

Irish for a Day

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Homemade Gifts, Wearable Crafts,
Home Décor Craft Projects,
Irish Recipes and More!



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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

Whether you have some Irish heritage or simply look good in kelly green, St. Patrick's Day is a fun holiday when everyone is "Irish for a day." To help you plan your St. Patrick's Day festivities, we put together this holiday craft guide complete with what to wear, how to decorate, gifts to give, and fun activities. We even threw in some trivia just for fun. Thanks to a partnership with Recipe4Living.com, we are also bringing you a hand-picked collection of St. Patrick's Day recipes to complete the day.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

With Love,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day

- The first St. Patrick's Day Parades were not in Ireland, but in Boston (1737) and New York (1762).
- Irish immigrants living in New York actually outnumbered Irish living in Dublin, Ireland at one time!
- St. Patrick was born in Scotland, but spent 40 years preaching Christianity in Ireland.
- Legend says that St. Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland.
- The three-leaf clover was used by St. Patrick to explain the Holy Trinity to pre-Christian Ireland.
- For St. Patrick's Day every year, Chicago dyes its river bright green to celebrate.
- Leprechauns are hard-workers although sometimes mischievous! They are the official shoemakers to the fairy kingdom.
- 19 U.S. Presidents have claimed Irish heritage.
- Seattle paints a green stripe on roads on St. Patrick's Day.
- Corned beef is completely an American invention, but very popular with Irish-American immigrants nonetheless!

Home Décor

Irish Shamrock Plate

By Duncan Enterprises

Use Envision glazes and Signature brushes to create a shamrock plate in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. This easy project is complete with a pattern to help fool your guests into thinking you bought this festive plate.



Materials:

- Signature Brushes
 - SB 802 No. 1 Liner
 - SB 806 No. 6 Round
 - SB 807 No. 6 Fan Glaze
- Envision™ Glazes
 - IN 1057 Iced Mint
 - IN 1061 Light Kelp
- E-Z Stroke™ Translucent Underglazes
 - EZ 033 Ivy Green
- Clear Glazes
 - IN 1001 Envision Clear Glaze
- Duncan Mold, Flower Plate DM 228
- Clay carbon
- Pencil

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

1. Clean greenware and fire to shelf cone 04.
2. Transfer pattern to ware using a pencil and clay carbon.
3. Load the SB 806 No 6 Round with IN 1057 Iced Mint and pull one side of brush through IN 1062 Light Kelp. Keeping the darker color to outer edge of shamrock use a press, pull and lift stroke working from outer edge towards center to pull in each section of the shamrock. Reload brush as necessary and apply two (2) coats.
4. Load the SB 802 No 1 Liner as in step 3 and pull in stems to shamrocks.
5. Use the Round to apply two (2) coats of IN 1061 Light Kelp to outer and center raised edges of plate.
6. Load the SB 802 No 1 Liner with slightly thinned EZ 033 Ivy Green and detail shamrocks.
7. When dry, apply two (2) coats of IN 1001 Clear to entire plate using the SB 807 No 6 Fan Glaze.
8. Let dry, stilt and fire to shelf cone 06.

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Yo-Yo Fabric Shamrock

Use heart yo-yos to create a lucky shamrock or three-leaf clover for St. Patrick's Day. These are a great way to use up scrap fabric in your stash.

1. Use the tutorial below to create three heart yo-yos in any green fabric. You can also use three different complimentary fabrics.
2. Place two yo-yo hearts with the points touching and stitch together at the back about ½-1 inch, depending on the size of your hearts.
3. With the points together, stitch another heart to these on each side of the heart to create the look of a shamrock.
4. Add green ribbon, pipe cleaner, cord or you can even [crochet a stem](#) for your shamrock.
5. Give these as gifts on St. Patrick's Day or hang from ribbon as ornament to display in the window.

Yo-Yo Fabric Hearts

1. Cut a large heart out from scrap fabric. It does not have to be perfect; that's the beauty of yo-yos!
2. Turn 3/8 inch of the fabric under on the left side of the heart.
3. Beginning at the top V-shaped indent of the heart, sew a long basting stitch counter-clockwise. Stop at the point of the heart, leaving a several inch tail of thread for later.
4. With a second strand of thread, begin again at the V indent, but sew clockwise this time and end at the point of the heart. Leave a several inch tail again.
5. Pull both threads until you create a gathered heart shape (it won't be perfect yet) and tie the strands together to secure. A gap in the center of the heart is ok. You can use this side as the back of your yo-yo or cover with a button later.
6. Take your threaded needle and stick it inside the heart and up through where the indent of the heart should be. Make a very small stitch where you want the point of the V-indent and pull back towards the center of the gathered heart.
7. Secure this stitch to one of the gathers.

8. You can now sew on a button to cover the gap in the center if you wish, securing to the gathers.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Kiss Me Plate

By Duncan Enterprises

Create this festive serving plate for your St. Patty's celebration using Concept colors and your own lips for the kisses.



Materials:

- Concepts® Underglazes for Bisque and Majolica
 - CN 073 Dark Scarlet
 - CN 182 Bright Kiwi
 - CN 253 Dark Black
- Signature Brushes
 - SB 802 No. 1 Liner
 - SB 808 No. 4 Round
- Clear Glazes
 - CN 2000D Concepts Clear Dipping Glaze
- Pencil
- Clay Carbon
- Duncan Mold, Geometrix Hexagon Plate DM 2274

For pattern, click [here](#).

Steps:

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1. Clean greenware and fire to shelf cone 04.
2. Use pencil and clay carbon to transfer pattern in ware.
3. Apply two (2) coats of CN 182 Bright Kiwi to the shamrocks using the SB 808 No 4 Round.
4. Using the SB 802 No 1 Liner outline shamrocks and add lettering with CN 253 Dark Black.
5. Using the Round, apply two (2) coats of CN 073 Dark Scarlet to your lips and quickly kiss the plate three times for GOOD LUCK! Reapply color to your lips for each coat.
6. When dry, dip piece in CN 2000D Clear Dipping.
7. Let dry, stilt and fire to shelf cone 06.

For more project ideas, go to ilovetocreate.com.

St. Patrick's Day Wreath

Hang a festive green ribbon and clover wreath on your door to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Have a little creative fun and be "Irish for a day," even without Irish heritage.

Materials:

- Wreath Base
- Green Mesh Ribbon
- Twine
- Embellishments- Green, white and yellow felt, Green and White silk flowers, Clover Confetti, Shamrock or Regular Green Fabric Yo Yos
- Glue gun
- Scissors

Steps:

1. Wrap a 6 inch piece of twine around your wreath base or insert into the wreath base if wire or vine before decorating. Knot the ends together.
2. Wrap the ribbon around the base, doubling over by half as you go to completely cover the wreath base.
3. When you are satisfied with the way it looks, cut off the ribbon and glue down with a dot of hot glue. Press down gently.
4. Now you can decorate. Here are some ideas:
 - Cut out shamrock shapes from pieces of green felt and glue to the wreath with a small dot of glue in the center. For an even better look, create a border around the shape in a different color of felt such as white or yellow.
 - Hot glue large, green metallic clover confetti evenly around your wreath. Create small groups of three with different colors of green confetti.
 - If using a Styrofoam base, you can stick small white rosettes or other silk flowers into the base through the ribbon. Or use pins.
 - Secure shamrock yo-yos to the base with hot glue or pins. If you use pins, you can reuse the yo-yos for other projects.
 - Use painted wood letters to spell out the Irish version of cheers, Slainte!

Top O' the Morning Leprechaun Greeting

By Cheryl Ball for Delta Creative

This adorable smiling Top O' the Morning Leprechaun Greeting sign is sure to bring your home the luck o' the Irish. Display it outside your front door or in the driveway to celebrate in St. Patrick's Day festivities this March. A great easy painting craft for St Patrick's Day!



Materials:

- Delta Ceramcoat® Acrylic Paint:
 - Georgia Clay (2097)
 - Jubilee Green (2421)
 - Christmas Green (2068)
 - Lime Green (2489)
 - Santa's Flesh (2472)
 - White (2505)
 - Gleams 14K Gold (2604) Delta Ceramcoat All-Purpose Sealer
- Delta Ceramcoat Satin Exterior/Interior Varnish
- Delta Stencil Magic® - Checkerboard Medley

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- Delta Paint & Toss Sponges
- Delta Stencil Adhesive Spray
- Delta Sobo Glue
- Wood Oval - Walnut Hollow - # 0277
- Piece of wood - 5 1/2" x 13" - or desired size
- Wood stake
- Brushes - 3/4" flat, #1 liner, #4 flat
- 1 yard - bright green 1" grosgrain ribbon
- Sharpie Marker
- Tracing paper
- Palette
- Pencil
- Graphite
- Cotton swabs
- Sanding block
- Masking tape
- Cardboard
- Wood pieces - Lara's Crafts:
 - 6 - 2" x 2" scalloped heart - U10763
 - 3 - 1" x 1" scalloped heart - U10762
 - 2 - 1 1/2" x 3/4" primitive heart - U10751
 - 1 - 6" x 1 1/8" ruler - U10307
 - 1 - 5/16" birch button - U10715
 - 1 - 1 1/4" x 1 1/4" square - U10254

Steps:

1. Apply a coat of All-Purpose Sealer to all wood pieces. Let dry and sand smooth.
2. Trace patterns onto tracing paper. Position face pattern into place on the oval, slide graphite between and retrace lines with pencil. This will transfer the pattern to the wood.
3. Paint in the following sections. Let the paint dry before adding a second coat if needed. A blow dryer will speed up this step:
 - Christmas Green - rectangle wood piece
 - Lime Green - three large scalloped hearts and one primitive heart, band on hat and small square in center of wood square.
 - Georgia Clay - Beard
 - 14K Gold - Remainder of wood square for buckle
 - Santa's Flesh - face
 - Black - hat, ruler, and edge of rectangle piece
4. Spray the adhesive to the back of the stencil following label instructions. Line up the largest stencil squares along the bottom edge of the plaque. Tap the flat end of the Stencil Sponge into

Jubilee Green and tap off excess on palette. Pounce onto the stencil. Carefully lift the stencil off and set aside, blow the paint dry. Re-position the stencil and continue stenciling until the whole rectangle is stenciled.

5. Secure the three small and Jubilee Green wood hearts to the cardboard with masking tape - this will make stenciling easier. Stencil the medium size checks on the larger hearts with Lime Green. Use Jubilee Green and the small squares for the small hearts. Add Jubilee Green cotton swab dots to the Lime Green large hearts.
6. Paint the beard and eyebrows with Georgia Clay. Brush mix Georgia Clay and Santa's Flesh and paint in the cheeks and the wood button for the nose.
7. Add Black cotton swab dots for the eyes. Use the Felt pen to draw in the mouth.
8. Use the liner brush and Santa's Flesh for wavy line on the beard, high lights on cheeks, nose and eyes. Use Georgia Clay for the line under mouth.
9. Position the face on the rectangle. Line up the lettering under the face and transfer to wood. Use the liner brush and White paint to paint the lettering. Add cotton swab dots to the ends of the letters.
10. Detail with felt pen - Buckle, around beard, and hat band.
11. Varnish all pieces and glue into place.
12. Paint the stake Lime Green if desired, nail sign to stake and tie a bow around the stake.

Wearable Crafts

Green Beaded Shamrock Necklace

By: Amy Scalise for Rings and Things

Show off your Irish pride or simply enjoy the design with this shamrock and green bead necklace perfect for St. Patrick's Day.



Materials (Available from [Rings & Things](#)):

- 2 #41-559 2x2mm crimp tubes, sterling silver
- 1 #39-548 10mm lobster clasp, sterling silver
- 22 #05-301-04-12 4mm Swarovski® crystal bicones, emerald
- 4 #05-601-06-12 6mm Swarovski crystal cubes, emerald
- 1 vial #20-228-378 Size 11 Toho® seed beads, emerald/silver-lined
- 9 #28-359-04-412 12mm foil-lined glass heart beads, translucent mint
- 3 #37-557 1" ball end extra-thin head pins, sterling silver
- 1 #37-245 3.3mm round jump ring, sterling silver
- 20" #61-723-49-02 0.018" 49-strand Beadalon® wire, black

Tools:

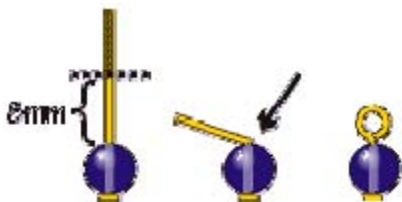
- side cutter

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- round-nose pliers
- flat-nose pliers

Instructions:

1. Place one foil-lined heart on a sterling head pin. The 'dimple' of the heart should be at the bottom of the head pin. Using roundnose pliers, make a small loop (pictured below). Repeat two more times, for a total of three heart dangles. Set aside.



2. Cut approximately 20" to 22" of Beadalon. (Finished length of the necklace pictured is 17.5".)
3. String the Beadalon through one crimp tube and one sterling jump ring.
4. String the Beadalon back through the crimp tube. Flatten the crimp tube with flat-nose pliers, and trim excess Beadalon.
5. String seed beads, crystal bicones, crystal cubes and one foil-lined heart bead onto Beadalon, as shown in picture. Add one seed bead, one heart dangle, one seed bead and one foil-lined heart. Continue repeating pattern as shown. Hint: In example pictured, 9 seed beads separate the crystal bicones. To lengthen or shorten the necklace, add or subtract seed beads in equal amounts between the bicones.
6. Finish necklace by adding one crimp bead and the sterling lobster clasp. String Beadalon back through crimp tube and a few seed beads. Flatten crimp bead and trim excess Beadalon.

Lucky Clover Shoes

Brighten up her days this spring or St. Patrick's Day with these glittery, lucky shoes.

by DecoArt



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Brushes

- DBL1000-B - Liner 0
- DBR2002-B - Round 2

SoSoft Dimensional Writers

- DD318 - Lime
- DD319 - Bright Green

Supplies

- Water container
- Foam plate

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- Paper towels
- Scissors
- 1/4" flat brush
- Lo-temp glue gun
- 1/4" wide coordinating ribbon (We used green gingham.)
- Flame lighter or wood burning tool (optional)
- White canvas tennis shoes

Steps:

1. Preparation: Remove any tags from shoes and remove laces.
2. Leaving edging of shoe unpainted, use flat brush and Lime to paint shoes; let dry.
3. On front section of shoes, use round brush and Bright Green to paint four small hearts with points meeting at center for each 4-leaf clover; use liner brush to add stem to clovers. Let dry.
4. Cut ribbon into lengths to match laces. Place glue over 1/2" of one ribbon end and roll up tightly; repeat for each ribbon end. Trim end evenly with scissors. Use wood burning tool or flame lighter to seal ribbon ends, if desired. (If using flame lighter, hold ribbon near flame to singe ends. USE WITH CAUTION.) Insert laces.

Lucky Charm Earrings

No need for any more good luck charms when you make your Lucky Charm Earrings.

By Katie Hacker for Beadalon



Materials:

- 18" length of .015" diameter gold Beadalon 7 beading wire
- 28 gold #2 Beadalon crimp beads
- 6 peridot 6mm bicone Swarovski crystal beads
- 8 peridot 4mm bicone Swarovski crystal beads
- 2 gold ear wires
- Beadstorm™ Chain Nose Pliers
- Desginer Flush Cutters
- Desginer Crimper

Steps:

1. To make the teardrop part of the earring: cut one 4" length of beading wire. Pass the end through a crimp bead, make a small loop and pass it back through the crimp bead. Crimp it.
2. Pass the wire through the following beads: crimp, 4mm, crimp, 6mm, crimp, 6mm, crimp, 6mm, crimp, 4mm, crimp. Don't crimp any of the crimp beads yet.
3. Pass the wire end through a crimp bead, make a small loop and pass it back through the crimp bead. Crimp it.

4. Adjust the beads so they're in the center of the wire, then crimp the outermost crimp beads on to hold the beaded section in place.
5. To make the cloverleaf shape: Cut a 5" length of beading wire. Fold it in half and pass the ends through a crimp bead; adjust it so it's ¼" from the fold. Crimp it.
6. Hold the wires together and pass them through a 4mm bead and a crimp bead. Crimp it.
7. Pass each wire end through a crimp bead. Bend one wire in a loop and pass it back through the crimp bead. Crimp it. Repeat this step with the other wire.
8. Hold the wires together and pass them through a crimp bead, 4mm bead and a crimp bead. Crimp the crimp beads and cut off any extra wire.
9. To attach the wires to the earring, open the lower loop on the ear wire. Slide one end of the long wire onto the loop, then the cloverleaf, then the other end of the long wire. Close the ear wire loop.
10. Repeat Steps 1-9 to make a matching earring.

Tip: Choose beads in any shape or color for an equally dramatic effect.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Princess T-Shirt

By: Duncan Enterprises

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style with this easy t-shirt project perfect for any Irish princess. You won't even need the luck of the Irish - just some Scribbles 3D paint and Tulip fashion paint and glitter.



Materials:

- Tulip® Fashion Form™
- Scribbles® Iridescent
 - Shamrock Green
- Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™
 - Metallic Gold
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter™
 - Emerald Fine Jewel
- Tulip® Fashion Glitter Bond™
- Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencil™
 - 4 x 4 Stencil Pack - Everyday
- T-shirt - lime
- Masking tape - ¼" wide
- Self-adhesive shelf paper

- Permanent marker
- Chalk pencil - white
- Craft knife
- Aluminum foil
- Cosmetic sponge
- Paper towel
- Paper plate

Steps:

1. Prewash T-shirt to remove sizing. Do not use fabric softener in washer or dryer.
2. Insert Tulip® Fashion Form™ between layers of shirt. Remove backing from Heart with Swirl stencil from Tulip® Sticky Fabric Stencil™ Pack. Place Stencil where one leaf of clover will be. Refer to photo.
3. Pour a puddle of Tulip® Fashion Glitter Bond™ onto foil and pounce glue into stencil opening with sponge. Immediately sprinkle Emerald Tulip® Fashion Glitter™ onto wet glue. Shake off excess glitter onto paper plate for reuse. Let dry. Remove stencil and place in position where the next cloverleaf will be. Refer to photo. Repeat procedure to create three more leaves.
4. Draw stem with chalk pencil. Apply masking tape directly along lines to create stencil. Pounce in Fashion Glitter Bond™ with sponge and immediately sprinkle glitter onto wet glue. Shake off excess glitter onto paper plate. Let dry.
5. Draw letters onto upper right side of T-shirt with chalk pencil. Start flow of Scribbles® Iridescent Shamrock Green 3D Paint on a paper towel, applying an even pressure on bottle for a smooth line. Trace letters with paint. Let dry completely.
6. Trace crown pattern onto self-adhesive shelf paper using permanent marker. Using craft knife, cut out to create stencil. Apply stencil at an angle right above the letter “P,” running fingernail around edges to ensure a tight seal.
7. Pour a small amount of Gold Tulip® Soft Fabric Paint™ onto foil. Tap sponge into paint. Apply one coat of Paint into stencil opening. Let dry. Apply an additional coat of paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.

St. Patrick's Day Gifts

Green Heart Key Ring Fob

By: Amy Mickelson for Rings and Things

This lovely green and silver key ring with glass heart beads is a great gift for St. Patrick's Day. Get together with friends and craft them together, while enjoying some Irish food or drink.



Materials (Available from [Rings & Things](#)) :

- 1 #30-832-1 24mm key ring, white
- 4 #41-219-1 9mm split rings, white
- 4 #37-422-3 2" standard head pins silver plate
- 1 #37-423-1 3" standard head pin, white
- 3" #40-099-03-1 5mm hammered long & short curb chain, white
- 1 #28-359-50-999 28mm foil-lined glass heart bead, rose/mint
- 3 #28-359-04-042 12mm foil-lined glass heart beads, crystal
- 1 #23-386-632 6mm glass heart bead, blue zircon
- 2 #49-947-22-AS Spiral heart cast charms, antiqued silver
- 6 #20-228-048 Size 11 TOHO® seed beads, crystal/ silver-lined
- 6 #20-228-291 Size 11 TOHO seed beads, lavender
- 2 #23-264-043 Size 5 "E" beads, crystal/aurora borealis

Tools:

- Round-nose pliers

- flat-nose pliers
- side cutters
- split-ring pliers

Instructions:

1. Using side cutters, cut a 3” piece of chain. Using split-ring pliers, attach one 9mm split ring to each end of the chain. Attach one end to the key ring.
2. Create four small heart charms. To each 2” head pin, add one seed bead, one heart bead, and one more seed bead. Make a wrapped loop, using round-nose pliers. Before completing the wrapped loop on one of the charms, attach it to the chain, close to the bottom (see instructions and example below). Set the other three charms aside.
3. Create one large heart charm. To the 3” head pin, add one seed bead, one “E” bead, one 28mm heart bead, one “E” bead and another seed bead. Using round-nose pliers, make a double-wrapped loop. Attach a split ring to the loop of this charm, and then attach this component to the key ring, using split-ring pliers.
4. Using split-ring pliers, attach one antiqued-silver spiral heart charm and two glass heart charms (one crystal, one blue zircon) to the split ring at the end of the chain.
5. Using split-ring pliers, attach a second antiqued-silver spiral heart charm, and the final glass heart charm to another split ring. Attach this component to the key ring.
6. OPTIONAL: Cut two 24” pieces of the ribbon or yarn of your choice. Attach to key ring using the larks-head knot.



WIREWAPPED LOOP TIP: (For best results, use both chain-nose and round-nose pliers.)



1. Use chain-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the top of the bead.

2. Use your fingers to bend the wire sharply over the top of the pliers, at a 90° angle. You should have 2-3mm of straight wire between the bead and the bend (less for fine-gauge wire, more for heavy wire or more wraps).
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp a spot just above the bend, and use your fingers to smoothly bend the wire all the way around the tip of the pliers. (For different sizes of loops, bend the wire around thinner or thicker portions of the pliers' tip.)
4. Now use pliers to grasp the wire firmly across the loop. Use your fingers or chain-nose pliers to carefully wrap the wire around the stem. For best control, experts recommend you break this step into a series of half wraps.
5. Trim excess with flush cutters.

Four Leaf Clover Charm

We chose this pendant for its ease of construction, and in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Courtesy of Bead Studio



Materials:

- 4 Glass Heart Beads (We used 6mm Emerald)
- 3 1/2" Headpins
- GS Hypo Cement (Or any clear drying glue)
- Wirecutter
- Chain-nose or crimp pliers
- Round-nose pliers

Steps:

1. With 2 of the headpins add a heart, trim wire and make a small loop with the tip of the roundnose pliers, as small as you can.



2. With the remaining headpin add one heartbead, the 2 looped heartbeads and the last heart bead, making sure all the points are facing the center.



3. Wire wrap the the end of the headpin to make the pendant.



4. Place down on a flat surface and glue the center of the clover to keep the beads in place. Before you glue consider how you will use the clover and direct the loop accordingly.



An Irish Wedding Frame

This fun design uses a cake rubber stamp to create the main image. The unique tri-fold frame is made of papier mache by Walnut Hollow, available from craft stores. We used green colors to give it an "Irish theme" but you can use any color desired to create a keepsake gift for any bride and groom (or anniversary present).

Designed by Amy Law for Kreinik



Materials:

- Kreinik #4 Braid 002J Japan Gold
- Kreinik #8 Braid 009 Emerald
- Kreinik #12 Braid 032 Pearl, 091 Star Yellow
- Kreinik #16 Braid 3215 Peridot
- Kreinik 1/8" Ribbon 087C Meadow Grass
- Frame: Walnut Hollow Trifold Frame Paper Mache #24838
- Stamp: cake stamp by Stampin Up
- Black stamp pad
- Yellow & White acrylic paint, paintbrush
- Misc. coordinating paper cut in small squares (Fibermark)
- Treasure Tape 4" x 6" Sheets (2)
- Diamond Beadlets®
- Shallow pan or tray

Steps:

Before you begin embellishing: paint the paper mache frame as desired. We watered down yellow and white paint to give it a white-washed look.

1. Trim one of your Treasure Tape sheet to be 1/2" less all around than the cover of your tri-fold frame.
2. Remove the white backing from the Treasure Tape sheet, and apply it to the center front of your frame. Remove the red liner to expose the sticky area.
3. Around the outside edge of the tape area, lay strips of 1/8" Ribbon and #16 Braid to act as a decorative border. Refer to our photo as a guide for placement, or create your own design.
4. Take your pieces of scrap papers and lay them on the tape to resemble a mosaic picture. Leave small spaces between papers.
5. Once your papers are down, lay #16 Braid Peridot in the spaces between papers, as borders.
6. Then take your other Treasure Tape sheet, remove the top red liner, and stamp a cake image directly onto the tape using the black ink pad. Replace the red liner to cover the image. Cut out the cake design. Remove the white backing, and lay the cake tape sheet in the center of your frame cover, on top of the papers. Remove the red liner to expose the top sticky area.
7. Now begin to decorate the cake image with colors of Kreinik metallic thread. We used the 091 Yellow as the cake stand, 1/8" Ribbon 087C as the candles, #12 Braid 032 Pearl as the icing, and #8 Braid 009 Emerald/#12 Braid 091 Yellow as lattice. #4 Braid in 002J are curled into swirls on the cake, and 091 makes the candle flames.
8. When all thread decorating is complete, lay your frame in a shallow pan and cover all remaining areas with Diamond Beadlets®.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or www.kreinik.com.

Celtic Pendant Necklace

Create a quick and easy Celtic-inspired pendant necklace.

Courtesy of Bead Studio



Materials:

- Yellow Turquoise Pendant
- 1mm waxed black cotton cord
- Large copper bead
- 2 Small copper beads
- Celtic Diamond Knot Charm
- Lobster claw clasp
- Split Ring
- 2 crimp end tips
- 1 Oval Jumpring
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Split Ring Pliers
- Crimp Pliers
- Cocktail Straw

Steps:

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1. Choose which side of your pendant you want to be the presentation side. Place the charm on the presentation side and then run the 1mm cord through both the stone pendant and the charm.



2. Make sure the charm and pendant are in the center of your cord, grab a hold of both cords and create an overhand knot as close to the pendant/charm as you can. An overhand knot is the same knot you use to tie off a balloon.



3. Slide both ends of the 1mm cord through the larger copper bead and slide to the overhand knot you just created, tie a second overhand knot above the copper bead.



4. Cut an inch and half piece of the cocktail straw off. Slide that piece of cocktail straw onto a single piece of cord. With the cocktail straw touching the overhand knot, place a knot on the cord. Pull the cocktail straw off the cord.



- Slide one of the smaller copper beads onto the cord that has the new knot on it. Place another knot above the copper bead in order to lock the copper bead in place.



- Repeat steps 4 and 5 on the other side of the necklace.



- This step will construct the clasp. The lobster claw is connected to one crimp end using the oval jump-ring. The split ring is attached to the other crimp end.



8. The clasp is now going to be attached to the necklace. Crimp pliers work wonders but using a model glue or costume epoxy on the very tip of the cord will help this project last longer. If you don't have crimp pliers and are using chain nose pliers I would really recommend using some sort of glue or epoxy to help secure the crimp ends in place.



Crafts for Kids

How to Make St. Patrick's Salt Dough

Mix up a batch of salt dough and entertain your child for hours. There's so much fun to be had – use cookie cutters for neat shapes like clovers or sculpt freestyle. Let it dry and use acrylic paints for even more decorating fun!

Materials:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 3/4 cup water
- Green food coloring
- Mixing bowl

Steps:

1. Mix together salt, flour, and water in a large mixing bowl.
2. Knead in food coloring. Continue kneading until mixture reaches a doughy consistency.
3. Use immediately or store in an airtight container for later use.

Green Beaded Wrapped Pens

Use green threads, beads and ribbons to make St. Patrick's Day versions of these funky wrapped pens. You can also add orange and white, colors of the Irish flag. Kids can show off these fun pens at school.

Designed by Treasure It for Kreinik



Materials:

- Pens (rounded pens are best)
- Kreinik #12 Braid in your choice of colors (we used 006, 014HL, 056F, 054F, 055F)
- Diamond Beadlets®
- 1" Treasure Tape roll
- Rhinestone (optional)

Steps:

1. Simply cover your pen lengthwise using the 1" Treasure Tape.

2. Peel off red liner, then start wrapping your thread around the pen.
3. If sticky tape is still exposed, dip into Beadlets to cover.
4. Add a rhinestone to the top to give it a finished look.

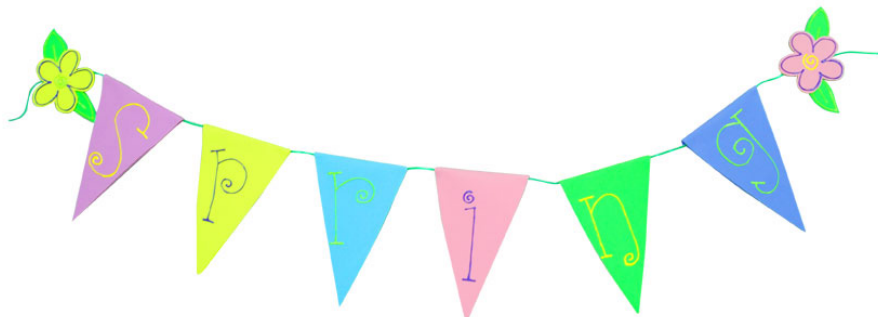
Tips: When applying "stringy embellishments" like ribbon, embroidery threads and fibers to double-sided Treasure Tape, you can easily pull up the design and start again if you make a mistake or want to try a different design. When using red liner Treasure Tape it is best to cut with Teflon[®] coated scissors -- or use adhesive remover to wipe the residue off your scissors.

Kreinik threads available through needlework stores or www.kreinik.com.

Irish Pennant Banner

By: DecoArt

Use this idea to create a cheerful St. Patrick's Day Banner. Use green, white and orange foam (the colors of the Irish flag) and paint letters for "Irish" on five pennants, instead of "Spring." Let kids paint the letters and help them cut out flowers from the craft foam.



Materials:

- Ruler
- DecoArt Foam Paint
- Craft knife or scissors
- Scissors
- Lo-temp glue gun
- 2 yards of green plastic craft lacing
- Two- Three colors of 12" x 18" craft foam sheets (Green, orange and white or just green and white)

Instructions:

1. For each pennant shape, fold foam sheet in half lengthwise (12" x 9") with fold at top. On folded edge, mark 6" from left side. On opposite edges at bottom, mark 3" from left side. Cut through layers from 6" mark at top to 3" mark at bottom; cut from 3" mark at bottom to top left corner of folded edge.
2. Alternating colors of Foam Paint, paint letters for "IRISH" on one side of pennants; let dry.
3. On scrap of green foam, paint four leaves; let dry.

4. On scraps of orange or white foam, paint two flowers about 3" wide with spiral centers in desired colors of Foam Paint; let dry. Cut small rectangle (1" x 1 1/2") from scraps to match each flower.

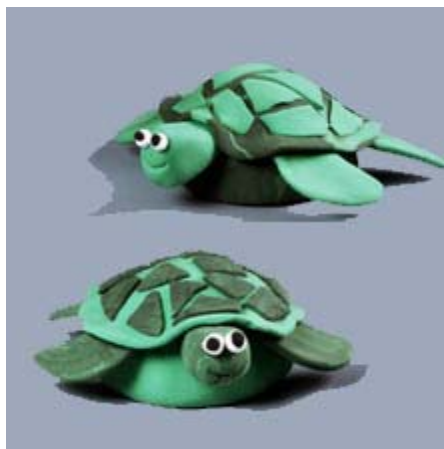
5. Placing pennants 2" apart, fold pennants in half over lacing and glue sides of pennant together between layers.

6. Cut out flower and leaf shapes just outside paint line. Glue leaves to back of flower shapes. Place flower at each end of banner, 2" from pennant on each side. Place lacing at back of flower shapes and glue rectangle over lacing to back of flower.

Leprechaun Clay Turtles

By: Lorine Mason for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

These turtles are just right for St. Patrick's Day decor! For a silly touch, give these turtles leprechaun hats made from a bit of the black clay with yellow buckles made from clay or painted on. The kids will love it!



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Products:
- Ball, 3"
- Air-dry modeling compound: black; green; white (yellow optional)
- Serrated knife
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rolling pin
- Scissors
- Thick, white craft glue

Note: Combine solid and marbled clay as desired; refer to photo. Closely supervise young children with scissors.

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut foam ball in half; set aside one half-ball. (NOTE: This step is not for children; an adult should be available to cut with a serrated knife.)
2. For marbled look (left turtle's features, right turtle's shell), add pinch of black to 1 1/2" ball of green compound and mix until desired effect is achieved.

3. Use rolling pin to roll 3" ball of modeling compound to 1/8" thickness, turning several times to prevent sticking. Drape compound over flat side of half-ball; wrap loosely around ball, pressing out large air bubbles. Use scissors to trim excess; gently roll ball on hard surface to smooth.
4. Roll 1 1/2" ball of compound into 1/8"-thick, 3 1/2" circle for shell. Drape shell over rounded side of half-ball, leaving edges free.
5. Roll 1" ball of compound into 1/8"-thick, 2" circle for scales. Use scissors to cut irregular triangle shapes from compound and press to shell.
6. Roll four 1/2" balls for legs, 1/4" ball for pointed tail, and 1" ball for head/neck. Refer to photo to shape pieces.
7. For face, roll small amounts of white into tiny balls for eyes; press to head. Add small black dots to eyes; press to secure. Use scissors blade to indent smile.
8. Dip ends of legs, tail, and head into glue; press gently to body under shell. Let dry.
9. Make leprechaun hats from a little of the black modeling compound. Make a small flat circle for the brim and use a glue-stick cap or similar shape to create the shape for the hat. Once dry, paint a yellow buckle with acrylic paint or add with a bit of yellow modeling compound.

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BONUS TIP: Use any left-over green clay to create clay shamrocks. Simply place the points of three hearts together and add a clay stem. Voila!

St. Patrick's Day Recipes

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Mini St. Patrick's Day Pizza

This mini pizza can serve as a lunch, appetizer at dinner or even a light dinner with a salad. The combination of the corned beef and cabbage with the light dough works great. My kids have eaten it every St. Patrick's Day and now I make it for my nieces and nephews.

Ingredients

1 muffin pan
muffin liners
olive oil
1 pkg. Pillsbury Buttermilk Biscuits
1/4 C. soft unsalted butter
1/2 lb. corned beef
1/2 pkg. fresh coleslaw mix
1/2 lb. muenster cheese, shredded
1 lg. bouillon cube
1 C. water
1 lg. red potato
salt and pepper to taste

Directions

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Line 12 muffin cups with liners. Use biscuit dough to cover bottom and sides of each cup halfway. Brush lightly with butter. Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Take out and set aside. Chop corned beef, set aside in shallow bowl. In a small saucepan add coleslaw, a little olive oil, bouillon and water and heat until juices run clear. Fill cups with filling of corned beef and Cole slaw mixture and top with shredded muenster cheese and bake for 20 minutes.

Irish Fresh Pea Soup

With mint, parsley, and a little bacon, this soup is a flavorful mix compliments of the Emerald Isle.

Ingredients

2-1/2 pts. ham stock

12 oz. peas

3 strips bacon

1 medium onion

1 head iceberg lettuce

1 sprig mint

1 sprig parsley

2 Tbs. butter

1 tsp. sugar

chopped parsley

salt and black pepper

Directions

Shell the peas, retaining the pods. Wash thoroughly and boil them in the ham stock. Heat the butter in a large saucepan and fry the onion until transparent. Add the chopped bacon, the chopped lettuce, mint and parsley and fry for about 2 minutes, stirring often. Strain the stock and return to the saucepan with the fried ingredients and the peas, salt, pepper and sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring well, allow to simmer for 30 minutes or until the peas are soft. Taste for seasoning and then add a little milk or cream if desired.

Garnish with chopped parsley or mint.

Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage

This classic Irish dish is the perfect meal to serve on St. Patrick's Day to really celebrate. It's also a hearty dish any other day of the year.

Ingredients

1 3-4 lb. corned brisket of beef

2 onions, sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced

6 cloves, whole

2 bay leaves

6 potatoes, small to medium, pared

6 carrots, small, pared

6 onions, small, pared

1 cabbage, medium, cut in wedges

Directions

Place brisket in a Dutch oven and barely cover with hot water; add onion, garlic, cloves and bay leaves. Cover and simmer (do not boil) 1 hour per lb. of meat, or until fork tender. Remove meat from liquid; add potatoes and carrots and cover. Bring to boiling and cook 10 minutes. Then add cabbage wedges and whole onions and continue cooking 20 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Serve.

Beef and Guinness Stew

This hearty winter stew is thickened with the rich taste of Guinness and sweetened with prunes.

Ingredients

- 2 lb. beef shin meat
- 2 oz. all-purpose flour salt and pepper oil for frying
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 large carrot, sliced
- 1/2 pint Guinness
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 oz. pitted prunes, soaked in water
- 2 Tbs. chopped parsley

Directions

Have your butcher cut meat into 1-inch cubes, reserve shin bone to add later. Season the flour with salt and pepper and toss the meat in the flour. Heat the oil in a large saucepan or casserole and fry the beef cubes until browned all over. Add the onion and cook for a few minutes then stir in any remaining flour. Add the carrot, Guinness and 3 C. water, stirring well to combine. Bring to a boil, add the bay leaf and shin bones, cover and simmer gently (or braise covered in a 300 degree oven) for 2-3 hours until the meat is tender. Half an hour before the end of cooking time, add the prunes, remove the bay leaf, and adjust seasoning as desired. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with potatoes.

Shamrock Slaw

This Irish dish is very fun to serve for St. Patrick's Day, but since it's low in fat, it's also a great dish year round.

Ingredients

2 medium white potatoes (4-5 oz. each), peeled and cut in 1/2-inch pieces

1 small Savoy cabbage (about 1 1/4 lb.) (see note)

1/2 medium head green cabbage (see note)

1 carrot, shredded (see note)

4 scallions, green part only, chopped

2 Tbs. distilled white vinegar

1 1/2 tsp. dry mustard powder

1 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. ground black pepper, or to taste

1 Tbs. canola oil

1/4 C. fat-free or low fat buttermilk

Directions

Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan. Cover them with 2 inches of cold water. Cook over medium-high heat for about 7 minutes until the potatoes have some resistance to a thin knife. Drain and set them aside. While the potatoes cook, quarter the cabbages, cut away the core and slice into 1/2-inch strips. (There should be about 6 C.)

Place the cabbage in a large mixing bowl. Add the carrots and scallions. (If using bagged coleslaw mix, add the scallions.) In a small bowl, combine the vinegar, mustard powder, sugar, salt and pepper, mixing until the sugar dissolves. Mix in the oil and buttermilk. Add the potatoes to the cabbage mix and pour the dressing over it. Mix the cabbage and potatoes until they are coated with the dressing. Cover and refrigerate the slaw until you are ready to serve it.

Yield: 12 servings, 1/2 C. per serving

Note: You can use 6 C. of bagged coleslaw mix (about 1 1/2 packages) in place of both cabbages and the shredded carrot.

Nutritional Info: Per serving: 60 calories, 1 gram total fat (0 grams saturated fat), 11 grams carbohydrate, 2 grams protein, 3 grams dietary fiber, 228 mg sodium

Grandma's Irish Soda Bread

While it's perfect on the big day, don't wait until St. Patty's Day to enjoy this bread.

Ingredients

4 C. flour

4 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. salt

1/2 C. sugar

2 eggs

4 Tbs. Crisco® vegetable shortening

1 C. milk

1 C. raisins

* caraway seeds, optional

Directions

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Mix in raisins and caraway seeds. Melt shortening. Beat eggs and combine with milk. Mix liquids with dry mixture. Knead on well-floured surface. Shape into a round loaf and place in floured iron skillet. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 minutes.

Cheddar Colcannon Torte

Flavored with Irish cheddar and bacon, this cabbage and potato torte is simply delicious.

Ingredients

Butter for greasing pan

1/2 head Savoy cabbage, cored and shredded Salt

6 slices bacon

4 baking potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices Freshly ground pepper

2 C. (8 oz.) shredded Kerrygold Irish Cheddar cheese

Directions

Butter a 9-inch pie plate or tart pan. In a medium saucepan, blanch cabbage in boiling salted water for 2 to 3 minutes. Drain and plunge into cold water. Drain again and transfer to paper towels to dry. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat for 5 to 7 minutes, or until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to a bowl. Reserve bacon drippings. Add cabbage to the bacon and toss gently. Sprinkle potatoes with pepper and toss in bacon drippings. Layer 1/3 of the potatoes in the prepared pan. Sprinkle with 1/3 of the cheese, top with half the cabbage mixture and sprinkle with another 1/3 of the cheese. Add another 1/3 of the potatoes, the remaining cheese, then the remaining cabbage mixture. Top with remaining potatoes. Cover with a sheet of parchment paper or aluminum foil and bake in preheated 400-degree oven for 45 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Remove from oven and let cool for 15 minutes. To serve, cut in wedges.

Serves 8.

Per serving: 276 calories; 14 g fat (8 g saturated fat; 46 percent calories from fat); 27 g carbohydrates; 36 mg cholesterol; 286 mg sodium; 11 g protein; 3 g fiber.

St. Patrick's Day Green Cake

This green cake is easy and delicious. You can decorate it with some candy shamrocks and use it as the centerpiece for your St. Patrick's Day table.

Ingredients

1 box white cake mix

eggs (quantity specified on cake box)

oil (quantity specified on cake box)

2 boxes instant pistachio pudding

club soda

1 pt. whipping cream

Directions

Make cake mix according to box directions adding your eggs and oil, but substituting the water with club soda. Mix in 1 pkg. of pistachio pudding. Grease and flour bundt pan. Pour mix into pan and bake for 35 minutes. While the cake is cooking, put whipping cream into medium bowl and beat until fluffy. Add the other pudding and whip until incorporated. When cake is completely cooled, frost with whipped cream mixture and refrigerate.

Irish Cream Bundt Cake

A deliciously easy cake with fabulous Irish Cream flavor.

Ingredients

1 C. chopped pecans

1 18 1/4 oz. pkg. yellow cake mix

1 3.4 oz. pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix

4 eggs

1/4 C. water

1/2 C. vegetable oil

3/4 C. Irish cream liqueur

Glaze:

1/2 C. butter

1/4 C. water

1 C. white sugar

1/4 C. Irish cream liqueur

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 10 inch Bundt pan. Sprinkle chopped nuts evenly over bottom of pan. In a large bowl, combine cake mix and pudding mix. Mix in eggs, water, oil and Irish cream liqueur. Beat for 5 minutes at high speed. Pour batter over nuts in pan. Bake in the preheated

oven for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes in the pan, then invert onto the serving dish. Prick top and sides of cake. Spoon glaze over top and brush onto sides of cake. Allow to absorb glaze repeat until all glaze is used up.

To make the glaze: In a saucepan, combine butter, water and sugar. Bring to a boil and continue boiling for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in 1/4 C. Irish cream.

Chilly Leprechaun

Treat your friends to this festive drink at your next St.Patty's Day party.

Ingredients

3 oz. Cold Espresso

1 oz. Irish Whiskey

1/2 oz. Coffee Liqueur

1/2 oz. Irish Cream

1 scoop Vanilla Ice Cream

1 dash Simple Syrup

4 C. Ice

Directions

Blend all ingredients until smooth.