide end of ribbon between crochet shell and lining of the bag. Pin in place.



Step Three

Make sure that the handle is centered and at desired length (recommended length: 5" drop).

Step Four

Repeat on other side of purse using the plain ribbon. Make sure that back handle drop is the same length as front handle drop, and that handles match up in the same place along the top edges of front and back of purse.



Closure

Step One

Cut two 6" lengths from the 1/4" ribbon.

Step Two

Fold one of the pieces in half lengthwise at one end. Run a sewing needle through it to hold it in place.

Step Three

Thread needle/ribbon through the large crystal center bead.
Center bead on ribbon and remove needle.



Step Four

Thread the ends of the ribbon through the crochet outer shell, five rows down from the top edge and centered. Push the ends of ribbon up to top edge of purse and pin in place.



Step Five

Make a loop with the other 6" piece of ribbon. Adjust it so that it slips over the large center bead. Center it along the top edge of the back of purse, sliding ends of the ribbon between crochet shell and lining. Pin in place. Make sure that it is lined up with the center bead, and that the loop will close the purse to your satisfaction.

Step Six

Using the sewing machine, sew the front side ribbons to the lining only, 1/8" from the top edge. This will keep the handles from pulling on and stretching out the bag.



Step Seven

Repeat on the back side.

Step Eight

Tuck center ribbons down between crochet shell and lining. Pin crochet shell to the top of the lining. Using the invisible thread, hand sew the top edge of crochet shell to lining. Repeat on the back side.

Bottom of Bag

Step One

Find the crocheted row on the front of the bag that lines up with the bottom front corners of the purse. Use your fingers to crease along the row to make the bottom edge of the purse straight.

Step Two

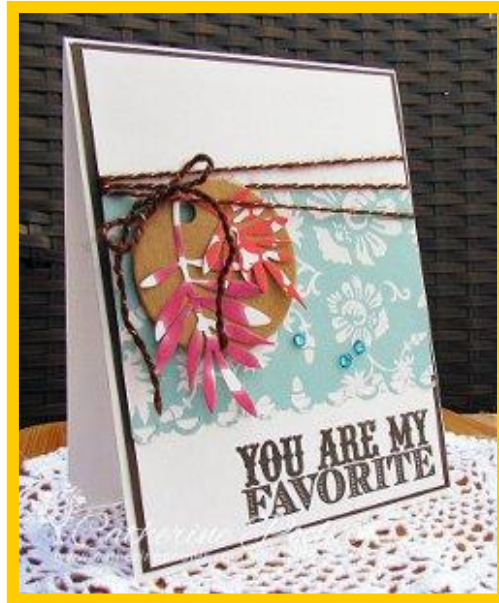
Repeat on the back side, making sure that the front of the purse and the back of the purse are the same length. Your purse will now sit flat and hold its shape.



Check out [even more yarn crafts](#) from Lion Brand Yarn.

You Are My Favorite DIY Card

By Catherine Pooler from CatherinePooler.com



Is there a better feeling than looking in your mailbox and finding an unexpected handmade card from a friend? Show the special people in your life how much they mean to you with this You Are My Favorite DIY Card. As far as homemade card ideas go, this one is truly unique. It doesn't need to be a special occasion to tell the people in your life how much you care about them. Spread a little love with a few of these beautiful DIY cards!

Materials

- David Tutera Shimmer Sheet
- Mod Podge Vintage Wallpaper
- David Tutera Tags
- Lion Brand Yarn
- Stamp set
- Palm tree die
- White cardstock
- Espresso ink pad
- Espresso cardstock
- Scallop trim border punch
- Circle framelits
- Dimensionals adhesive
- Liquid glue

Step One

Cut white cardstock in half, and fold in half for card base.

Step Two

Cut espresso cardstock to 4-1/8" x 5-3/8" and adhere to card base.

Step Three

Cut patterned paper to 4" x 2-1/2", cut edge with border punch, and adhere to 4 x 5-1/4" piece of white cardstock.

Step Four

Stamp greeting.

Step Five

Tie Lion Brand yYrn around project layer and add to card front.

Step Six

Cut David Tutera chipboard tag with circle framelits and add to front of project with dimensional adhesive.

Step Seven

Cut leaves from patterned paper with Palm Fancy Die and adhere to tag with liquid glue.

Step Eight

Freshen up bow, and you are done!

Paper Crafts

Moroccan Palace Dollhouse

By Jonathan Fong from [Jonathan Fong Styles](#)



If you think you know about DIY dollhouse project, think again. This Moroccan Palace Dollhouse is sophisticated and unexpectedly unique. In addition to paper, use sequins, rhinestones, and more to add a one-of-a-kind touch. Start by building the walls of your dollhouse, and then add a roof. Before you know it, you'll have a delightful hideout for your favorite miniatures.

Materials

- Sizzix Triple Fancy Frame Flip-its Card Die
- Darice Sparkle Tape
- Darice David Tutera Self-Stick Shimmer Sheet - Rhinestone Turquoise
- Plaid Podgeable Papers - Vintage Wallpaper
- Printable film
- Spray adhesive
- Cardboard (I used an old Nordstrom box)
- Styrofoam half ball, 4" diameter
- Pins
- Tape
- Craft glue
- Small sequins
- Rhinestone brad

Step One

Print Moroccan patterns on seven sheets of printable film. (You can find royalty-free Moroccan artwork and collaged them on Photoshop.) Spray each of the the printed sides of the Craft Attitude film with spray adhesive, and apply them to cardboard. The first four sheets of Craft Attitude will be for the four walls of the palace.

Step Two

Using the main card die in the Sizzix Triple Fancy Frame Flip-its packet, die cut four of the pieces of cardboard to create the four walls. Bend the cut shape at its fold so the ornaments flip up. These pieces that flip up will be the palace's "battlements."



Step Three

Die-cut two doorways on each wall using the largest of the ornate frame dies included in the packet.



Step Four

To create some ornate doors for the doorways, simply position a piece of decorative paper behind the openings that you have just created with the frame die. I used the Moroccan-flavored paper from the Plaid Podgeable Papers - Vintage Wallpaper. I also created two doors that open by die cutting some of the same paper with the same frame die, cutting it in half top to bottom, and then gluing the doors to the doorway so they appear open.



Step Five

Apply a strip of Darice Sparkle Tape horizontally to each wall. Then cut the Darice David Tutera Self-Stick Shimmer Sheet into diamond shapes (3" X 3" rhinestones in each diamond), peel off the protective liner, and apply the diamonds on top of the sparkle tape. Add sequins along the wall wherever you would like more sparkle.

Step Six

Attach the four walls to each other, using tape, on the inside. Let the top pieces that are folded over help support the structure, gluing the contact points.



Step Seven

Once the walls are up, you'll notice there is no roof. Cut the fifth piece of cardboard to cover the entire roof area. Place this piece on top of the main structure, gluing it in place.

Step Eight

Cut the sixth piece of cardboard into a circle shape that will cover the Styrofoam half ball. Cut the circle into six wedge shapes, which will make it easier to cover the ball. Pin the wedges to the Styrofoam to cover the dome with a Moroccan design. Top it off with a rhinestone brad.

Step Nine

To create the gazebo-like structure that supports the dome, die cut the seventh piece of cardboard using the die in the Sizzix packet that looks like arches. You will need two of these shapes taped together. With several pins, secure this piece to the dome.



Step Ten

Hide the seam where the dome and arch structure meet with a strip of the Darice Sparkle Tape and a strip of the David Tutera Self-Stick Shimmer Sheet. Bend the columns of the arches inward about 1/2"; this shortens the arch structure because it's a little tall otherwise, and more importantly, this creates a surface for you to glue the dome/arch to the roof.

Step Eleven

Add more small strips of the David Tutera Self-Stick Shimmer Sheet to the bottom of the walls surrounding the doorways.

Grateful For You Handmade Card

By Megan Daves from [I Teach Stamping](http://www.teachstamping.com)



Tell someone how much they mean to you with this sweet Grateful For You Handmade Card. This handmade card is quick and easy to make, yet its message will stay with the recipient forever. This is sure to be one card that is cherished and appreciated for years to come. Sometimes a simple card can go a long way, and this Grateful For You Handmade Card is a great example of that.

Materials

- Darice Basket Weave Embossing Folder
- Darice Metallic Hemp
- Greetings stamp
- Vanilla cardstock
- Pear cardstock
- Suede Card Stock
- Antique brads
- Sizzix Big Shot
- Assorted ribbons and lace
- Edge dies
- Pear ink

Step One

Stamp greeting in pear ink onto vanilla cardstock strip (2-1/4" x 4"). Secure behind it a 1" x 4" strip of Soft Suede card stock at the top, and a 1" x 4" die-cut strip of soft suede cardstock using the edge dies and your Big Shot.

Step Two

Attach your ribbon and lace strips as shown and finish layer with an antique brad that has loops made with the metallic hemp.

Step Three

Dry emboss pear cardstock (4" x 5-1/4") using your basket weave embossing folder and adhere to your vanilla card base (4-1/4" x 11"). Attach your sentiment layer to your card front.

Step Four

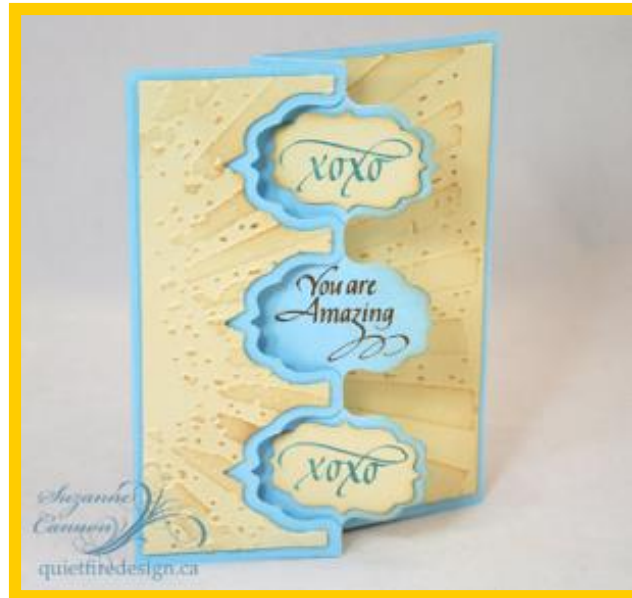
For the inside, dry-emboss pear cardstock (4" x 1") using your basket weave embossing folder. Secure behind it a 1" x 4" strip of suede cardstock at the top, and a 1" x 4" die cut strip of suede cardstock using the edge dies and your Big Shot.

Step Five

Attach these layers to a piece of vanilla cardstock (4" x 5-1/4") and secure to the inside of your card.

You Are Amazing Greeting Card

By Suzanne Cannon from Quietfire Style



Tell someone just how much you care in the prettiest way possible. Be sure to send a You Are Amazing Greeting Card to show someone your appreciation and gratitude. Handmade thank you card ideas can help you leave a lasting impression. Using dies and scrapbook paper, you can construct a one-of-a-kind card that looks amazing. You can also add your own message on the inside — a thoughtful, personalized sentiment makes all the difference.

Materials

- Sizzix Stephanie Barnard Card, Triple Fancy Frame Flip-Its
- Distress ink in vintage photo, antique linen, and broken china
- Design stamp – “You Are Amazing” and “Calligraphic Love Bits”
- Cardstock – pale blue, pale cream
- Plaid Pop Dots
- Blending Tool
- Sizzix Big Shot
- Sizzix Tim Holtz Texture Fades Embossing Folders, Rays

Step One

Die cut one card (the largest die) from pale blue cardstock.

Step Two

Before folding, use distress vintage photo ink to stamp “You Are Amazing” onto the middle frame, as shown in the photo. Fold the card in half along the score line, and then fold the front edge back along the score lines to display the frames.

Step Three

Die-cut one rectangle and one shaped rectangle from pale cream cardstock.

Step Four

Align the straight side of the shaped rectangle with the left edge of the Rays embossing folder, emboss and remove. Align the rectangle with the right side of the Rays embossing folder and emboss.

Step Five

Use distress broken china ink to stamp the flourished XOXO twice.

Step Six

Use the ink blending tool to gently sponge distress antique ink around the edges of the pale cream die cuts and across the top of the rays, stroking on one direction only.

Step Seven

Use dimensional adhesive to adhere the die cuts to the card base as shown in the photo.

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Crochet and Knitting Projects

Precious Crocheted Dress and Blanket

By Mary Kathryn Vaughn from [Crochet Chic](#)



Welcome a little baby girl into your life with this Precious Crocheted Dress and Blanket set. Perfect for a newborn, this crochet baby dress, easy crochet baby blanket, and tiny hanger make the perfect handmade gift idea. This is a simple project for intermediate crochet fans, and the entire set can easily be made over the course of a weekend.

Materials

- 1 Ball of Red Heart Gumdrop – Grape
- Less than 2 oz of Red Heart Gumdrop – Cherry
- Aleene’s Fabric Glue
- Plain child’s hanger
- Size G Boye crochet hook
- 3 Balls Red Heart Super Saver – White
- 2 ball red heart super saver in orchid
- Knitting needles size 7 (optional)

Step One

For Star Lace Dress:

Using G Boyle crochet hook and Red Heart Gumbdrop Yarn in Grape make a slip knot, and chain 50 Row 1 1 dc in each (50) Row 2 evenly space out 25 increases (for a total of 75 stitches) Row 3 evenly space out 25 increases (100 stitches) Row 4, 1 stitch in each stitch Row 5, evenly space out 25 increases (125) Row 6 work 3 increases evenly (128).

Step Two

For the armholes:

Fold so ends meet , lay flat, on each side count seven stitches from the fold in the front and back, and mark them off. You'll have a marker at 14 stitches and another mark on each side of the stitch.

Beginning where you left off last crochet, 1 dc into each stitch until your marker. Skip all the stitches marked off (14) and continue crocheting until your next marker. Again, skip the 14 stitches marked off and continue crocheting.

Step Three

For the skirt:

Round 1 sc in 2nd ch from your hook, *ch2 , skip 3 ch's ,work 1 dc,ch5,1dc in next ch, ch2, skip 3 ch's 1 sc into the next ch* repeat until the end sl.

Round 2 (and every even round) ch 6 dc into first sc, *ch2, sc into 3rd ch on the 5 ch, ch2, work dc,ch5,dc into next sc*repeat until the last dc, ch5,dc instead work a dc,ch2, tr. sl.

To make things easier, think: dc,ch5,dc always goes into the sc's and an sc always goes into the 3rd sc of the 5 sc.

Round 3 (and every odd Round) ch 1 sc into tr, *ch2, dc,ch5,dc into the next sc, ch 2, sc into the 3rd ch of 5 ch,* repeat until end repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have your desired length. after 3 rounds if you would like your dress to flare switch to an H hook for 2 rounds and a I for the rest. Edging, using a G hook sl ch1 around arm holes and bottom of the dress.

Step Four

For the yarn-wrapped hanger:

Apply Aleene's Fabric Glue to hanger 2 inches at a time, and then slowly wrap the yarn around it. Hold the yarn in place for a minute, and then continue. When wrapping the middle of the hanger, it works best to use a tiny ball of yarn instead of the whole skein.

Step Five

For the Orchid Cross Blanket:

This blanket can be knit or slip stitched crocheted for almost identical results. You need 6 purple and 6 white rectangles that are 8" by 6.5".

To knit, cast on 32, knit one row then purl one row and repeat until 6.5 inches wide and cast off using whatever hook needed to get gauge chain 34, and sl each row until you are 6.5 inches wide.

For those wanting a quicker blanket any stitch can be used a dc for example would take a fraction of the time. Assemble the rectangles as follows White, Orchid, White, Orchid, Orchid, Orchid, White, Orchid, White, White, Orchid, White.

For the edging:

Round 1: chain 5 skip 3, sc repeat all the way around join with beginning.

Round 2: sl to the 3rd ch, chain *6 skip until the 3rd chain of the next chain, chain 6* repeat all the way around.



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Basic Buttoned Boot Cuff

By Audrey Hugget from AllFreeKnitting.com



Boot cuffs are the perfect little addition to any outfit. The Basic Buttoned Boot Cuffs will add a classic touch to your outfit, giving you an effortless, chic look. Perfect for beginners, this knook pattern is a breeze. The cuffs are knooked flat and then fastened with simple buttons, so you can easily adjust the cuffs to perfectly fit your legs.

Materials

- Malabrigo Worsted Yarn: Red Mahogany, 1 skein
- Knoon by Leisure Arts, size H (5.0 mm)
- Yarn needle
- 6 Buttons

Gauge

In Waffle Stitch Pattern, 18 sts = 4" (10 cm)

Waffle Stitch Pattern:

Row 1 and 3: K1, *p1, k2*, repeat from * until 1 st remains, k1.

Row 2: P1, *k1, p2*, repeat from * until 1 st remains, p1.

Row 4: P1, knit until 1 st remains, p1.

Instructions

Ch 60 (69, 78)

Pick up 59 (68, 77) sts on foundation chain.

Work 1x1 rib (knit 1, purl 1) for 1.5 inches.

Knit across 2 rows.

Work Waffle Stitch pattern 5 times, ending with Row 4.

Knit 1 row.

Work 1x1 rib for 1.5 inches.

Bind off all sts loosely in knit.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Sew buttons in place to create a tube. Slip on and wear!

Fast Finger Knit Headband

By Betsy Burnett from [Aim Happy](#)



In just one hour, you can start and complete this Fast Finger Knit Headband. Keep warm in a fashion-forward way that'll get you noticed. Finger knitting projects are perfect for anyone who doesn't have a pair of needles on hand. You can make a headband anywhere at any time — all you need is yarn. This project is completely customizable; all you have to do is adjust the rows to make it bigger or smaller. This is a great project for a baby, child, or adult.

Materials

- 1 skein of Lion Brand Yarn Thick and Quick
- 3 yards contrasting color Lion Yarn Homespun
- The Crochet Dude Bloom Loom by Simplicity
- Yarn needle
- Large button

Step One

Using Lion Brand Thick and Quick Yarn, finger-knit 28 rows using four fingers. This chain is the first column.

Step Two

Knit back on the first column, picking up the last stitch with your pinky finger. For this and the remaining rows in this column, your pinky finger will have two loops to thread over the new stitch. Continue on with the column, remembering to pick up the stitch behind with your pinky finger before looping the row.

Step Three

For the third column, you will stitch back only this time using the index finger side. You will have two loops to thread over the new stitch on your index finger.

Step Four

At the end of the third column, you will need to loosen the end stitches on the other two columns, placing one stitch on the index finger and one on the middle finger. Loop your yarn and knit one row.

Step Five

Continue creating a chain, knitting 10 more rows. This chain becomes the part under the hair line.

Step Six

Connect the chain to the other side of the headband. Loosen the four stitches at the end of the side of the band. Thread them over your fingers. Loop your yarn and knit one row.

Step Seven

Starting at the pinky finger, unloop the yarn, and then thread the loop on the ring finger through the first loop off. Follow with the loop on the middle finger through first loop off and finishing with the index finger loop through the third loop. You should have one loop remaining. Cut your yarn leaving a one foot tail. Thread the tail through the final loop and pull tight. Tie the ends together securely, hiding the knot on the inside of the headband. Cut off the excess yarn.

Step Eight

Take your three yards of contrasting yarn and create a flower using the Crochet Dude Bloom Loom. Sew up the flower middle using the yarn needle, and remove from loom. Decide where you want the flower placed, and thread the tail ends of the flower through a couple of stitches on the topside of the headband, and tie securely on the underside. Snip the excess yarn.

Step Nine

Using an excess piece of yarn and the yarn needle, sew button into the center of the flower, knotting in place.

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Jewelry Crafts

Monogram Jewelry Box and Statement Necklace

By Amy Latta from [One Artsy Mama](#)



Make a beautiful piece of jewelry and a dazzling gift box with this Monogram Jewelry Box and Statement Necklace tutorial. This set is the perfect gift for your friend, sister, or cousin. Since this DIY tassel necklace is so chic and versatile, it works with practically any wardrobe. As if a handmade accessory wasn't personal enough, you can put this one-of-a-kind necklace in a monogrammed gift box. Learn how to make a jewelry box with rhinestone edging on the top. It's a delightful detail worthy of your fabulous friend.

Materials

- Mod Podge – Gloss
- Plaid Sponge Brush
- Plaid Martha Stewart Monogram Stencil
- Plaid Martha Stewart Fine Silver Glitter
- Krylon Round Box
- Krylon Spray Paint – Aqua
- David Tutera Adhesive Rhinestone Sheet by Darice
- Leather cord
- Darice Jewelry Designer Tassel
- Darice Mix and Mingle Beads
- Scissors
- Eye pin
- Jump ring
- Needlenose pliers
- Wire cutters

Monogram Jewelry Box

Step One

Spray paint box using several light coats of Krylon Aqua Spray Paint. Let dry.

Step Two

Trim rhinestone sheet and adhere to edge of the lid.

Step Three

Place a monogram adhesive stencil on the lid and apply Mod Podge to the letter.

Step Four

Remove the stencil, and then sprinkle fine glitter onto the Mod Podge. Shake off excess.

Statement Necklace

Step One

Place small silver bead and round rhinestone bead on an eye pin. Create wire loop at top of pin.

Step Two

Attach eye pin to aqua tassel.

Step Three

Attach jump ring to other end of the eye pin.

Step Four

Place rhinestone and tassel accent on leather cord. Tie a knot above the accent.

Step Five

Tie a knot in each side of leather cord. Place a small bead above each knot.

Step Six

Tie a knot on each side of the cord above the small beads.

Step Seven

Knot leather cord at the top.

DIY Mod Podge Necklace and Ring

By Dinah Wulf from [DIY Inspired](#)



If you're looking for jewelry that won't cost half your paycheck, give this DIY Mod Podge Necklace and Ring set a try. This Mod Podge jewelry DIY strikes just the right balance between delicate and edgy. The thick, silver chain sets off the pretty charm on the necklace so well, and the ring ties the whole look together. For a small feminine touch, you can weave a thin ribbon through the chain. Because it's so budget-friendly, this project makes you look stylish and savvy at the same time.

Materials

- Mod Podge – Matte
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Mod Podge Dimensional Magic
- Plaid Foam Brush
- Turbo Tacky Glue
- Elmer's Pro Bond Advanced
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Circle punches

Necklace

Step One

Cut out desired shapes and embellishments using circle punches.

Step Two

Apply Mod Podge to desired Podgeable Shapes.

Step Three

Apply Mod Podge to the back of embellishment and adhere it to the Podgeable Shape, smoothing out any air bubbles.

Step Four

Add any additional embellishments to the top of your Podgeble Shapes.

Step Five

Once the Mod Podge is dry, add Mod Podge Dimensional Magic to the pendant. Let dry for three hours.

Step Six

Add a jewelry ring charm, and attach ring to necklace or chain using pliers.

Step Seven

Weave chain necklace with ribbon. Seal each end with Turbo Tacky Glue.

Ring

Step One

Repeat steps 1-5 as listed above.

Step Two

Attach charm to the ring base using Pro Bond Advanced.

Spring Bling Necklace

By Divya from [Jewels of Sayuri](#)



Channel your favorite season whenever you want with a Spring Bling Necklace. If you love the look of beaded necklace patterns, then this is the perfect project for you. In addition to beads, you can use yarn to make your necklace stand out. The unexpected look and texture make this project a real throwback. Crochet the yarn and add an antique charm — people will love the original look of your DIY design.

Materials

- Ice resin
- Lion Bran Bonbons – Sparkling taupe, Gold, and Bronze
- Tulip Fashion Glitter – Green
- Antique bronze teardrop bezel
- Crochet hook
- 2 gold-finish barrel beads
- 8 gold-tone eyepins
- 4 gold-rimmed acrylic beads
- 2 8mm rhinestone balls gold
- 8 gold-tone jump rings
- Gold-tone lobster clasp
- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Scissors

Step One

Mix equal quantities of Part A and Part B of ice resin, and stir until the striations disappear. Rest for five minutes. Using an old brush, apply a thin layer of mixed resin inside the teardrop bezel and drizzle a thin layer of green glitter on it.

Step Two

Fill up three-quarters of the bezel with resin, and slowly drizzle glitter on top. Let it rest for a few minutes before adding some more resin to cover the glitter completely. This creates a druzy effect. Let the resin cure completely for 24 hours.

Step Three

Take five meters yarn in each of the three Lion Brand Bonbons, and fold them in half. Insert the cured resin pendant from one side. Using a crochet hook, start crocheting a chain from the other direction, and in the process, loop the pendant into the chain at the center.

Step Four

Knot the ends. Open an eyepin loop, and insert at the end through the knot on one side. Close the loop. Insert the barrel bead, and do a simple loop with pliers, adding another eyepin before closing, Add an acrylic bead, loop. Repeat with the rhinestone ball, followed by another acrylic bead.

Step Five

Finish by adding three interlinked jumprings. Repeat the same process on the other side.

Step Six

Using the remaining two jumprings, connect the clasp to complete the necklace.

Classic Clay Necklace Tutorial

By Marjolaine Walker from [Twelve Stones Scrapbooking](#)



Elevate your style to the height of sophistication with this Classic Clay Necklace Tutorial. Taking its inspiration from a basic shape, this guide on how to make polymer clay jewelry does not disappoint in its simplicity. In fact, you'll love the way this elegant pendant keeps the focus of the charm with its understated silver accents. This necklace is memorable and affordable thanks to a tutorial that makes use of easily available craft supplies.

Materials

- Polyform Sculpey Clay
- Rolling pin
- Darice Embossing Folder
- Darice Adhesive Rhinestone Sheet
- Plaid Dimensional Magic
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters of different sizes
- Beads
- Wire
- Neck wire
- Plastic wrap

Step One

Knead clay until soft.

Step Two

On a clean surface, use a rolling pin to flatten out clay to desired thickness.

Step Three

Wrap flattened clay in plastic wrap. Gently press wrapped clay in an embossing folder. Remove plastic wrap.

Step Four

Use cookie cutter to cut a heart from the clay. Repeat this step with smaller heart cutter.

Step Five

Press smaller clay heart into larger one.

Step Six

Use a Sculpey tool to make two small holes at the top of heart.

Step Seven

Bake heart according to package directions.

Step Eight

Cut rhinestones from rhinestone adhesive sheet. Remove backing and stick rhinestones to heart.

Step Nine

Cover the heart with a layer of Dimensional Magic, and allow to dry completely.

Step Ten

Use wire to attach the heart to a neck wire, and decorate as desired with beads.

For the Love of Bling Zipper Bracelet

By Stefanie Girard from [Craftside](#)



The For the Love of Bling Zipper Bracelet is a stunning accessory that's sure to draw some attention the next time you hit the town. Sophisticated and sweet, this DIY zipper bracelet takes less than an hour to assemble. Plus, what really sets this accessory apart from other beaded bracelets are its handmade charms. You can turn your leftover Valentine's Day candy into adorable accents. Simply bend wire in the shape of a heart and adhere it to a conversation heart. This bracelet is super cute, so don't be shy about wearing it year round.

Materials

Bracelet

- Darice Mix and Mingle Beads
- Candy conversation heart
- Mod Podge Dimensional Magic
- Mod Podge Podgable Papers
- Mod Podge Podgable Shapes
- Simplicity Creative Group Zipper
- Fiskars Scissors
- Wire
- Jump rings
- Hot glue
- Velcro

Gift Wrap

- David Tutera Tag by Darice
- Darice Sequins
- Elmer's Glue Stick
- Fiskars Scissors
- I Love to Create Tulip Beads In A Bottle
- Lion Brand Bonbons
- Glass jar

Bracelet

Step One

Form heart shape with wire and glue shape to back of conversation heart using Mod Podge Magic.

Step Two

Cut out "Love" graphic from Mod Podge Podgable Papers. Glue to back side of corresponding Podgable Shape. Make sure that the text is visible through the shape.

Step Three

Fold over each end of the zipper to the opposite side. Glue in place.

Step Four

Cut two small rectangles out of Velcro. Glue one rectangle on each end of zipper.

Step Five

Create beaded charms with the Mix and Mingle Beads.

Step Six

Link beaded charms, candy conversation heart, and "Love" charm to zipper.

Gift Wrap

Step One

Dot scalloped edge of tag with Tulip Beads in a Bottle.

Step Two

Punch a heart out of Podgeable Papers. Glue heart to large sequin, and then glue sequin to tag.

Step Three

Wrap bracelet around Bonbon and place in clear glass jar. Affix tag to jar.

Quilter's Bib Necklace Pattern

By Tresa Edmunds from [Reese Dixon](#)



Get creative with your jewelry making when you follow this Quilter's Bib Necklace Pattern. This project is named after quilters because it uses unexpected fabric charms in addition to everyday jewelry materials. The layered look of this necklace is even more outstanding when you incorporate decoupage beads. You'll have to break out your sewing machine to make this vintage fabric bib necklace, but this project goes quickly. Plus, if you don't mind mixing colors and patterns, this bib necklace DIY is also a great way to clean out your scrap stash.

Materials

- Fabric
- Coats & Clark Phoomph Fabric Interfacing
- Simplicity Quilt Template
- Eyelets
- Mod Podge
- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Chain
- Clasp
- Jump rings
- Sewing machine
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Eyelet setter
- Paint brush
- Pliers

Step One

Using the Simplicity template, cut out two pieces of fabric and two pieces of interfacing.

Step Two

Sew two triangle fabric pieces, right sides together, leaving a 1" opening for turning. Turn right side out.

Step Three

Stick the two triangle interface pieces together and insert into the fabric triangle. Fold raw edges over and glue shut.

Step Four

Punch a hole in the top of the triangle and insert an eyelet into it. Set the eyelet.

Step Five

Repeat steps 1 to 4 until you have as many triangle pieces as you'd like.

Step Six

Mod Podge three clear Mod Podge shapes with paper. Spread Mod Podge on the back of the shape and the front of the paper, and then press them together. Add more Mod Podge to the back of the paper to seal it. Let dry.

Step Seven

Cut two pieces of chain, one slightly longer than the other. On the shorter chain, attach triangle pieces using jump rings.

Step Eight

Cut longer piece of chain in half again. Use jump rings to connect four charms together, and then to each side of the chain. Attach the Mod Podged pendants to the jump rings with another jump ring.

Step Nine

Attach the two chains to clasp.

Industrial Neon Bracelet

By Simone Collins for AllFreeJewelryMaking



Even though dainty and darling bracelets are always in style, sometimes it is fun to find a new twist on a classic tradition. This Industrial Neon Bracelet combines the elements of a delicate ribbon, metal washers, and bold colors to create a lovely, modern jewelry piece that you can make for under two dollars. The beautiful fuchsia and turquoise hues are vibrant and bright, and complement the strong, industrial look of the metal washers. Learn how to make a bracelet that is edgy, yet feminine with this printable tutorial for a thrifty homemade bracelet.

Materials

- Design Master Color Tool Spray – Fuchsia Bright
- Design Master Color Tool Spray – Turquoise
- Mod Podge – Gloss
- Ten metal washers in two sizes
- Sponge brush
- Ribbon
- Fiskars Amplify Scissors

Step One

Spray paint washers with the Design Master Color Tool Spray with three coats to ensure full coverage. Allow each coat to dry before applying the next one.

Step Two

Use a sponge brush to apply a coat of Mod Podge to the washers to seal the color and add a texture. Brush on smooth for a slick finish. Pounce the Mod Podge to create a textured look on the turquoise colored washers. Allow to dry completely.

Step Three

Repeat the Mod Podge application two times to ensure it is sealed.

Step Four

Cut a 15" piece of coordinating ribbon using the Fiskars Amplify Scissors to ensure a clean cut.

Step Five

Thread the ribbon through the washers to create a layered look.

Step Six

To wear the bracelet tie in place with a bow.



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Gift Bags & Boxes

Down to Earth Gift Bag

By Marjolaine Walker from [Twelve Stones Scrapbooking](#)



Go green with your gift giving when you make this Down to Earth Gift Bag. If you're looking for DIY gift bag ideas, look no further than this great project. Using a burlap bag, you'll recycle fabric scraps into eco-friendly flowers that are super easy to make. Add a handmade gift tag and a ribbon closure, and you have a package that's sure to please. It also makes a cute lunch bag. Try this reusable, recyclable bag the next time you have to bring a gift to a party. It's sure to be a hit.

Materials

- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Dimensional Magic
- Burlap paper
- Canvas mat stack
- Sizzix Burlap Bag
- Sizzix Flower Die
- Fabric markers
- ILTC Liquid Fusion Adhesive
- Scissors
- Darice Embossing Folders
- Hemp cord
- Tags
- Paint
- Mod Podge
- Die cutting machine

Step One

Use a multiple layer flower die to cut out flowers from the burlap, canvas, and Podgeable Papers. Mix and match burlap and canvas die cuts to create flowers.

Step Two

Use fabric markers to outline all flower pieces.

Step Three

Assemble flowers using Liquid Fusion Adhesive.

Step Four

Trace Podgeable Shapes onto Podgeable Papers. Cut shapes out of paper and adhere them to Podgeable Shapes.

Step Five

Insert tags in embossing folder and pass through embossing machine.

Step Six

Lightly brush paint over the embossed parts of your tags.

Step Seven

Use hemp cord to attach tags and shapes to the top of the burlap bag.

Step Eight

Adhere the burlap and canvas flowers as well as the paper flowers to bag.

Step Nine

Cut out the words "For You" from the letter sheet in the Podgeable Papers Pad.

Step Ten

Adhere words to paper flower.

Step Eleven

Cover letters with a thin layer of Dimensional Magic and allow to dry completely.

Rhinestone DIY Favor Boxes

By Carmen Flores Tanis from Bzy Little Bee



These Rhinestone DIY Favor Boxes are a fabulous way to show gratitude to all your party guests for attending your shindig. Learn how to make heart gift boxes by decorating them with rhinestones and paint. If your party has a theme, match the rhinestones to the color scheme. That way, when your guests look at their boxes, they'll remember how wonderful the evening was. Fill these favor boxes with cookies, candies, stickers, and more, and kids and adults alike are sure to have a great ride home.

Materials

- Darice Adhesive Rhinestone Sheet
- I Love to Create Tulip Dimensional Fabric Paint
- Scribbles 3D Paint in Shiny White
- Metal tin boxes
- Sizzix Hearts and Topsy Dies

Step One

Cut rhinestone sheets into heart shapes using the die cut machine. The sheets are thick, so you'll need to use a steel rule die.

Step Two

Remove the plastic release liner from the backs of the die cut hearts to expose the adhesive.

Step Three

Apply the heart shapes to the metal tin boxes. Press down to adhere. You can stack rhinestone die cut hearts on top of each other.

Step Four

Decorate the metal tin boxes with dimensional paints. Try lines, dots, squiggles - have fun!

Step Five

Set aside to dry at least one hour. If you don't like how your designs turned out, use a sharp craft knife to remove portions of the decoration.

Step Six

Fill with goodies, and give to a loved one!

Polymer Clay Crafts

Daring DIY Wall Sconce

By Gloria Uhler from [Domestic Diva](#)



This Daring DIY Wall Sconce may look like it costs a fortune, but it's actually made out of supplies that you can get at your local craft store for a few dollars apiece. Learn how to make a wall sconce cover out of paper and clay, and you'll be able to give your house a makeover without breaking the bank. You'll hardly believe how simple it is to put together this timeless look. This wall sconce is inspired by the elegance of ancient cultures as well as the simplicity of modern interior design.

Materials

- Polyform Sculpey Shaping Tools
- Fiskars Scissors
- Cylindrical cardboard container
- Transparent tape
- Aluminum foil
- Baking sheet
- Stapler
- Blank stencil
- Printing paper
- Vellum paper
- Polyform Premo! Clay – Copper
- Paint – Black
- Polyform Clay Conditioning Machine
- Plaid Martha Stewart Tendrils Stencil
- Acrylic clay roller
- Small paint brush
- Soft cloth
- Screw or nail
- Battery-powered LED 18 light string

Step One

Cut an oatmeal container in half, following the line down each side. Pull off the bottom. Overlap bottom edges and staple them together.

Step Two

Peel off label, and smooth aluminum foil over container. The front should be slightly curved and the back side should be flat.

Step Three

Condition 2 oz. copper clay on a clay conditioning machine using the thickest setting. Cut clay into 1" strips.

Step Four

Place stencil on clay and roll over it to transfer design. Cut clay into three strips measuring 7/8" wide and 7", 8", and 6" long. Use shaping tools to create a curl on the upper and lower strip ends.

Step Five

Drape clay strips over the container, bringing flat edges to the back side. When all 3 strips are positioned with equal distance, press back edges together to join them.

Step Six

Cut a thick piece of clay measuring about 2" square. With clay shaping tools, make a hole to accommodate the nail or screw that will be used to hang the sconce.

Step Seven

Bake hanger and sconce, positioned curved side up at 275 degrees for 30 minutes on a foil-lined baking sheet. Allow clay to cool before handling.

Step Eight

Cut three cones: one from a blank stencil to provide support, one from regular paper to diffuse lights, and one from eggshell vellum paper. Each cone should measure 6.5" square.

Step Nine

One cone at a time, place edges together and join them with transparent tape.

Step Ten

Place cones inside each other, leaving the vellum cone on the outside.

Step Eleven

Working in small sections with a brush, apply wash to the clay. You can make the wash out of a splash of water and some black paint. With soft cloth, wipe away paint from raised areas immediately to create an antique look.

Step Twelve

Hang sconce on wall. Set cone into the clay. Slip battery pack into cone and arrange lights inside. Position the switch for the battery pack near the top so that it is easy to access.

Step Thirteen

Turn it on, and let the light shine!

Polymer Clay Mailbox Numbers

By Cristin Frank from [The Eve of Reduction](#)



If you're looking for a quick and easy housewarming gift, you can't go wrong with these Polymer Clay Mailbox Numbers. Whether you're looking for home decor crafts or polymer clay tutorials for jewelry, you can use the techniques from this project to make something truly remarkable. In a single afternoon, you can create a fantastic outdoor decor piece that really makes a statement. You only need four supplies for this project, making it a fun way and creative afternoon activity.

Materials

- Premo Sculpey Oven-Bake Clay
- Sculpey Tools
- Sizzix Flip-its Dies
- Cardstock
- Hot glue (optional)

Step One

Combine white and blue clay in varying batches to achieve a light-to dark-color gradation. Make as many color gradations as you have numbers in your house number.

Step Two

Roll out your first color, large enough to fit in the Sizzix Flip-it Die or a cookie cutter. Press into clay and cut out shape.

Step Three

Write house numbers in reverse order on cardstock using hot glue. Let dry, and then press into clay, or create numbers freehand using the Sculpey tools. Cut out a hole large enough for a bolt or ribbon to pass through. Add additional designs if desired.

Step Four

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 with the remaining clay colors and house numbers.

Step Five

Bake at 275 degrees for 30 minutes in a glass baking dish.

Step Six

When cool, secure your clay house numbers to holes in the front of the mailbox, or string ribbon through the numbers at increasing lengths so numbers can be hung vertically from a single knob on the door.

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Stunning Decorative Mask

By Rita Barakat from RitaBarakat.com



Give your bedroom decor a dash of mystery with this Stunning Decorative Mask. Follow this tutorial on how to make a decorative mask, and you'll have an elegant and memorable piece to add to your collection. Doodle on the mask freehand or use stencils for a more professional look. Add gems, glitter, and sequins to turn this mixed-media project into a truly dazzling piece of art. You'll wonder why people bother buying decorative masks when they're so fun and easy to make.

Materials

- Artist pens
- Coloring Mediums – Assorted Colors
- Elmer's CraftBond Fine Line Glue Pen
- Plaid Sparkle Mod Podge
- Beads
- Gems
- Mask
- Paint brush
- Water

Step One

Draw shapes on mask and trace them with permanent markers. Erase any pencil marks.

Step Two

Add color by drawing with various mediums; you can even blend colors with a wet paint brush.

Step Three

Adhere gems and beads with glue pen.

Step Four

Use Sparkle Mod Podge to add several layers of shimmer.

Vintage Photo iPhone Case

By Sara Carns from [Sara's Never-Never La-La Land](#)



Take out that box of old photos and create your own Vintage Photo iPhone Case. Mixed media ideas may seem complicated, but this project shows just how fun and easy they can be. Pick a meaningful image and use it for your project — it's a great way to keep someone close at all times. In addition to the photograph, you can customize your project with a variety of embellishments and alcohol inks. The understated colors and old-school look make this a true stand out.

Materials

- Plaid Mod Podge-Matte
- Elmer's Crazy Glue
- iPhone 5 clear case
- Alcohol inks – caramel, butterscotch, ginger, pitch black
- Keyholes, locket keys, adornments, wishbones, baubles, Found Relatives cards, remnants rub-ons
- Liquid pearls – Copper Pearl
- Jump rings
- Plastic microphone plug

Step One

Use alcohol ink in ginger, caramel, butterscotch and pitch black on clear iPhone case.

Step Two

Trim Found Relatives card to size of iPhone template and adhere to inside of case using Mod Podge.

Step Three

Use remnant rub-ons on outer portion of iPhone case and seal with Mod Podge.

Step Four

Use Elmer's crazy glue to adhere metal embellishments to front cover.

Step Five

While cover dries, use jump rings, liquid pearls, adornments, keys, wishbones, and plastic mic plug to create hanging charm.

Step Six

Fill keyhole with copper pearl liquid pearls.

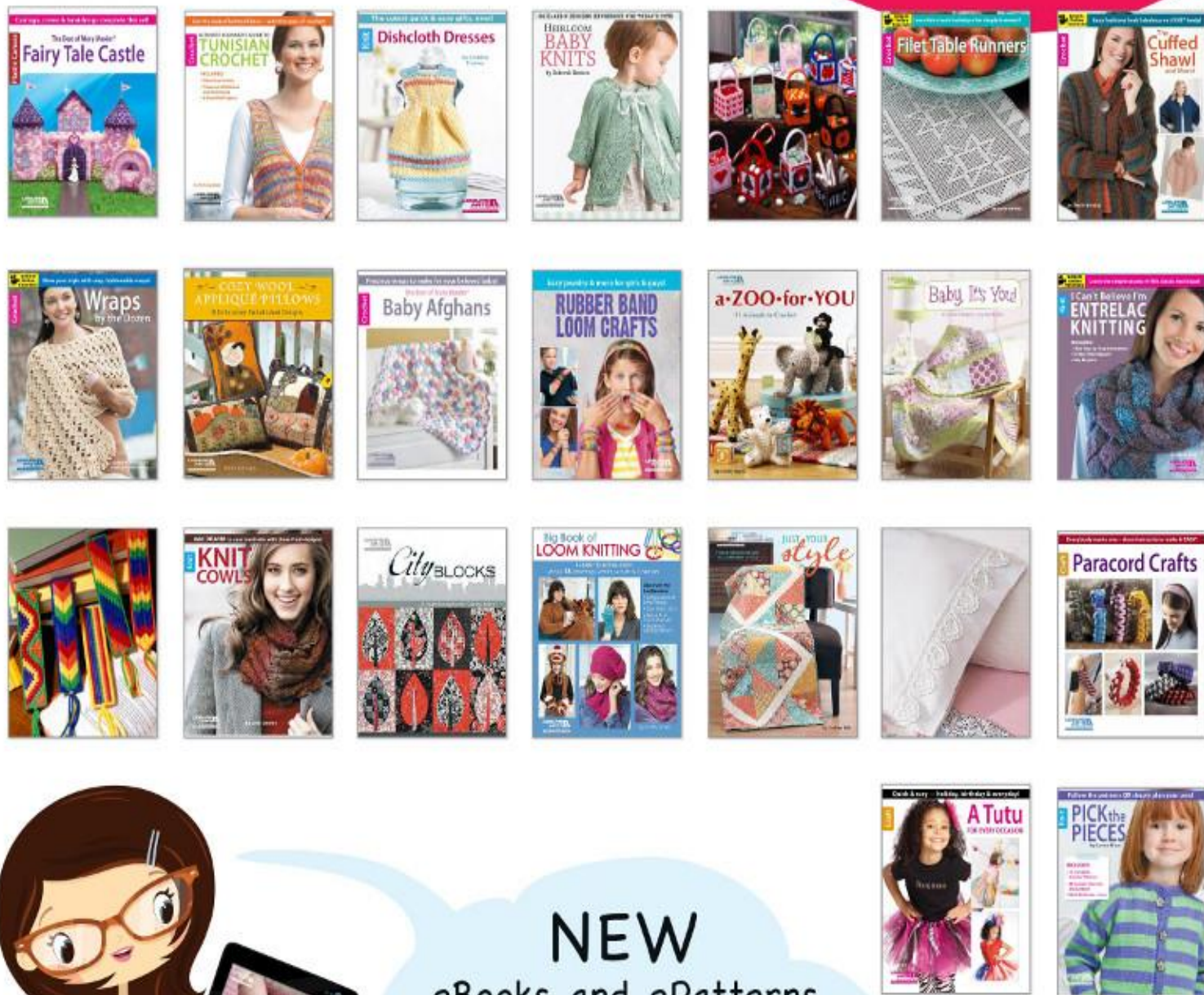
Step Seven

Let dry, and then insert iPhone into happy vintage fun-ness!

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Chalkboard Crafts

Hanging Magnetic and Dry Erase Board

By Stacey Williams from [Busting Stitches](#)



Your baby's room won't be complete without this Hanging Magnetic Chalkboard. Be sure to leave some space in a nursery for wall decor crafts like this one — it's a great way to add a personal touch. Use magnetic paint and meaningful embellishments for this unique home decor craft. While it takes a few days to complete this project, the piece itself will last a lifetime.

Materials

- David Tutera Rhinestones by Darice
- Fiskars Scissors
- I Love to Create Liquid Fusion
- Tulip Fashion Glitter
- Plaid Chalkboard Paint
- Mod Podge – Paper and Matte
- Tulip Beads in a Bottle
- Hardboard, wood, and scrapbook paper
- Phoomph and Fabric
- Magnetic paint
- Dry erase board paint
- Nails and staple gun
- Wooden shapes
- Magnets
- Clothespins
- Frame hangers

Step One

Create a wood frame measuring 27"x70".

Step Two

Cut two boards 27"x35". Paint seven coats on the frame.

Step Three

Cut scrapbook paper into random shapes and paste each piece individually with modpodge. Apply a coat of the matte Mod Podge when finished.

Step Four

Apply five coats of dry erase paint to one board and two coats of chalkboard paint to the other.

Step Five

Drill boards to the frame, and add picture frame hangers.

Step Six

Take wooden shapes and glue magnets or clothes pins to the shapes of your choosing.

Step Seven

Apply Phoomph to some of the pieces. Press firmly. Then apply fabric. Cut the shapes out. Apply rhinestones to edges of those shapes.

Step Eight

Apply rhinestones to some of the clothespins.

Step Nine

Paint one shape with dry erase paint and the other with chalkboard paint.

Step Ten

Hang the frame, and add the magnets.



Fabric Scrap Chalkboard

By Melony Bradley from [Mel Designs](#)



Put your sewing room's scraps to good use with this Fabric Scrap Chalkboard. This piece of DIY home decor is as functional as it is adorable. With a little bit of chalkboard paint and a lot of creativity, you can achieve this precious patchwork look. The text on the top half of the chalkboard is totally up to you. Copy the lyrics to a favorite song or jot down a well-loved poem. Make your own chalkboard sign to write notes and reminders. Keep it in reach of the kids, and they can add pictures to this cute blackboard.

Materials

- Darice Adhesive Rhinestone Sheet
- Fiskars Amplify Scissors
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Folk Art Acrylic Paints – Vivid Orange, Lime Green, and Chalkboard
- Sizzix Bigz Flower Petal Die
- Coordinating fabric scraps in 4 patterns and colors
- Thread
- Ruler
- Sandpaper
- Lint-free cloth
- Paint brushes
- Iron
- Assorted embellishments
- Black fine-point marker
- Pencil
- 6" square of recycled chipboard

Step One

Lightly sand the plaque, and wipe with lint-free cloth.

Step Two

Use the ruler and pencil to measure and trace horizontal line 7-1/4" down from the top of the plaque. From the top of the plaque, measure and trace 3-1/2" from left side. Use the pencil to draw a vertical line.

Step Three

Follow manufacturer's instructions to paint bottom of plaque with Chalkboard Paint. Paint left side of the plaque Vivid Orange. Paint the right side and chipboard square Lime Green.

Step Four

Cut nine 2-1/2" x 4" strips from each of the fabrics. Press and pin right sides together, creating nine different patchwork pieces. Sew seams and steam open with iron.

Step Five

Place each piece on the die cut, covering the petal shapes. You should have nine large petals and nine small petals. Use the sewing machine and thread to outline each of the petal shapes, sew a straight stitch 1/4" from the edge.

Step Six

Arrange the petals around the circle on the board. Glue in place, keeping large petals on bottom and small petals on top. Let dry.

Step Seven

Glue chipboard to back of canvas.

Step Eight

Place assorted embellishments in center of chipboard, and glue in place.

Step Nine

Paint stem under flower. Use a black marker to write script on Vivid Orange and on stem.

Step Ten

Adhere gems as shown.

Upcycled Chalkboard Plaque

By Tammy Tutterow from [Tammy Tutterow Designs](#)



Change the look of your space in no time at all. Create your own Upcycled Chalkboard Plaque using an old wooden wall hanging and some chalkboard paint. Make your own chalkboard using paint, and add an inspiring phrase to make the piece extra special and meaningful. This is a great homemade gift idea — be sure to take one along to a housewarming party.

Materials

- Plaid Folk Art Chalkboard Paint
- Martha Stewart Crafts Paints
- Martha Stewart Crafts Paint Daubers
- Plaid Folk Art Painting Stencil
- White gel pen
- White chalk pen
- Upcycled wooden wall plaque
- Masking tape

Step One

Mask off any areas of the plaque that you do not want to paint.

Step Two

Apply two to three even coats of chalkboard paint to the front of the wooden plaque. Let each layer dry well before adding another.

Step Three

When paint is dry, tape stencil in place on the plaque.

Step Four

Use paint daubers to apply paint to the plaque through the stencil. Try to use a small amount of paint at a time to avoid seepage under the stencil. Use a pouncing motion to apply. Build the color in layers.

Step Five

Remove the stencil, and allow the painted design to dry well.

Step Six

Use a white gel pen to accent the painted design. The gel pen will mimic the look of chalk and will tie in the motif to the chalkboard area.

Step Seven

Allow the chalkboard paint to cure according to directions. Once it has cured, use chalk or a chalk pen to add a sentiment.

Creative Inspiration Board

By Susan Dougill from [Crochet Addict UK](http://CrochetAddictUK.com)



If you've ever wanted to design your own bulletin board, you're in luck. Use chalkboard paint to create a customizable Creative Inspiration Board. Begin by adding your own creative ideas to the board. The next step is turning those ideas into reality. In addition to chalkboard paint, you can add washi tape, paint, and hemp to your board for a truly distinct look. Your board should inspire you to come up with your best ideas, so be sure to make it as visually appealing as possible. This project looks great in a craft room or home office and also makes a great gift for anyone who is starting a new business venture.

Materials

- Corkboard
- FolkArt Chalkboard Paint
- Fabric
- Glue
- Washi tape
- Clothespins
- Drawing pins
- Chalk
- Masking tape
- Paintbrush
- Staple gun or hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Hemp string

Step One

Mask and paint corkboard with chalkboard paint.

Step Two

Mark off sections with chalk.

Step Three

Add washi tape to the edge of the board.

Step Four

Cut, iron, and glue fabric to create chalk pouch. Attach to the edge of board with glue or staple gun.

Step Five

Using drawing pins and hemp string, mark out one side of the noticeboard.



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Buntings and Banners

Bright Butterfly Banner

By Susan Dougill from Crochet Addict UK



Whether it's warm or cold outside, you can celebrate sunshine with a Bright Butterfly Banner. Easy home decor crafts can upgrade any space and add light during the dreariest months. Use bright fabrics to really make a statement. Best of all, you don't need a needle and thread or even a sewing machine to bring your banner to life. Instead, grab some glue and get to work.

Materials

- Darice Fabric Fusion Glue
- Felt (there are also ready made shapes available from Darice)
- Darice Satin Ribbon
- Fabric bunting
- Assorted fabrics
- Pins
- Scissors
- Velcro

Step One

Pin bunting to fabric, and cut fabric to the shape of the bunting.

Step Two

Iron hem around the fabric.

Step Three

Glue hem down, and glue fabric to bunting.

Step Four

Cut a small piece of Velcro, and glue to the center of the bunting.

Step Five

Cut shape out of felt and attach onto Velcro.

Step Six

Feed ribbon through the bunting.

Darling DIY Pennant Banner

By Michelle Brown from [Mixed Media Art](#)



There's always a reason to celebrate, and this Darling DIY Pennant Banner is the perfect decoration for any occasion. Learning how to make your own pennant banner is easier than it seems. Assembling this decoration is super simple. Best of all, you have creative freedom. Put a completely unique design on each pennant using paint and markers. You can also use these festive triangles to spell out names and words. This perky banner is sure to be a hit at your next party.

Materials

- Darice David Tutera Tags
- Darice Hemp Cord (6 feet)
- Darice Sparkle Tape
- Fabric pennants (6 pieces)
- FrogTape – Shape Tape Chevron
- Red Heart Aunt Lydia's Baker's Cotton – Purple
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Fabric Markers
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Slick Fabric Paints
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Beads in a Bottle
- Plaid Mod Podgeable Papers
- Mod Podge – Sparkle
- Mod Podge Applicators
- Folk Art Circle Stencil
- Fiskars scissors
- Cardboard
- Double-sided tape
- Masking tape
- Clothespins
- Needle
- Cream-colored thread

Step One

Lay three pennants on piece of cardboard. Adhere zig zag tape across all three pennants. Add purple and pink paint dots. Set pennants on flat surface and let dry overnight.



Step Two

Lay three pennants on cardboard. Use circle template to draw circles with green and pink fabric paint. Carefully remove stencil and wash in water to remove paint. Set pennants on flat surface and let dry overnight.



Step Three

Draw lines on pennants with fabric markers, using zig zag tape as a guide. Draw freehand circles on pennants.



Step Four

Add paint dots to all six pennants.



Step Five

Cut desired words from Mod Podgeable Papers and adhere them to tags. Once dry, add paint dots to tags. Lay flat to dry overnight.

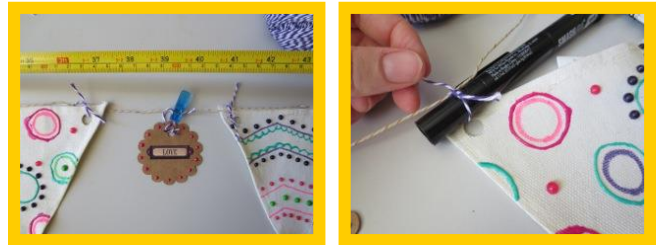


Step Six

Roll out hemp cord. Arrange pennants and tags in desired order.

Step Seven

To secure each pennant and tag, locate the middle of the cord and sew each piece of yarn to the cord.



Step Eight

Cut more words from Mod Podgeable Papers and use Sparkle Mod Podge to affix words to clothespins. Set aside to dry, and then attach to pennants.



Step Nine

Wind yarn around hemp cord to add extra color and to hide stitching. Knot at ends, and secure with sparkle tape.



Step Ten

Hang your banner, and admire your handiwork.

Celebrate Spring Chalkboard Banner

By Victoria Grant from [Lil' Mrs. Tori](#)



Chalkboard paint craft projects are so much fun to make and completely customizable. Welcome a new sunny season, and create your own Celebrate Spring Chalkboard Banner. As time goes on, wipe away the letters and celebrate something else! While this is a great craft project for spring, you can also translate the idea for a variety of other occasions. Make your own banner and hang it up for a birthday or baby shower.

Materials

- Canvas flags
- Folk Art Chalkboard Paint
- Folk Art Multisurface Paint
- Scissors
- Yarn
- Crochet hook
- Paint sponge
- Jute rope
- Chalk
- Martha Stewart Adhesive Stencil
- Handmade Charlotte Adhesive Stencils

Step One

Lay out your canvas flags. Using the oval shaped Martha Stewart Adhesive Stencil and Folk Art Chalkboard Paint, sponge on the paint.



Step Two

Using the Handmade Charlotte Adhesive Stencils and Martha Stewart Adhesive Stencil, decorate the flags with flowers and designs with Folk Art Multisurface Paint.



Step Three

Connect your flags using a jute rope.

Step Four

Crochet simple flowers, and chain them together with green yarn. Twist the flower garland around the banner.



Step Five

Using chalk, write the word spring or whatever word you want!



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Birdhouse Crafts

For All Seasons Birdhouse

By Divya from [Jewels of Sayuri](#)



It doesn't matter when you create a For All Seasons Birdhouse because this homemade décor is evergreen. Whatever the weather, this easy birdhouse craft will change the look of your indoor space. Grab your favorite paints and your most outlandish embellishments — the louder you make your birdhouse, the better. After all, your DIY design will never go out of style in your home.

Materials

- Chipboard birdhouse
- Folkart Paint – Vivid Orange
- Tulip Dimensional Fabric Paint – Bright Teal, Electric Lime
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Mod Podge - Matte
- 3mm white pearl beads
- Ruffled white lace
- Tim Holtz alphabet fabric
- Metallic paper
- Paper – pink, grey, and orange
- Black ornamental paper
- Black marker
- White sheet music
- Pink acrylic paint
- Purple satin tape
- All-purpose glue

Step One

Paint all the walls of the birdhouse orange paint and let dry. Using a black marker or Sharpie, draw brick lines. Paint the roof panels and the connecting tabs of the walls in black. Let dry.

Step Two

Decoupage Tim Hotlz alphabet fabric to the base on both sides. Seal with Mod Podge. Assemble the house. Glue small strips of music sheet at the front tab and ornamental paper to resemble windows on the side walls. Cover the peep hole with metallic paper. Seal the entire house with mod podge.

Step Three

Using bright teal and electric lime dimensional paper draw scrolls, creepers, and leaves on the front left and left wall of the house.

Step Four

Cut out the “dream” and “believe” from the Plaid Podgeable Papers book, and glue them to the front. Cut leaf shapes from the paper (backside), and glue them.

Step Five

Draw a freehand bird shape on a gray sheet, cut out, and glue. Draw dashed lines inside the circle with a black marker, and color the front (1/2”) in black to resemble a shelf.

Step Six

Make small roses out of plain pink and orange sheets (edges inked with pink acrylic paint), and glue them to the creeper. Draw veins on the leaves with paint. Seal with Mod Podge.

Step Seven

Glue white pearls inside the front frame. Glue ruffled white lace all around the base and below the roof to resemble an awning. Make a small bow from purple ribbon and glue it to the base. Use another length of ribbon to display the birdhouse

Beautiful Blue Birdhouse Display

By Carmen Flores Tanis from Bzy Little Bee



Bring the look of spring indoors with this Beautiful Blue Birdhouse Display. Instead of making one birdhouse, you can create three small birdhouses and attach them with a chain. This project is perfect for anyone who is looking for decorative craft ideas. You don't have to build the birdhouses, either — simply buy them at a local craft store and decorate them with paint. Keep your birdhouse indoors or cover it with acrylic sealer and hang it in your garden.

Materials

- Plaid Folk Art Chalkboard Paint
- Rit Liquid Dyes - Aquamarine, Royal Blue
- I Love to Create Scribbles
- 3D Paint - Black
- 3 small wood birdhouses
- Foam core – white
- Paint pens – black, white
- Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue
- Ball chain and three connectors
- 5 eyehooks
- Kraft knife/cutting mat
- Paint brush
- Wire cutters
- Microwave oven

Step One

Apply aquamarine dye with the paintbrush to two of the birdhouses. Paint the third birdhouse with royal blue dye. Dry the birdhouses in the microwave by heating them for 20 seconds. Add two more coats of dye to each birdhouse, microwaving after each coat.

Step Two

Paint the birdhouse roofs with chalkboard paint. Let dry.

Step Three

Draw black squiggles on each roof with black paint pen.

Step Four

Draw white clouds on the birdhouses with white paint pen.

Step Five

Add dimension to the roofs by drawing squiggles and dots with the black Scribbles paint. Let dry.

Step Six

Use the Kraft knife and mat to cut three cloud shapes from the foam core — one for each birdhouse. Make the cloud shapes about 2” bigger all around than the birdhouse bases.

Step Seven

Glue the foam core clouds to the birdhouse bases.

Step Eight

Align the birdhouses to your liking then attach two eye hooks, top and bottom, to the first two birdhouses. Add the remaining eye hook to the top of the last birdhouse. Link the three birdhouses together with ball chain. Use the wire cutters to shorten the ball chain as necessary.



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Floral Crafts

Seussian Flower Bouquet

By Carolina Moore from [30 Minute Crafts](#)



Make a whimsical bouquet worthy of a children's book when you follow this Seussian Flower Bouquet tutorial. This project is broken down into 12 separate flowers, so you can make one of each or a whole bunch of your favorite design. Each of these Dr. Seuss craft ideas is an exercise in imagination, which means that no craft supply is off limits. Ribbons, sequins, beads, and other embellishments make this bouquet totally unforgettable. Best of all, it stays in bloom all year.

Materials

- Bias tape
- Darice Sequins and Sequin Sheets
- Darice Beads
- Darice Tassels
- Coats & Clark Thread
- Coats & Clark Phoomph
- Needle
- Floral wire in small and large gauges
- Floral tape
- Polyform Sculpey Premo! Clay
- Pencil
- Pin
- Knife
- Glass tray
- Duck Tape
- FrogTape
- Wooden leaves
- Spray bottle
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Floral embellishments
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Fabric Glitter
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Beads in a Bottle
- Long plastic grass
- Rit Dye
- Disposable containers
- Darice Embossing Folders
- Floral fabric
- Zipper
- Krazy Glue
- Thumbtack
- Wooden hearts
- Small drill bit
- Sizzix Triple Fancy Frame Flip-its Die set
- Two sheets of different scrapbook paper
- Washi tape
- Lion Brand Yarn
- Lion Brand Pom Pom Maker
- Mod Podge
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Foam brushes

Bias Tape Flowers

Step One

Create continuous loops of bias tape that meet in center. Trim excess bias tape.

Step Two

Using needle and thread, stitch loops to center of flower.

Step Three

Stitch sequins and bead on center of flower.

Step Four

Add wire to back to create stem, and cover with floral tape.



Duck Tape Dandelion

Step One

Cut a piece of Duck Tape about 18" long. Fold nearly in half, leaving part of adhesive exposed.

Step Two

Cut folded portion of Duck Tape to create fringe.

Step Three

Roll Duck Tape around tip of the wire, using all 18".

Step Four

Gently open petals of flower.



Glitter Flowers

Step One

Outline edges of floral embellishments with glue. Sprinkle with glitter, and let dry.

Step Two

Thread wire through the backs of two floral embellishments.

Step Three

Bend and twist wire to secure.



Large Sequin Flowers

Step One

Use embossing folders to add texture to sequin sheets.

Step Two

Draw flower shapes on sequin sheets. Cut out flowers.

Step Three

Stack two flower shapes, and poke holes through each with thumbtacks.

Step Four

Thread wire through holes. String bead on wire. Twist wire to secure.

Step Five

Repeat process using leaf shapes.

Step Six

Cover stems with floral tape.



Die-Cut Flower

Step One

Using large frame die, cut six pieces of scrapbook paper (three from each color).

Step Two

Cut wedge out of short side of each die cut. Secure with washi tape to create cup-like petal.

Step Three

Use a thumbtack to create a hole for the wire.

Step Four

Twist one end of the wire into tight spiral.

Step Five

Thread on six petals, first the three of one color, then the three of the other. Push to end of the spiral.

Step Six

Secure with washi tape.



Pompom Flower

Step One

Wrap yarn around pompom maker 50-75 times.

Step Two

Tie in middle with piece of yarn.

Step Three

Use wire to secure middle of the pompom before removing it from machine. Secure wire.

Step Four

Remove yarn from pompom maker. Cut loops. Trim edges of pompoms.



Mod Podge Flower

Step One

Decoupage Podgeable Papers to six Podgeable Shapes (one circle, five ovals, and one oval with tab). Let dry.

Step Two

Attach floral wire to Podgeable Shape with tab.

Step Three

Glue flower together with five ovals as petals and circle as center.



Tassel Flower

Step One

Secure fabric to Phoomph, and cut out floral shape.

Step Two

Cut an X in center of flower.

Step Three

Attach floral wire to the loop at back of tassel.

Step Four

Insert tassel into center of flower. Fan fringe of tassel.

Step Five

Cover wire with floral tape.



Dyed Floral Stems

Step One

Soak wooden hearts in 1 cup of hot water and 2 tablespoons of dye. After two hours, remove from water and let dry.

Step Two

Drill holes in top of each heart.

Step Three

Thread hearts onto fine gauge wire.

Step Four

Wrap fine gauge wire around heavy gauge wire stem.



Clay Flowers

Step One

Knead clay. Use green clay for leaves, poking a hole through the center of each with a pencil.

Step Two

Surround pink clay with white on three sides. Roll into tube.

Step Three

Cut tube into segments, and shape into petals.

Step Four

Connect petals into flower shape.

Step Five

Poke holes in base of flower for wire.

Step Six

Bake in oven according to package instructions. Allow to cool.



Step Seven

Secure wire at base of flower. Thread leaves through holes and secure.

Sequin Baby's Breath

Step One

Cut a length of floral wire about 2 yards long. Fold in half.

Step Two

Thread on sequin and twist.

Step Three

Repeat process, creating branches that extend in all directions.

Step Four

Twist stem, and trim excess.

Step Five

If needed, twist stem around heavier-gauge floral wire.



Tie Dye Leaves

Step One

Sprinkle blue and yellow tie-dye powder onto wooden leaves. Spray with water.

Step Two

Allow wood to absorb powder, and then flip leaves and repeat. Let dry.

Step Three

Secure ends of leaves with FrogTape to keep wood from splitting when drilling.



Step Four

Drill hole into one end of each of the leaves through FrogTape.

Step Five

Remove tape, and thread onto wire. Twist wire to secure leaves.

Bouquet Filler

Step One

Split plastic grass into smaller sections.



Step Two

Fan out grass and add dewdrops along the blades of grass using Beads in a Bottle. Let dry.

Zipper Butterfly

Step One

Unzip zipper and soak in 1 cup of hot water and 2 tablespoons of dye. After 30 minutes, remove zipper, drain, and let dry.

Step Two

Unzip zipper, bend each side down to create butterfly wings. Cut at fold to make wings bend.

Step Three

Secure with needle and thread.

Step Four

Glue floral wire to back of butterfly using Crazy glue.



No-Sew Fabric Flower Bag

By Tara Nehil from [Spot of Tea Designs](#)



Save up those fabric scraps and breathe new life into a plain bag. This No Sew Fabric Flower Bag look great with every outfit. There's no need for a needle and thread when you're working on the fabric flower pattern used for this project. Instead, grab some glue and paint and start bringing your flower to life. This project is perfect for beginners, and best of all, you can make a bunch in one sitting.

Materials

- Fabric bag
- Fiskars Heavy Duty Scissors
- Tulip Beads In A Bottle
- Aleene's Permanent Fabric Adhesive Sheets
- Satin fabric
- Two buttons
- Ribbon

Step One

Use scissors to cut a circle shape from one sheet of fabric adhesive sheet. Peel the adhesive backing from one side and lay down on your surface, sticky side up.

Step Two

Cut one long strip of satin fabric. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise as you move your way around the circle, attaching the fabric down onto the sheet as you go along.



Step Three

Continue moving around the circle, creating layers inside one another until you get to the center. Trim any excess material.

Step Four

Cut a small circle from fabric adhesive sheet, and stick button onto the center of the fabric flower.

Step Five

Peel the adhesive backing, and apply completed fabric flower onto the fabric bag. Repeats steps 1-5 to create a second, smaller flower shape.

Step Six

Create leaf shapes using the green fabric paint. Use line or dot shapes. Allow to dry 24 hours.



Step Seven

Tie a ribbon on top as a final accent, and your fabric gift bag is complete!



Pretty Painted Flower Pots

By Michelle Frae Cummings from [Faerie Dust Dreams](#)



Turn boring clay pots into decorative decor items with a little bit of paint. When spring arrives, you can display these Pretty Painted Flower Pots throughout your garden. Flower pot crafts help get you in the mood for warm weather and sunny days.

Materials

- Plaid Daffodil Yellow Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint – Daffodil Yellow, Apple Red, and Lime Green
- Outdoor Mod Podge
- Plaid Garden Adhesive Stencils
- Mod Podge Foam Brush, set of 4
- Plastic pots
- Window cleaner
- Wet cloth
- Paper towels
- Fine detail brush

Step One

Clean the outside of the pots you wish to paint with window spray, and then dry.



Step Two

Peel your Plaid Garden Adhesive Stencil from the sheet provided. Place on the clean pot.



Step Three

Pour some of the Plaid Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint onto a paper plate and begin dabbing color onto the stencil with a Mod Podge foam brush.

Step Four

Clean the Mod Podge foam brush with water in between colors. Change water if it becomes murky.

Step Five

If you make a mistake, simply remove the Plaid Garden Adhesive Stencil and wipe design on the pot clean with a wet cloth before the Plaid Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint has a chance to dry.



Step Six

When you are happy with the painting, remove the stencil and carefully wipe before reapplying elsewhere on the pot. Add additional detail with your fine brush.



Step Seven

Let the pot dry completely before applying sealer.

Step Eight

Pour some Outdoor Mod Podge onto a plate. Apply first to the design with a large Mod Podge foam brush before coating entire outside of pot.

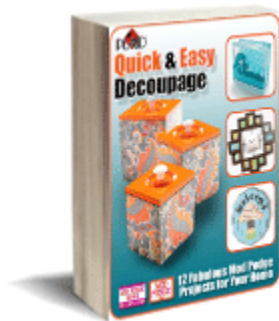


Step Nine

Let sealer dry until not tacky.

Step Ten

Add a pretty plant, and enjoy.



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Sewing Crafts

In a Pinch Sewing Kit

By Carmen Flores Tanis from [Bzzy Little Bee](#)



Don't panic the next time you lose a button. Instead, take out your In a Pinch Sewing Kit and get to work. If you're new to the world of DIY, you can't go wrong with beginner craft projects. Throw in some thread and a small scissors, and hit the road. Use paint pens and chalkboard paint to create an unmistakable look. This is a great gift for a bride-to-be or frequent traveler.

Materials

- Simplicity Creative Group EZ Quilting Travel Sewing Kit
- Plaid Black FolkArt Chalkboard Paint
- Duck Prism Sheet - Swirls
- Metal box – 3-1/2" x 2-3/4" x 1"
- Adhesive magnetic sheet – 4" X 3"
- White paint pen
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Paint brush/plastic plate
- Extra small magnet

Step One

Paint the lid of the metal box with black chalkboard paint. Let dry one hour before applying a second coat. Let dry 24 hours.

Step Two

Decorate the black lid with white paint pen.

Step Three

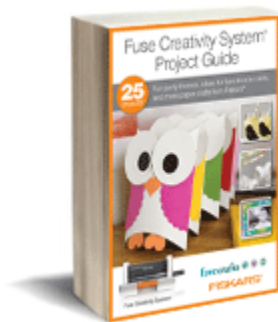
Cut a 4" X 3" piece of Duck Prism Sheet and peel off the paper release liner. Peel the paper release liner from the magnetic sheet and press together the two sticky sides.

Step Four

Trim the magnet sheet so that it fits inside the box lid with the Prism Sheet facing up. Press into place.

Step Five

Arrange the contents of the sewing kit in the box, using the magnetic sheet to hang the pins and needles inside the lid. Use an extra small magnet to hang the scissors.



With this guide and Fiskars Creativity System, you will be amazed at all the [awesome paper crafts](#) you can make.

Stenciled Canvas Zipper Pouch

By Helen Bradley from [Crafting Goodness](#)



Hit the town with this Stenciled Canvas Zipper Pouch, which will keep your valuables close at hand in a fashionable way. Follow these clutch purse instructions and find out how easy it is to design your own DIY accessories. When you carry this bag, you won't get caught matching anyone is nice on its own, but the fun embellishments and unexpected design make this a true standout.

Materials

- FolkArt Handmade Charlotte Stencils - Garden
- Coats & Clark 7" Fashion Zipper
- Light canvas or cotton fabric
- Folk Art Fabric Paints – Night Star, Blue Topaz
- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Scissors
- Iron
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scratch paper (for pattern)
- Stencil brush

Step One

Wash the fabric to remove the sizing. Dry and iron.

Step Two

Press the chosen stencil onto the fabric. Place on the work surface. Paint the stencil using black and blue paint as shown. Set aside until dry.

Step Three

Cut two pieces of fabric 7.5" X 5.5" in size, with one piece having the stenciled motif in the middle (refer to the photo as a guide for placement). Place the top edges of one piece of fabric and the zipper right sides together and pin. Stitch the zipper to attach. Repeat with the second piece of fabric.

Step Four

Press the seam on the right side, and then sew a line of stitching close to the fabric edge to create a flat seam.

Step Five

Fold so the right sides are together, and pin the three unfinished edges together using a 1/2" hem. Make sure the zipper is open. Sew around all three sides.

Step Six

Turn the pouch through the zipper opening and press flat to finish the seams. Hand sew around the zipper ends if necessary to neaten the seams.

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Hair Accessories

Cat in the Hat DIY Hair Bows

By Laura Russell from [Make Life Lovely](#)



Cat in the Hat DIY Hair Bows are the perfect way to bring your child's favorite story to life. Follow the tutorial's simple steps, and learn how to make a slew of cute DIY hair bows for your little girl to wear. This is as adorable as it is easy! With a little help from her favorite storybook cat, she'll have a DIY hair bow to keep her hair out of her face. Include them in birthday party goodie bags or as little presents for her friends.

Materials

- 1-1/2" wide-striped ribbon
- Fiskars Amplify Mixed Media Shears, or fabric scissors
- Dr. Seuss paper
- Mod Podge Paper
- Mod Podge Podgeable Shapes
- Mod Podge Foam Brush
- Small, thin piece of coordinating ribbon or thin wire
- Lighter or candle
- Glue gun
- Lined alligator clip

Step One

Cut a yard of ribbon, and loop one end over the top of the rest of the ribbon to form a medium-sized loop that looks like an awareness ribbon. Make sure that the longer piece of ribbon is in the back, and the short end of the ribbon is in the front.

Step Two

Loop the long piece over the top of the ribbon to form a second loop so that it looks like a bow and is even with the other loop.

Step Three

Make another loop with the long piece of ribbon to form a third loop next to the first loop, bringing the long piece of ribbon behind the top piece.

Step Four

Now make a fourth loop by bringing the ribbon over the top. Adjust them as necessary so that all four loops are even, and then use the small, thin piece of coordinating ribbon to tie a tight knot in the center.

Step Five

Trim the excess ribbon from the knot, and adjust the bow as necessary so that every loop is even. Trim the excess ribbon off the end of the long loop, and trim the other end so that it is nice and straight.

Step Six

If left alone, the ends of the ribbon will fray. To seal the ends of the ribbon, carefully use a lighter or a candle, and hold the ends of the ribbon near the flame. Do not get too close, or it will singe the edges. Make sure that you move the ribbon so that the whole end is sealed and will not fray.

Step Seven

Trace around the Podgeable circle shape onto the Dr. Seuss paper with a pen or pencil, covering the portion that you want to use on the bow. Using a foam brush and the Mod Podge Paper, brush a thin coat of Mod Podge onto the front of the Dr. Seuss paper, and stick to the clear plastic Podgeable Shape.

Step Eight

Carefully glue the round Cat in the Hat piece to the middle of the bow using a glue gun. Glue the lined alligator clip to the back of the bow. Let cool completely before touching. Once cool, the bow is ready to wear!

Simply Charming Embellished Fascinator

By Maria del Pinto from [Keep Calm and Craft On](#)



If you're feeling regal, make your own Simply Charming Embellished Fascinator. This is a great way to add some fun to a boring outfit. Throw together your own DIY feather fascinator using charms, fabric, and even outrageous feathers. There's no way any other person will have a similar outfit; that's for sure. Gather up your favorite embellishments, and show off your unique personality.

Materials

- Coats & Clark Tim Holtz Elements Fabric
- Coats & Clark Phoomph For Fabric
- Lion Brand Bonbons
- Plaid Mod Podge
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Simplicity Fabric Flowers
- Cardboard
- Elmer's Craft Bond
- Feathers
- 1mm Elastic Cord
- Crochet Hook - 3-3.25mm
- Two grommets
- Grommet tool
- Two small buttons

Step One

Charm Directions: Using the Plaid Podgeables, choose your favorite shape and cut the paper to fit. Apply a coat of Mod Podge gloss to the image side of the paper, and gently press onto the plastic shape. Gently press out any air bubbles. Apply a coat of the Mod Podge gloss over the backside of image to seal it. Place aside and allow to dry.

Step Two

Cardboard Pattern Directions: You will need a piece of cardboard to create your fascinator pattern. I found that a cereal box is perfect to use for a pattern piece. Draw an oval with a radius of 8". You can add or subtract from that size in accordance to your own head size. Cut a narrow pie slit (1" x 1") on each end of the oval. Line up the edges of the pie cuts together and tape them to create a slight cone shape. Try on to see if it fits; adjust as necessary. Remove tape.



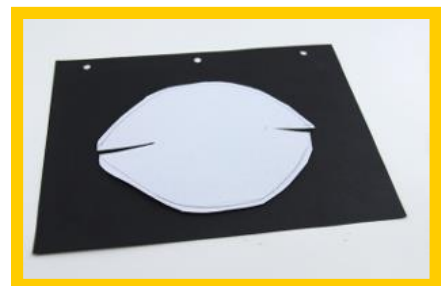
Step Three

Hat Trim Directions: Measure the radius of the oval. Chain enough stitches to wrap around the base once. Row 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of the next stitches. When you get to the stitch, cut off 1" of yarn. Pull the cut end of the yarn through the final stitch, and pull closed. Weave the remainder of yarn back through the trim.



Step Four

Fascinator Base Directions: Place the pattern on the Phoomph Fabric Base, trace and cut. Use the same pattern to trace two ovals onto the Tim Holtz Fabric. Cut out one leaving at least a seam allowance. Then cut the second without the extra seam allowance.



Step Five

Once the edges are dry, take the grommet and punch a hole on each side of the fascinator. Add the trim by using the Elmer's Glue Pen to run a fine line of glue around the rim of the hat. Gently press the trim onto the glue and allow it to dry. Don't use too much glue or it will make the fabric stiff.

Step Six

Once the trim is dry, adhere the feathers, the fabric flowers, and the charm. To finish the fascinator, thread the elastic cord through the grommet holes. Weave the elastic through a button and back down into the grommet and tie a knot. Do this for both sides.

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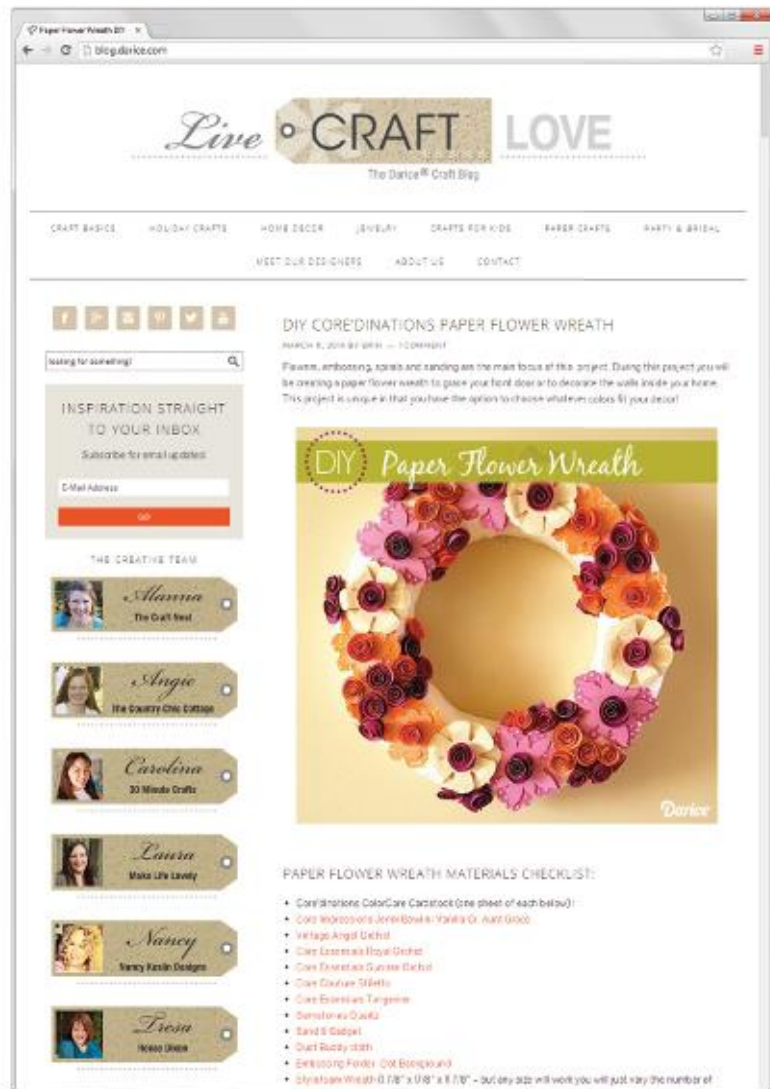
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Kid Crafts

Denim Shorts Chore Chart

By Pauline Molinari from [Club Chica Circle](http://ClubChicaCircle.com)



If you need help motivating kids to pitch in around the house, consider creating your own Denim Shorts Chore Chart. This DIY denim craft will leave kids wanting to perform chores so they can move the decorated sticks from one pocket to another. With materials such as paint, jewels, and sparkle tape, you can completely customize the jeans to fit your style and match your decor.

Materials

- Lion Brand Yarn – Sparkly Variety Pack
- Aleene's Fabric Fusion
- Sparkle Tape by Darice
- Tulip Fashion Glitter Bond and Glitter
- Folk Art Chalkboard Paint
- Martha Stewart Self-Adhesive Stencils
- Martha Stewart Multi-Surface Paint - metallic silver
- Martha Stewart pouncers
- Tulip Slick Neon Blue Fabric Paint
- David Tutera Self-Adhesive Jewels
- Fiskars scissors
- Denim shorts
- Colored craft sticks
- Glue gun
- Painter's tape
- Sponge brush

Step One

Mask off top third of colored large craft sticks with painters tape. Using a sponge brush, apply chalkboard paint on the rest of the stick, and let dry.



Step Two

Create a hanging yarn braid with approx. 18" of multicolored strands of yarn. Glue the front and back of a pair of denim shorts together with a glue gun. Attach decorative glitter Sparkle Tape along the top, replicating a belt. Using Fabric Fusion Glue, attach your braided yarn along the side seams, from the bottom of one end the other, and let dry.



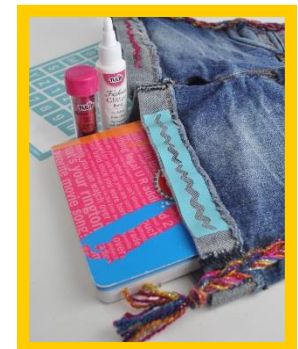
Step Three

Using self-adhesive letter stencils, apply the words "DO" and "DONE" with paint pouncer, just below the left and right front pockets with contrasting metallic paint, and let dry.



Step Four

Place a book in the leg of the pair of shorts for stability and a flat surface. Use the decorative chevron self-adhesive stencil and apply fashion Glitter Bond Glue. While still wet, sprinkle on colored glitter, and then carefully pull off stencil to reveal glittery design. Let dry. Add polka dot details along the seams of the pockets and loops with Slick Dimensional Fabric Paint.



Step Five

When craft sticks are dry, remove painters tape and apply a single strand of self-adhesive decorative jewels.



Step Six

Use chalk to write to-do list or chores on each craft stick and put in the “DO” pocket. When the task is done, move the stick to the “DONE” pocket. Use the yarn to hang on a wall with a removable hook.



Make over your wardrobe in minutes with these [fun and easy tie dye patterns](#) from I Love To Craft.

Funky DIY Dollhouse from Duck Tape

By Kerry Goulder from [Kid Giddy](#)



Help your kids learn how to make a doll house from Duck Tape with this Funky DIY Dollhouse from Duct Tape tutorial. Not only can they create their doll's dream home, but they can furnish it as well. Using a variety of different duct tape patterns and colors, your kids can become architects and build their own homemade doll house. They'll have just as much fun making their house as they will playing with it when they're done.

Materials

- Duck Tape brand duct tape
- Cardboard
- Cording
- Chalkboard stickers
- Mod Podge Podgeable Papers
- Fabric
- Darice Round Paper Mache Box Lid
- Crochet hook
- Knitting needs
- Glue
- Toilet paper roll
- Paint
- Scissors
- Razor
- Pencil
- Cutting mat
- Sharpie
- Plaid White All-Purpose Paint

Step One

Print out the dollhouse plans (stairs (page 116) and house (page 117)) as provided for measurements. Find a piece of cardboard that is 1-2" larger around on all sides for use as the foundation.

Step Two

Begin by measuring and cutting the frame of the house. The front piece and the sides of the house should be one piece of cardboard for stability, if possible. The "master bedroom" and the "studio" pictured are extensions. Add pieces where needed, preferably at a connecting wall.

Step Three

Measure and cut out the second floor piece (cut all second floor pieces for any added extensions).

Step Four

Cut out a front door and as many windows on sides as preferred. Use graph paper to help keep sizes consistent or to map out everything prior to cutting.

Step Five

Select Duck Tape for each room. Tape the interior walls accordingly, laying each piece of tape side by side. Avoid overlapping the pieces.

Step Six

Use a razor to cut away the tape from the edge of the door and window openings away from the edge. Cut diagonal into the corners, and fold these tabs over to the front or sides of the house. This will cover the inside edges of the cardboard, and the front will be covered with siding.

Step Seven

Measure the length of the house front and both sides. Cut a piece of Duck Tape 1-2" longer than this measurement. Lay the tape sticky side up on your cutting mat to use as a guide. Fold up the bottom edge in small segments. Place the first strip of siding along the bottom of the house exterior and work up to the top. (The sticky portion of the tape is now approx. Place the folded edge so it sits below the sticky edge. Overlap the folded portion of the next piece of siding on top of the sticky edge of the first piece of siding.)

Step Eight

Cut out the siding from the door and window openings. (Trim the siding right to the edge of the door or window frame, as it will not wrap around to the other side.)

Step Nine

Cut out the stair opening on the second floor the same as done for windows.

Step Ten

Select Duck Tape for the floor in each room. Tape the floor accordingly.

Step Eleven

Flip the second floor cardboard over to tape the ceiling that will show on the first floor. Trim edges accordingly.

Step Twelve

Tape the dollhouse frame together using Duck Tape that matches the color of the wall, floor, or ceiling, depending on which edge is being taped. Thin strips of tape can be cut to cover any non-matching tape edges.

Step Thirteen

Tape the first level flooring, after securing the house to the foundation from both the interior and exterior sides.

Step Fourteen

If there is a second floor, use the template provided to cut the sides of the stairs. There should be one step for every inch. Adjust the top and bottom steps as necessary if the floor height is in between inches.

Step Fifteen

Cut 1" wide strips of cardboard for the treads and risers. Trim into three strips.

Step Sixteen

Tape the stairs together and cover with Duck Tape, using all one color or one color for the risers and a different color for the treads. Stairs can be taped to the second-floor opening once completed.

Step Seventeen

Measure and cut dividing walls accordingly. (The dividing walls do not need to be extended from the front of the house to the back edge of the foundation. Mix it up, making sure to use certain walls as supporting walls and others as decorative.)

Step Eighteen

Cut out doorways as desired. Tape doors on both sides. Lighter tape colors are best used first and wrapped around the door edges. Follow with darker colors. Place a piece of tape on one side of the door to act as the hinge. Attach the hinge to the opening of the doorway on the wall.

Step Nineteen

Tape walls accordingly, and attach inside the house.

Step Twenty

Choose a piece of cardboard for the roof, and follow the same instructions for the siding to make the roofing. After all the strips are placed, mark a staggering brick pattern with a ruler and pencil on the tape. Each shingle should measure 2" long. Use scissors to cut the shingles as marked.

Step Twenty-one

Add trim to the windows using a 1" strip approx. Leave of the trim on one side and wrap the tape to the other side. Cover the inside of the window trim with a strip to even out.

Step Twenty-two

To make the furniture and other accessories, use what you can from around your space. Toilet paper rolls can be great for side tables, while empty gift boxes can make great couches, chairs, tables, or beds. Crochet hooks and knitting needles make great curtain rods.

Step Twenty-three

Look around your craft room and see what you have. Mix handmade furniture and accessories with store-bought pieces as desired. Use graph paper to map out the layout and sizes of the furniture needed in each space to prevent making pieces that are too large or too small.

Step Twenty-four

Kitchen Table: Darice Round Paper Mache box lid and toilet paper roll with extra pieces of cardboard for the feet.

Step Twenty-five

Kitchen Appliances: Pieces of cardboard and silver Duck Tape give the kitchen a modern flare. Use Sharpie markers to add details as desired.

Step Twenty-six

Kitchen Décor: Darice Chalkboard Labels and Plaid White All-Purpose Paint makes great mini wall art.

Step Twenty-seven

Living Room Couch: Leftover cardboard pieces.

Step Twenty-eight

Living Room Chair: Darice Round Paper Mache box base, and an extra piece of cardboard for the chair back.

Step Twenty-nine

Living Room Rug: David Tutera Self Stick Shimmer Sheet (4" x 6") adds bling to any room.

Step Thirty

Living Room Clock: Plaid Mod Podge Podgeable Papers sit on top of a larger round piece of cardboard covered in Duck Tape.

Step Thirty-one

Living Room Newspaper: Plaid Mod Podge Podgeable Papers cut and folded in half.

Step Thirty-two

Living Room Curtains: Fabric cut into panels and hung on Coats and Clark Knitting Needles and Crochet Hook. Edges can be sewn or glued as preferred/able.

Step Thirty-three

Kids Play Room: Four Krylon Triangle Pennant banners sewn together to make an indoor hideaway tent. Place on cardboard with a paint brush to hold it up.

Step Thirty-four

Kids Play Room: Swing made with cardboard and cording.

Step Thirty-five

Bathroom: Plaid Podgeable Papers make great bath mats and rugs.

Step Thirty-six

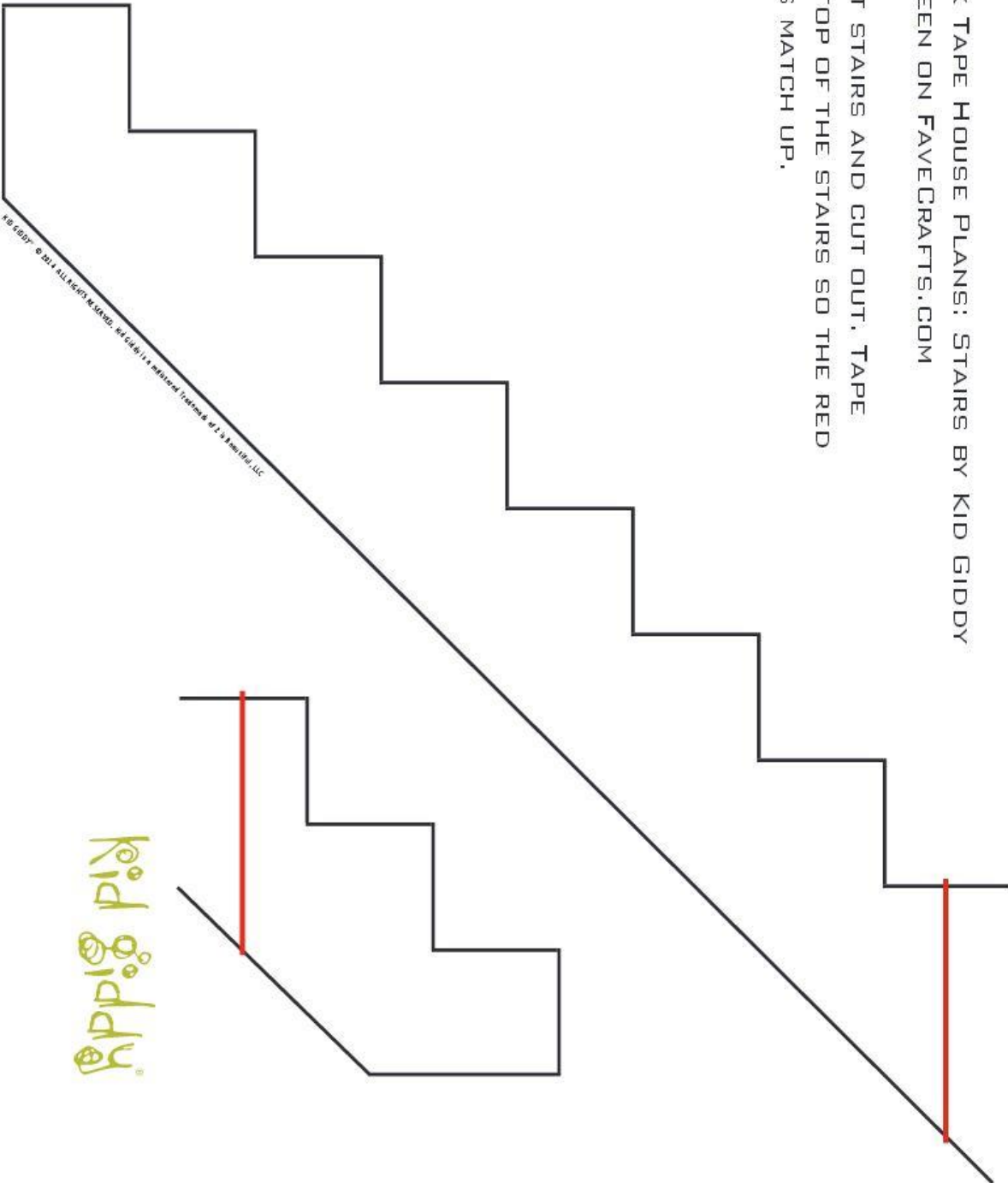
Studio Space: Use small pieces of cardboard 1" x 2", and wrap small pieces of fabric around it to look like small bolts of fabric (2" x 6").

Step Thirty-seven

Studio Space: Instead of regular doors, make inspired sliding barn doors.

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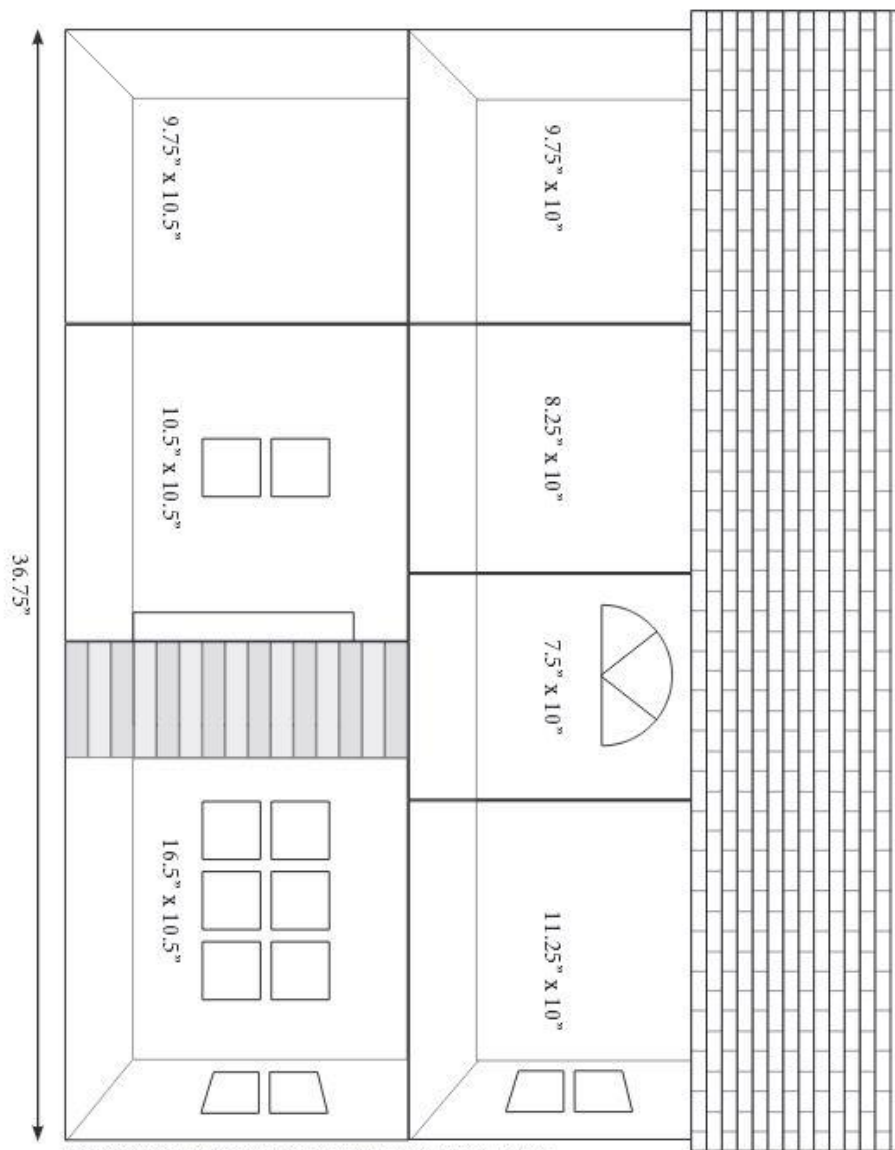
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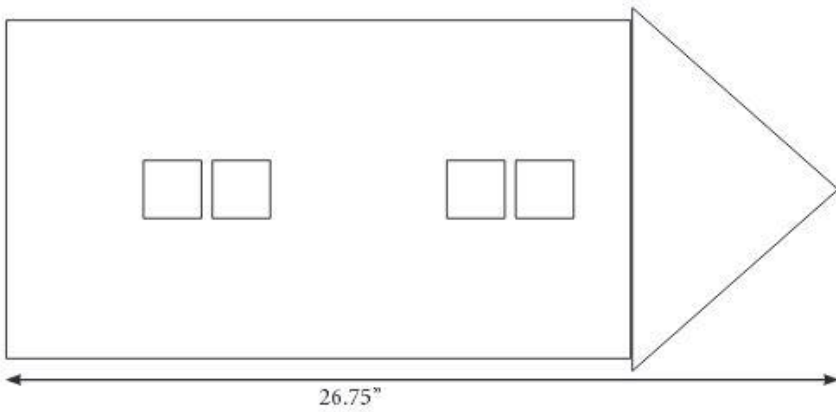
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Home Décor Ideas

Oversized Mod Podge Monogram

By Kara Gunza from [Petals to Picots](#)



Mark your territory with an Oversized Mod Podge Monogram. If you're looking for home decor crafts to make and want to instantly brighten up your space, consider this quick and easy project. Use a variety of bright papers for a unique look. With a combination of matte and glossy Mod Podge finishes, you can create a one-of-a-kind look. This is a great gift idea and will look great in a baby's nursery.

Materials

- Letter wall hanging
- Podgeable Papers
- Modge Podge – Matte, glossy
- Mod Podge Foam Brush

Step One

Choose the Podgeable paper you would like to use to decorate your piece. You can pick a few designs, and cut them into thick strips for an overlay type look.

Step Two

Working in sections, use a foam brush to apply Mod Podge Matte to your piece and start placing your paper. Smooth paper. Continue until the whole surface is covered.

Step Three

After the piece has dried, apply a thin coat of Mod Podge Matte over the entire piece to seal it. Repeat if desired.

Step Four

For a glossy look, apply a thin coat of Mod Podge Glossy over your dried piece.

Step Five

Trim any paper edges with a sharp razor blade.

Strip Fabric Wall Flower

By Laura Kelly from [Laura Kelly Designs](#)



Save your favorite keepsakes without adding a single hole in your wall. No nails are required for the Strip Fabric Wall Flower. DIY home decor crafts are a great way to change the look of your space without spending a fortune. You will love displaying this cute handmade flower year round. Change out the keepsakes periodically or clip important reminders to the fabric strip as a pretty way to keep them close at hand.

Materials

- Cardboard box
- Spray paint
- Clothespins
- Corks
- Glue
- Rit Dye
- Canvas strip
- Plaid paints – assorted colors
- Needle and thread

Step One

Dye canvas strip green, and let dry. Iron.

Step Two

Stitch canvas banner pennants into petals.

Step Three

Spray paint round box and petals.

Step Four

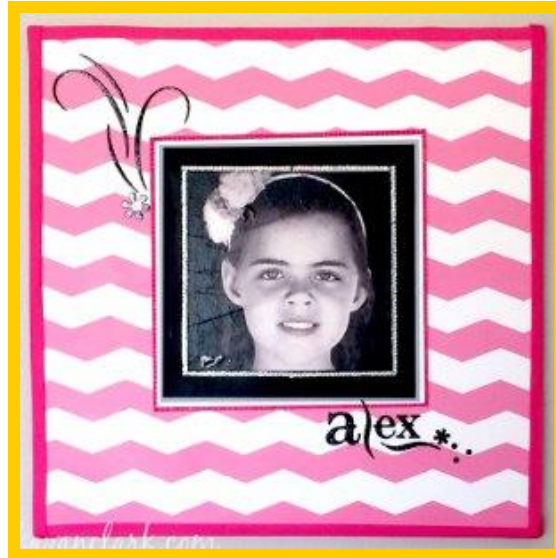
Paint cork and clothespins with Plaid Paint, and add white dots. Cut corks in half with scissors.

Step Five

Glue them to flower.

Pretty in Pink Chevron DIY Picture Frame

By Kazan Clark from [Nunu Toolies](#)



Show off your little girl with this sweet Pretty in Pink Chevron DIY Picture Frame. Handmade frames like this one are great for decorating your home and make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Chevron is also a trendy and fun way to add some color and style to your home decor. Whether you display this frame on your desk, on a shelf, or on the wall, you're sure to love how this DIY picture frame shows off your photo and brightens up your home at the same time!

Materials

- Darice David Tutera Rhinestone Sheet
- FrogTape Shape Tape Chevron
- Elmer's Craft Glue
- Fiskars Amplify Scissors
- Tulip Beads in a Bottle
- Plaid Folk Art Acrylic Paint
- Mod Podge
- Simplicity Creative Group Wrights Bias Tape
- Canvas
- Cardstock
- Alpha stickers
- Tissue paper
- Printer

Step One

Mask off the center of the canvas where the photograph will be placed with a piece of white square paper. Adhere FrogTape Shape Tape Chevron along the length of the canvas. Mix red and white acrylic paint to make pink, and paint over the exposed canvas. Carefully remove the FrogTape and square mask.

Step Two

Wrap tissue paper around an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of cardstock. Make sure to tape the edges down firmly. Custom size a photograph on the computer to print 8" x 8". Run the tissue paper/cardstock through the printer. The printed image will appear on the tissue paper. Remove the printed tissue paper from the cardstock, and trim around the printed image.

Step Three

Brush a layer of Mod Podge over the white unpainted square area on the canvas. Carefully position the printed tissue paper over the Mod Podge and smooth out any wrinkles and bubbles. Apply a layer of Mod Podge over the printed image and allow to dry.

Step Four

Mat several layers of cardstock together to form the frame. Using a utility knife, cut a square out of the middle. Adhere the matted frame over the image.

Step Five

Trim strips of gems from the rhinestone sheet. Adhere the strips along the inner edge of the frame to form a border. Squeeze out drops of sparkle beads along the outside border of the mat using Beads in a Bottle.

Step Six

Adhere bias tape to the outside edge of the frame, and finish by adhering the alpha stickers and embellishments.

3D Springtime Scene on Canvas

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



Welcome warm weather into your home with this 3D Springtime Scene on Canvas. This piece of DIY wall art is a beautiful addition to your home. Plus, this craft gives you an excuse to play with a variety of materials, including paint, yarn, tape, and more. This tutorial is full of mixed media wall art ideas that you can apply to other projects as well. In any case, this piece of wall art really stands out.

Material

- Darice Metallic Butterflie Stickers
- Duck Prism Crafting Tape
- Fiskars Scissors
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Krylon Dual Paint/Primer (blue)
- Lion Brand Bonbons
- Mod Podge
- Rit Dye – Apple Green
- Sizzix Flower Die
- Paper towel
- Polyform Sculpey Roller
- Polyform Sculpey Mat
- Polyform Sculpey Knife
- Polyform Sculpey Premo! Accents – Blue, White
- Canvas
- iLovetoCreate Tulip Beads in a Bottle
- Scrapbook paper

Step One

Spray a light coat of blue paint over entire canvas. Let dry.

Step Two

Using a paper towel, add green dye to bottom of canvas. Let dry.

Step Three

Make clouds with blue and white clay. Layer colors, and then fold and flatten clay until you achieve swirl effect. Roll out flat, and cut cloud-like patterns. Bake according to package instructions.

Step Four

Use Bonbons to make pompoms of various sizes. Wrap yarn several times around a scrap piece of cardboard (the larger the cardboard the larger the pompom). Tie off wrapped yarn with a separate piece of yarn in opposite direction. Remove from cardboard and snip loops with scissors. Trim the pompom to desired size. Apply to canvas with tacky glue.

Step Five

Cut scrapbook paper into flower shapes with die cut. Use Mod Podge to adhere flowers to canvas. Try using different papers for petals and center of each flower. Take a second outer flower piece and apply Mod Podge to its center. Fold up petals to create 3D effect. Allow Mod Podge to dry completely. Place three dots in center of each flower with Beads in a Bottle.

Step Six

Use Beads in a Bottle to create stems and leaves. Let dry.

Step Seven

Adhere metallic butterfly stickers to canvas.

Step Eight

Wrap canvas edge with the tape to finish.

Fly Free, Create Freely DIY Home Decor Frame

By Keri Sallee from [The Creative Life](#)



Looking to add a bit of color and fun into your home decor? Check out the Fly Free, Create Freely DIY Home Decor Frame. Full of texture, color, and little rustic details, this is the perfect way to spice up your walls. Using a variety of crafting materials, this tutorial will show you how to create a beautiful new piece of DIY home decor. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create your own unique piece of art. When you're done, place it on a shelf or hang it on your wall.

Materials

- Embossing Folder (Basket Weave)
- FrogTape Shape Tape Chevron
- Duck brand Clean Release Painter's Tape
- Multi-Media Scissors
- Aleene's Max Tacky Adhesive
- Krylon Short Cuts Hobby/Craft Paint in Sun Yellow
- Mod Podge – Glossy
- Mod Podge Facet Cut Acrylic Shapes
- Mod Podge Papers
- Mod Podge Stencil
- Mod Podge Folk Art Paint – Assorted Colors
- Mod Podge Apple Barrel Paint
- Sizzix Big Shot
- Tim Holtz for Sizzix: Bird and Tattered Flowers
- Natural and red burlap and burlap ribbon
- Letter font: Quick Kutz
- Frame
- DecoArt Crackle Finish
- Chicken wire
- Chipboard
- Fiskars Scissors

Step One

In a safe area, like a garage or outside, spray your wooden frame with Krylon Short Cuts Hobby/Craft Paint in Sun Yellow.

Step Two

While that dries, stencil your background. Cut your natural burlap to about 1/4" larger than your frame opening, and lightly tape it down to your protected work surface using painter's tape, like Duck Tape Clean Release Painter's Tape. Mix equal parts of Folk Art Multi-Surface Acrylic Paint in Look at Me Blue and Mod Podge in a small bowl. Using a small stiff brush and Plaid's Folk Art Painter's Stencil in Moroccan Tile, begin stenciling in the upper left corner. When you are ready to move to another section, allow one row of your stencil to overlap your already painted design to ensure the pattern continues correctly. Set aside to dry.

Step Three

Using your red burlap, free-hand a heart or whatever shape you desire. Place shape on a protected surface, and lay your FrogTape Shape Tape Chevron to make your desired chevron pattern. Paint your burlap using a mixture of half Mod Podge, half Folk Art White Acrylic Paint. Because of the intensity of the red burlap, this will take 2-3 coats. Once dry, peel up your tape for perfect chevron lines.

Step Four

While all that dries, grab your Sizzix Big Shot, Sizzix Bigz Die-Birds, and Darice Embossing Folder in Basket Weave. Die cut a bird from your chipboard piece, and then emboss it using your folder. (Note: make sure you have the bird facing the correct way for your embossing or your embossing will be upside down.) Add a little white paint with your finger just to bring out the pattern.

Step Five

To make your flowers, cut five to seven flowers out of burlap using your Tim Holtz Tattered Florals Die. To get the 3D shape, I lightly brushed each of them with Mod Podge and then nestled them into an empty egg carton to dry. For the centers, I used Mod Podge Facet Cut Acrylic Shapes and Mod Podge Podgeable Papers. Simply find a design you like, use the shape as a template to draw around, cut it out using Fiskars Scissors, and Mod Podge the design to the bottom of your shape. Lightly brush the edges of your flowers with white acrylic paint to break up all the burlap.

Step Six

For an added bit of texture, cut a heart from a piece of chicken wire using Fiskars Multi-Media Scissors.

Step Seven

To put it all together, add strips of burlap ribbon to the top and bottom of your blue painted burlap and then attach the entire piece to the back of your frame using Max Tacky Adhesive by Aleene's. Next, layer on the chevron heart, then the chicken wire heart and bird, and lastly, the grouping of flowers and flower centers.

Step Eight

To finish up your project, cut your title using Sizzix Big Shot. Also, lightly stencil on your burlap ribbon using Folk Art White Acrylic Paint and a self-adhesive stencil from Plaid.

Step Nine

This step is optional, but once you are done, you can add a thin, all-over layer of DecoArt Crackle paint. You may need to add a thicker layer in some parts in order to get thicker crackles.



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Nifty Decouped Notebook

By Michelle Brown from [Mixed Media Art](#)



School and office supplies make a statement about who we are, which is why it's so important to get supplies that match your style. With this Nifty Decouped Notebook, you'll be able to save some money on fancy paper supplies and show off your creativity at the same time. Notebook decorating ideas are a dime a dozen, but this tutorial on how to make a cute notebook is far from ordinary. It uses decoupage to turn a cover from boring to brilliant. The chalkboard sticker on the front of the notebook is a bonus detail on an already fabulous notebook.

Materials

- Plaid Mod Podge – Matte
- Plaid Mod Podge Foam Brushes
- Plaid Mod Podgeable Papers
- Darice Chalkboard Labels
- FrogTape Shape Tape Chevron
- Notebook
- Paint markers
- Permanent Marker or pen
- Fiskars Scissors

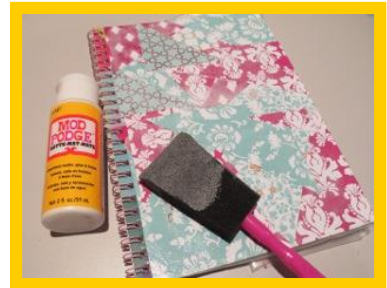
Step One

Cut Podgeable Papers into triangles of various sizes.



Step Two

Using foam brushes, coat a section of the notebook cover with matte Mod Podge. Apply triangles to cover, and coat with Mod Podge. Repeat this process until entire cover is decorated. Seal cover with layer of Mod Podge, and let dry overnight.



Step Three

Create a border around the edge of the cover using black marker.



Step Four

Add lines to front cover with black marker, using zig zag tape as a guide. Let dry. Retrace lines to darken the pattern, and then add dots, doodles, and designs to cover. Remove tape, and let dry.



Step Five

Use white marker to write on chalkboard labels, taking care to let them dry so that the text won't smudge.



Step Six

Stick chalkboard label onto front of notebook.



Green and Groovy DIY Wall Art

By Rita Barakat from RitaBarakat.com



This Green and Groovy DIY Wall Art is sure to stick in your mind even when you're out of the house. This beautiful piece of DIY wall decor features a soothing blend of green and blue paints to relax you as you admire the canvas. This step-by-step tutorial shows you how to incorporate various types of media, from ribbons and decoupage to paint and markers, to create this artwork. This makes a heartfelt gift for any friend who has space on her wall for a reminder to live life to the fullest.

Materials

- 12x12 canvas
- Coats & Clark Phoomph for Fabric
- Coats & Clark Free Spirit Fabric
- Darice Spectrum Noir Pens in Pale Hues
- Darice Hemp Cord
- Darice Embossing Folder
- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Matte & Sparkle Mod Podge
- Plaid Podgeable Shapes
- Plaid Painting Stencil
- Sponge
- Heat gun
- Fiskar Shears
- FrogTape Shape Tape – Chevron
- Scrap paper
- Drop cloth
- Faber-Castell gesso
- Faber-Castell PITT Artist Pens
- Faber-Castell gelatos
- Elmer's Paint Pen in Gold
- Glue Dots
- Scor-Tape
- Double-sided tape

Step One

Brush a layer of gesso on the entire canvas.

Step Two

Dry emboss scraps of paper, and glue to canvas.

Step Three

Use gelatos to draw on canvas. Once finished, spray canvas with water and spread color with wet paint brush. Dry with heat gun.

Step Four

Add another layer of color with gelatos, using Shape Tape and the stencil as guides. Blend colors with dry sponge.

Step Five

Use iron-ons and PITT pens to add phrase to the canvas.

Step Six

Draw or trace a girl onto the drop cloth. Fill in features with pens and gelatos. Add highlights with Sparkle Mod Podge.

Step Seven

Cut out small phrases for necklace and cover with Matte Mod Podge. Adhere phrases to acrylic shapes and let dry.

Step Eight

Spray phrases with water, and rub off paper so that only translucent words remain.

Step Nine

Use paint pen to draw on edges. String with hemp.

Step Ten

Cut out a rectangle from the fabric. Use Scor-Tape on the dress to attach rectangular piece of fabric, tucking edges and necklace under dress.

Step Eleven

Cut 1" strip of fabric, and roll it up lengthwise. Start from the inside of adhesive dot and wrap fabric around until the adhesive has been covered.

Step Twelve

Trim the edge and tuck under. Peel the backing and attach to the headband.

Step Thirteen

Use Phoomph adhesive to attach girl to canvas.

Where Flowers Bloom Canvas

By Marjolaine Walker from [Twelve Stone Scrapbooking](#)



No matter the weather or time of year, you can help your space come alive with a Where Flowers Bloom Canvas. Mixed-media craft ideas may seem complicated, but this project shows that they can be perfect for even beginning crafters. In less than two hours, you can start and finish this beautiful home decor piece and hang it on your wall. Use glue, paint, and even tape to design your one-of-a-kind piece.

Materials

- Plaid Podgeable Papers
- Plaid Mod Podge
- Plaid Mod Podge Dimensional Magic
- Embossing Folder
- Duck Tape
- Fabric Markers
- Embossing Machine
- Tags
- Paint
- Washi tape
- Elmer's ProBond Glue
- David Tuttle Shimmer Sheet
- Rub-ons
- Canvas

Step One

Cover the canvas with ripped pieces of Podgeable Papers, and adhere with Mod Podge. Once done, paint the whole surface with a layer of Mod Podge.

Step Two

Once dry, rub a few colors of paint randomly all over the canvas.

Step Three

Remove ribbon from the tags and set aside. Place tags inside an embossing folder and run through an embossing machine. Rub paint onto the raised surface of the embossed tags.

Step Four

Use a fabric marker to color the edges of the tags. Also with a fabric marker, color the ribbons. It helps to lightly spray the ribbons with water.

Step Five

Cut the shimmer sheets into small squares with nine gems each. Some will be used as flower middles while others will be flowers.

Step Six

Turn and twist some Duck Tape while wrapping it in a circular motion to create rolled flowers.

Step Seven

Add some texture to the canvas with stamps and rub-ons.

Step Eight

Add some cut out elements from the Podgeable Papers and adhere them to the canvas with Mod Podge.

Step Nine

Adhere all the pieces to the canvas. For the gem flowers, add a different color of gems all around the square.

Step Ten

Use washi tape and rub-ons to create some stems. Add desired title with Mod Podge.

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Miscellaneous Crafts

Vintage Floral Wedding Favors

By Marilyn Gossett from [Marilyn Gossett Designs](http://stickysticksuniverse.blogspot.com/)



If you're looking for inexpensive wedding favors for your vintage-themed wedding, these Vintage Floral Wedding Favors are for you! These floral favors can be used as bookmarks or plant stakes, and they also make perfect DIY party favors for a shower. Mix up the colors to match your party decor and send everyone home with one of these beautiful handmade gifts.

Material

- David Tutera Chipboard Tags with ribbon embellishment by Darice
- Chalkboard Labels by Darice
- Fiskars Craft Scissors
- Glue
- Craft sticks
- Smoothfoam hollow dome
- DecoArt Paints: American Decor:
Chalky finish: Lace, New Life, Crackle Medium
- 1-1/4" paper flowers: one for each stick, cut with Cricut machine or purchased
- 2" flower cut-out (for contrast) one for each paper flower
- Rubber stamp with saying
- Ink pad
- Clear stamp block
- Cardstock: white (for 1" scalloped edge), two-sided floral pattern
- White extra fine-point permanent marker
- Corner paper punch
- Cricut Expression Machine (optional)

Step One

Invert the dome, and poke slots in it using a craft stick. Poke one in the top middle, and then make even rows for the number of favors you will have. Paint the outside of the dome green; let dry. Apply the Crackle Medium following the manufacturer's directions. Apply a top coat of the Lace Chalk Paint.

Step Two

Paint each of the Sticky Stick's with the Chalk Paint, front and back. Let dry.

Step Three

Dry brush Lace Chalk Paint to each chipboard tag to give it a "vintage" look.

Step Four

Glue a flower to a contrasting background flower. Adhere to a chipboard tag. Remove the adhesive strip from one craft sticks, and adhere the tag. Repeat for each.

Step Five

Stamp the message/saying on the stick (with the flower end to the left.)

Step Six

For the sign: Adhere one craft sticks to the flat edge of a second Sticky Sticks to make it about 10" long. Cut and layer the papers for the "sign." Adhere the chalkboard label to the front of the sign, and write the couples' name on the label with the white marker. Round the corners of the sign using the corner punch.



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