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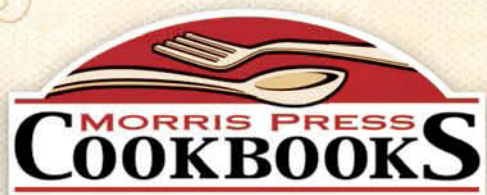
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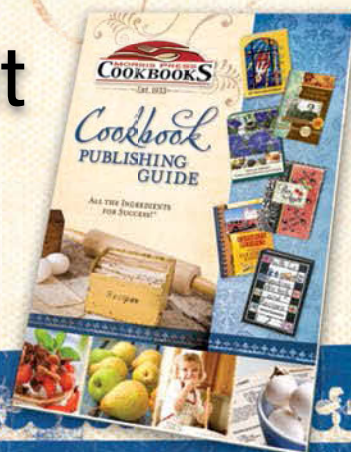
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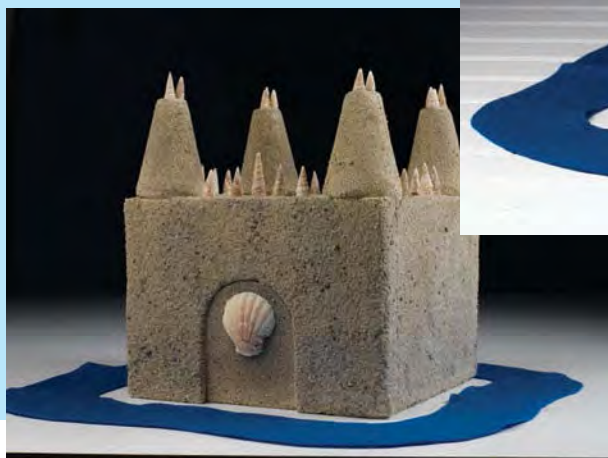
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This is a great project for a child to do with adult supervision. The adult can cut the foam shapes and the child can help with the rest.



Driftwood & Shell Wreath

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Everlasting Sand Castle

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Beach Glass Wreath

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Beachcomber Tote

Design and photo by Sandy Rollinger **How, page 27**



Summer Get-Away Fold-Out

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

This fold-out is a fun way to display your favorite vacation photos! **How, page 14**



Summer Fun Card with Magnets

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

Brighten someone's summer day with a card and removable magnets that can be used long after summer is over.

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Summer Party Ideas!

Popsicle Card

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Ice Cream Cone and Cupcake Cards

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Fish String Lights

Created by Carmen Klug for Country Woman magazine, countrywomanmagazine.com.

These little fish love a party! Make them from old water or soda bottles.

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Popcorn Party Centerpiece

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

Appropriate for any celebration, and a snap to make!

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Wine Glass Covers

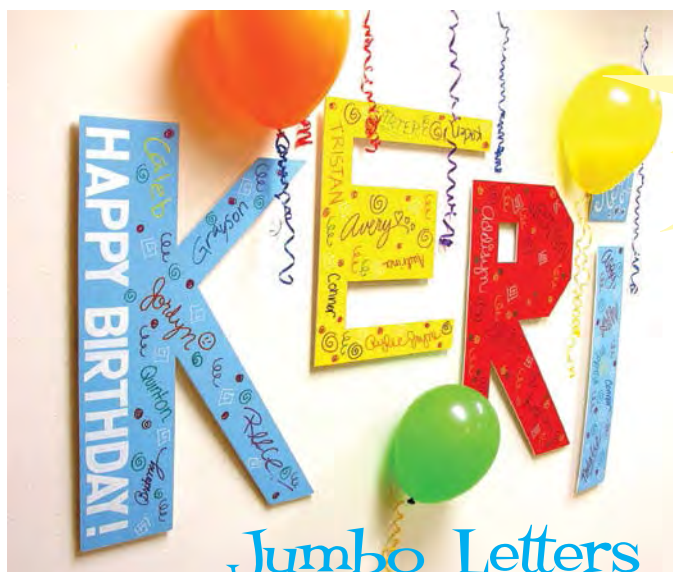
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Not just pretty – these lids are really useful! Insects are attracted to your beverages, but you can ensure a pleasant outdoor party experience by keeping those little critters out of your drink! **How, page 17**



Party Set

Fun favors and 'picture-perfect' place cards will make the gathering extra special.



Jumbo Letters

Spell out the birthday boy or girl's name in a BIG way!

Let's Celebrate!

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

Make it a memorable occasion for the young and young-at-heart!

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Scrapbook Page

Don't forget to take pictures for the scrapbook!



Cupcake Wall Decorations

Party Set *shown on page 8*

What you'll need

For Party Hat (to make one)

Elmer's® Products, Inc:

■ CraftBond®:

- Glue Tape Runner, Permanent
- Glue Spots, Thin-medium

■ X-ACTO® tools:

- Designer 8" Scissors
- Zig Zag Pack Decorative Edge Scissors
- Designer 12"x12" Self Healing Cutting Mat
- Designer 12" Metal Ruler
- Designer Circle Cutter

12"x12" glitter scrapbook paper: blue, peach, pink and stripe

12" length of narrow elastic

transparent tape

pencil

For Cupcake Toppers (to make one)

Elmer's® Products, Inc.:

- CraftBond™ Glue Spots, Thin-medium
- X-ACTO® Designer 5" Precision Tip Scissors

layered accent 2" party hat

4½" colored craft stick

2"square photo of child's face

cupcake

Steps

For Party Hat

1 On table, roll glitter stripe paper into a cone, so one corner is point of hat and stripes are vertical. Apply tape runner to overlapping edge. (*Note: press cone from inside down on table to hold seam. Use transparent tape to secure on inside of hat.*) Measure 8" below point of hat and lightly sketch cutting line in several places. Use scissors to trim paper along line.

2 Use glue spots to attach each end of elastic inside hat, adjusting as needed for child. Place transparent tape over glue spot.

3 Cut 6½" circle from blue paper and cut a 4¼" circle from center to make a ring. (*Double-check that diameter of hat bottom is slightly larger than opening in ring; if not, adjust inside cut of ring.*) Also from blue paper cut a solid 2¾" disk for top of hat. From peach paper, cut 5" circle with 3½" circle cut from center. From pink paper, cut 4½" circle with 2½" cut from center. Use decorative edge scissors to trim around outside edges of all rings and disks.

4 Place blue, peach and pink rings over hat point, allowing them to drape in place. Use glue spots to attach small blue disk to hat point.

For Cupcake Topper

1 Locate or crop and print child's face (front view) at 2" square. Use precision tip scissors to cut out along hair line and around collar or end of hair.

2 Use glue spots to attach layered hat accent to photo and to attach photo to craft stick.

3 Insert craft stick into center of cupcake. Place cupcake next to child's table setting as a "picture place card" for seating at the party.

Jumbo Letters *shown on page 8*

What you'll need

Elmer's® Products, Inc:

- (one sheet per letter) 20"x30"x3/16" Foam Board, assorted colors
- X-ACTO® #1 Craft Knife* with extra blades
- Painters® Opaque Paint Markers, assorted colors
- *optional*: 3" tall stencils

yardstick or ruler

pencil

cutting mat

large paper clips

scratch paper

**An adult should use X-ACTO Knife*

Steps

1 On scratch paper sketch block style letters of child's name, planning where to make thick and thin bars of letters. Use pencil and yardstick to lightly draw block letter on colored side of foam board. (*Note: feel free to make letters unusual in proportions to create a fun look.*)

2 An adult should use craft knife (with new blade) to cut out each letter. (*Tip: score lightly first, then press more firmly to cut deeper, with several passes of the knife. Replace blades often.*)

3 If desired, on first letter of name, lightly sketch 3" letters or plan and lightly trace stencils to spell "Happy Birthday" as shown. Fill in letters with paint markers. If desired, similarly write other party words on other cut-out letters, such as: Cake, Party, Ice Cream, Presents, Cards, Gifts, Fun, etc. (*Note: guests can enhance the letters further as described in step 5.*)

4 For hanger, measure 3" below top center on letter back and use craft knife to make 1/4" horizontal slit. Slightly separate curved ends of paper clip 1/4". Insert shorter rounded end up into slit, creating hanger loop with longer end of paper clip.

5 Have paint markers available for guests to autograph or write a birthday greeting on the jumbo letters. After the party, letters can be displayed in child's bedroom or playroom.

Cupcake Wall Decorations

shown on page 8

What you'll need

For Each Cupcake

Elmer's® Products, Inc:

- 20"x30"x1/2" Foam Board, White
- Craft Bond® Tacky Glue
- X-ACTO® Gripster® Knife* (and new blade)
- X-ACTO® Self-Healing Cutting Mat

acrylic ruler

(3) 4 oz. tubes dimensional paint™ – Texture Magic™ by Delta

12" length of 3/8" wide ribbon, orange

cake spatula or table knife

large bowl (for pattern)

old newspapers

**An adult should use X-ACTO Knife*

For White Cupcake

(3) Elmer's® 3D Washable Glitter Glue Pens, Yellow
19 1/2"x25 1/2" sheet artist paper, orange – Canson
crafting beads, yellow/red/orange – Jewelry
Essentials™

For Yellow Cupcake

19 1/2"x25 1/2" sheet artist paper, brown – Canson
crafting beads, yellow – Jewelry Essentials™
80mm diameter ball ornament, clear – Darice®
spray paint, Holiday Red – Color Tool® by Design
Master®
acrylic paint, yellow
newspapers
small plastic container
button shank remover or craft cutter

Steps

For White Cupcake

1 To draw cupcake shape on foam board, use pencil and ruler to draw 9"x12" vertical rectangle. To taper rectangle for cupcake bottom, measure and mark 1 3/4" in from edges of bottom. Draw lines from top corners to marks at bottom.

To draw rounded top of cupcake, trace around top half of large bowl positioned at top of rectangle. An adult should use knife (with new blade) and ruler on cutting mat to cut foam board cupcake shape. (*Tip:*



score lightly first, then press more firmly to cut deeper, with several passes of the knife. Replace blades often.)

2 For white frosting, squeeze 1 to 1 1/2 tubes of textured paint onto top section of cupcake. Spread and swirl with spatula or knife as desired. Let dry.

3 For yellow icing, draw a scalloped line using yellow glitter pen. Fill in area using glitter pens. While still wet, sprinkle beads into paint. Let dry.

4 For cupcake liner, trim orange paper to 9 3/4"x25 1/2". Starting at one short end, make 1" wide accordion folds in paper. Use tacky glue to attach right and left ends of liner to outside edges of cupcake. Let dry.

5 Hold cupcake at desired angle to determine top and mark at back. For hanger loop, overlap ends of a 6" length of ribbon and glue to mark at back of cupcake. Let dry before hanging.

For Yellow Cupcake

1 Follow White Cupcake, Step 1 to draw and cut cupcake shape from foam board.

2 For "cherry", use button shank remover to carefully snip off hanger loop from one ball ornament half. (Set aside other half for another project.) In a well-ventilated area protect work area with newspapers. Using red paint, spray inside ball ornament half. Let dry.

3 In plastic container, squeeze out 1 1/2 tubes of texture paint. Add yellow acrylic paint a few drops at a time, and mix for desired color. Spread mixture onto top section of cupcake; spread and swirl with spatula or knife as desired. While still wet, press beads into paint. Push red cherry into paint at top. Let dry.

4 Follow White Cupcake, Steps 4 and 5 to make and attach brown paper liner and hanger loop.

Ladybug Art Holder

shown on page 35

What you'll need

6"x10" or larger wood plaque
(2 oz each) Premo! clay: Black and
Alizarin Crimson Hue – Sculpey
DecoArt®:

■ Patio Paint:

- Spring Mint DCP62
- Buttercup Yellow DCP30
- Blue Bahama DCP63
- Blue Jay DCP76
- Wrought Iron Black DCP21

■ Gesso

Royal® & Langnickel brushes:

- Sable Detail 10, Soft Grip Pure SG1250-10/0
- Majestic Short Shader R4150-S-12
- CC Gold Taklon Wash R9700 3/4"
- Dabber 5 pc Variety Set RD110

Wood Glue – Elmer's

wiggle eyes

good quality eraser

scrubby pad for texturing

(3) spring type wooden clothespins

saw tooth hanger

small hammer

oven

foil-lined baking tray

craft knife

fine sandpaper

pencil

ruler

plastic place mat for work surface

clay roller

paper plate for paint palette



Steps

1 Condition all clay. Roll out black clay to 1/8" thick. Press with scrubby pad to texture. Place lady bug (oval shape) pattern onto clay and use craft knife to cut out three bugs. Place on baking sheet.

2 Repeat process for red clay. Use wing pattern to cut three wing shapes. Place

wings onto ladybug bodies. Roll and press a string of black clay to center back between wings. Roll and flatten five balls of black clay. Place on wings for spots. For each bug roll two tiny strings of red clay for antennae and place under top of head.

3 Bake clay shapes in oven at 275° for 5 minutes. Let cool completely before removing from oven.

4 Glue a clothespin to underside of each ladybug with opening end of clothespin pointing down. Let dry overnight. Glue two wiggle eyes to head of each bug.

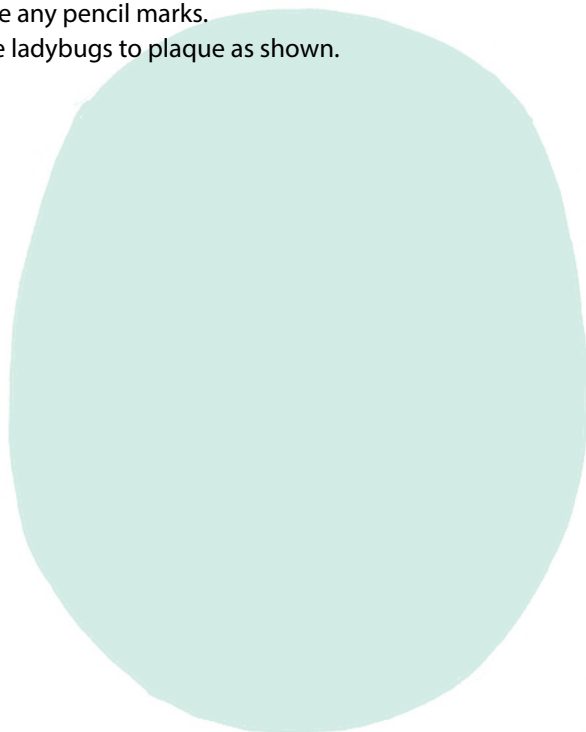
5 Use a small hammer to attach saw tooth hanger to top center back of plaque. Use wash brush to apply a coat of gesso to plaque. Let dry, then lightly sand surface until smooth. Remove dust residue using damp cloth. Use same brush to apply a coat of Blue Bahama to plaque. Let dry.

6 Use shader brush to apply a coat of Blue Jay to plaque edges as shown. Let dry.

7 Use small sponge dabber to apply dots of yellow and mint paint randomly on surface of plaque. Let dry.

8 Lightly sketch child's name at top of plaque. Use detail brush to paint name black. Let dry. Use eraser to remove any pencil marks.

9 Glue ladybugs to plaque as shown.





River Rock Wreath

shown on page 4

What you'll need

12" half-round
wreath –
STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam

(2 lb. approx) river rocks (Kathleen purchased hers at a dollar store)
lightweight spackle
acrylic craft paint, tan
Mod Podge, matte finish
seashells, moss, dried flowers and other found items
raffia for hanger
low-temp glue gun
small natural sponge
disposable container
spatula
1" soft flat brush

Steps

1 Glue stones to front and sides of wreath using low-temp glue. Place stones as close together as possible, and use a mix of light and dark, short and long. (Note: stones will appear farther apart once the spackle is applied.)

2 Mix a small amount of tan paint with 1/2 cup of acrylic spackle in a disposable container.

Using your fingers, apply small amounts of tinted spackle between stones, filling in gaps. Wipe excess spackle from stones as you work.

3 When all the gaps and cracks are filled, wipe remaining spackle from stones using a small, damp natural sponge. Rinse sponge often. Don't forget to clean sides of wreath too.

4 Set wreath aside for a short while to allow spackle to set up, then repeat sponging until stones are completely clean, before allowing the wreath to dry thoroughly. (Do not wait until spackle is completely dry because it is difficult to remove the film from stones at that stage.)

5 Brush on Mod Podge to seal surface and enhance stone colors. Let dry.

6 Arrange and glue on gathered shells or other natural items at base of wreath as shown.

7 Wrap a doubled length of raffia around top of wreath for hanging.



Driftwood & Shell Wreath

shown on page 4

What you'll need

12" half-round wreath
– STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam

4"–6" lengths of driftwood (carried in craft stores and online)
embellishments: seashells, moss, dried flowers, other found items
reindeer moss, green
raffia for hanger
low-temp glue gun
thick white craft glue
needle tool or wooden skewer

Steps

1 Arrange and glue pieces of driftwood in a circular pattern around top of wreath using low-temp glue.

2 Fill in large and small gaps with appropriate size shells and glue in place.

3 Arrange and glue a second layer of larger and more interesting shells on top of the driftwood. Similarly add other found objects.

4 Fill in remaining cracks and spaces with reindeer moss (use a needle tool to work moss down into the cracks) and adhere with white craft glue.

5 Wrap a doubled length of raffia around top of wreath for hanging.



Beach Glass Wreath

shown on page 5

What you'll need

12" half-round wreath
– STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam

(several bags) tumbled sea glass
lightweight spackle
Mod Podge, matte finish
seashells, moss, dried flowers, other

found items
ribbon for hanger
low-temp glue gun
small natural sponge
U-pin
disposable container
spatula
1" soft flat brush

Steps

1 Use low-temp glue to adhere sea glass to front and sides of wreath as close together as possible, using a mix of light and dark, short and long. Try to keep the surface as level as possible. When applying a thicker piece of glass, position it pointed side down and push into the foam until it's level with the other pieces. (Note: the glass pieces will appear farther apart once spackle is applied.)

2 Mix 1/2 cup of acrylic spackle in a disposable container. Using your fingers, apply small amounts of spackle between glass pieces, filling in gaps. Wipe excess spackle from glass as you work.

3 When all gaps and cracks are filled, wipe remaining spackle from glass using a small, damp natural sponge. Rinse sponge often. Don't forget to clean sides of wreath.

4 Set wreath aside for a short while to allow spackle to set up, then repeat sponging until glass is completely clean before allowing the wreath to dry thoroughly. (Do not wait until spackle is completely dry because it is difficult to remove the film from the glass at that stage.)

5 Brush on Mod Podge to seal surface and enhance glass colors. Let dry.

6 Arrange and glue on gathered shells or other natural items as shown.

7 Glue ribbon loop to top back of wreath for hanging. Insert and glue a U-pin over ribbon to help secure it. Let glue dry.

Everlasting Sand Castle

shown on page 4

What you'll need

STYROFOAM™ Brand

Foam:

- 12"x18"x1" sheet
- (4) 2"x3" cones

sand (commercially available as sandbox sand)

small pointed seashells

6" square corrugated cardboard

masking tape

optional: 18" square of felt, blue

thin white craft glue (such as

Elmer's)

low-temp glue gun

sharp pencil

T-square and/or ruler

serrated kitchen knife*

old candle or bar of soap

toothpicks

newspapers

box or box lid

1" stiff paintbrush

wire snips

optional: disposable bowl

*An adult should use the knife



- (2) 6" square Side walls
- (4) 1"x6" Corner posts

2 Use pattern to cut drawbridge door from corrugated cardboard and set aside. Center and pin door pattern to front castle wall. Trace around door with a sharp pencil. Cut out door opening.

3 To assemble castle, glue walls together with 8" walls at front and back. For extra support, insert toothpicks between walls, spreading glue on each end before placing into foam.

Glue 1" foam reinforcement strip into each inside corner of castle.

Glue cone at top of each corner, inserting toothpicks between cone and castle wall for support. Let glue dry thoroughly before continuing.

4 (You might want to do this step outside.) Cover your work area with newspapers. To cover castle with sand, first brush craft glue to thoroughly cover inside walls. (If glue is too thick to spread easily, squeeze some into a disposable bowl and add water, a teaspoon at a time, until spreadable).

Holding castle over a box, sprinkle sand onto the wet glue. Gently press sand into glue with your fingertips. Shake off excess sand.

When inside surfaces are covered, repeat to cover outside walls and

cones, but leave one cone bare until the very end to serve as a "handle" while applying sand to the rest.

5 Press pointed shells into foam along top of castle walls while glue is still wet to create the crenelation as shown. If additional glue is needed, remove shells, add glue to holes, and reinsert shells. Let glue dry thoroughly.

6 Brush glue onto both sides of cardboard drawbridge door from step 2 and sprinkle on sand. Let dry.

7 To attach door to castle on hinges made from toothpicks (to allow it to move up and down), cut two toothpicks in half using wire snips. Gently insert pointed end of toothpick half into each side of door near the bottom.

Using knife tip, carefully slice a narrow channel centered in each wall of door opening toward bottom. Carefully slide toothpick hinges into channels. The door should move smoothly up and down, yet fit tightly enough so it doesn't drop open unless tapped from the inside. If needed, adjust channel depths so the door will open and close.

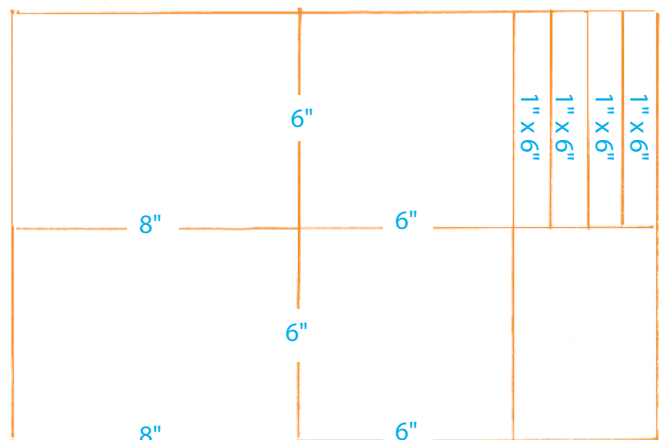
Place a small piece of masking tape over each channel at bottom of castle wall so toothpicks won't fall out when castle is moved.

8 Optional: Cut moat from blue felt.

Steps

I Measure and score cutting lines for four walls and corner posts on foam sheet. Wax knife blade with soap or candle, and cut out foam pieces:

- (2) 6"x8" Front and back walls





Summer Get-Away Fold-Out

shown on page 5

What you'll need

Elmer's® Products, Inc.:

■ CraftBond®

- Glue Tape Runner, Permanent
- Extra Strength Glue Stick
- Foam Mounting Tape
- Glue Spots – Thin, small

■ X-ACTO® Designer:

- 12" Rotary Paper Trimmer
- 5" Precision Tip Scissors
- 12" Metal Ruler
- Gripster® Knife
- 12"x12" Self-Healing Cutting Mat

22"x28" medium weight poster board, black

12"x12" card stock, ivory

(4) 12"x12" coordinated scrapbook papers, blue and green

vacation-themed chipboard and dimensional words and embellishments

(1 ea) 16" lengths of 5/8" wide ribbon, green and blue

16" length medium-size rickrack, blue

(4) 4"x6" vertical vacation photos

1/4" paper punch
pencil

Steps

1 Place poster board horizontally on table. Use pencil and ruler to measure and mark 8"x24" rectangle. Use ruler and X-ACTO knife on cutting mat to cut out, moving mat to protect work surface as you cut. (*Tip: score lightly first and then press more firmly to cut deeper, with a couple passes of the knife.*)

2 Measure and mark with pencil every 6" to divide poster board rectangle into four equal panels, lightly drawing fold lines. For easier folding, use ruler and knife to very

lightly score/cut on each of the three pencil lines. (*Tip: practice lightly scoring on poster board scrap first.*)

Refer to photo to accordion-fold on each scored line.

3 Use paper trimmer to cut each of four scrapbook papers to 6"x8" and four pieces card stock to 4 1/4"x6 1/4".

Refer to photo and use glue stick to carefully align and attach scrapbook papers to each panel of poster board, checking to be sure panels will still fold.

4 Center and use tape runner to attach photos to card stock. Plan and position card-stock-backed photos and embellishments panels, leaving room at top right and top left for ribbon holes. (Note: by positioning photo to one side of each panel, and placing farther up or down, more room is left for embellishments.)

5 For dimension, apply foam tape to backs of mounted photos and press in place on panels. Use glue spots to more securely attach embellishments (the chipboard adhesive may not hold reliably.)

6 Refer to photo and punch three holes on each end panel 1/2" from top and sides. Cut two 8" lengths of each ribbon and rick rack. Thread one length through each hole and knot. Diagonally trim ends.



Summer Fun Card with Magnets

shown on page 6

What you'll need

Elmer's® Products, Inc.:

■ CraftBond®

- Extra Strength Glue Stick
- Foam Mounting Tape
- Glue Spots, 3D PopUp-

medium

- Quick Dry Glue Dualtip Pen
- Gel Pens

■ X-ACTO® Designer:

- 12" Rotary Paper Trimmer
- 5" Precision Tip Scissors
- Zig Zag Pack Decorative Edge Scissors

(1 each) 12"x12" glitter paper:

green, pink, orange

12"x12" card stock, white

(3) chipboard fruit embellishments with gemstones

5"x8" adhesive magnetic sheet

(8) 1/2" gemstones, orange

"Summer Fun" rub-on phrase

Steps

1 Use rotary trimmer to cut 5" square of pink glitter paper and 6"x12" pieces of green glitter paper and white card stock. Use glue stick to attach card stock to back of green glitter paper. Fold into a 6"x6" card with fold at top. Use glue stick to attach pink paper to front of card, leaving wider margins at top and right edges as shown.

2 Cut 2"x2 1/4" piece of white card stock and 2 1/4"x2 1/2" piece of orange glitter paper. Use Victorian decorative scissors to edge all around white piece. Apply rub-on phrase to white card stock following manufacturer's instructions. Use glue stick to attach card stock to orange piece. Use foam mounting tape to attach orange piece to card.

3 Place fruit embellishments onto adhesive magnetic sheet. Use precision tip Scissors to cut out shapes. Use glue spots to attach fruit magnets to card. Use glue pen to randomly attach orange gemstones to card as shown.

4 Use gel pens to write message inside card, and let recipient know that fruit can be removed from card and glue spots removed to use fruit as refrigerator magnets.

Cupcake Card

shown on page 6

What you'll need

STYROFOAM™

Brand Foam:

2"x3" cone and 2" ball

8½"x5½" embossed dots paper,

green – Die Cuts With A View

cupcake liner

tissue paper, white

Mod Podge

turquoise glitter – Martha Stewart

glitter glue

sandwich toothpick

acrylic paint, pink

paint brush

Washi tape, purple

scissors

Fastenator Stapler with green

staples – EK Success

Tiny Alpha Stickers – Making

Memories

decorative overlay – Basic Gray



Steps

- 1 Score, then fold green dots paper in half to make card.
- 2 Cut foam cone and ball in half from top to bottom. (Set aside one half of each for another project.)
- 3 Cut tip off foam cone for cupcake base and bottom off ball for top. Make sure top sits evenly on base.
- 4 Cover front of ball with Mod Podge and apply tissue paper. Let dry. Cut cupcake liner in half to cover cupcake base. Make sure fit is exact before securing in place with low temp glue.
- 5 Use low temp glue to adhere cupcake pieces together. Lay on flat surface to ensure back of cupcake is flat.
- 6 Staple overlay to card front and add letter stickers to spell 'celebrate'. Use low temp glue to adhere the cupcake to the card.
- 7 Paint toothpick pink and let dry. Wrap Washi tape around top of toothpick and pinch together for flag. Notch flag as shown and insert into

cupcake.

- 8 Brush top of cupcake with glitter glue and sprinkle on turquoise glitter.

Ice Cream Cone Card

shown on page 6

What you'll need

STYROFOAM™

Brand Foam:

2"x3" cone and 2½" ball

8½"x5½" glitter card stock, purple

3½"x4¾" patterned paper – Basic

Gray

glue stick or paper adhesive of your choice

Washi tape, light brown

tissue paper, light purple

Mod Podge

Czech glass bugle beads, rainbow

colors

hot glue gun

low temp glue gun

decorative adhesive accents



Steps

- 1 Score, then fold purple glitter card stock to make 4¼"x5½" card. Adhere patterned paper to card with 1/4" margin at top and left sides.
- 2 Attach adhesive border accent and other accent to the card, referring to photo for placement.
- 3 Cut foam cone and ball in half from top to bottom. Cut bottom off foam ball half to sit flat on cone, and match width of ice cream to top of cone.
- 4 Cover cone with strips of Washi tape. Coat ice cream with Mod Podge and cover with tissue paper.
- 5 Use low temp glue to adhere ice cream to cone. Lay on flat surface to ensure back of unit is flat.
- 6 Working quickly and carefully, drizzle hot glue on top of ice cream and sprinkle bugle beads on top. Gently press beads into warm glue, taking care not to burn your fingers!
- 7 Use low temp glue to adhere the ice cream cone to the card.

Popsicle Card

shown on page 6

What you'll need

10"x12"x1¼"

block–

STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

My Mind's Eye: 8½"x11" patterned

card stock and 3"x8½" patterned

paper

1½"x6" paper, white

scalloped edge punch – Martha

Stewart

"it's a party" clear stamp – Autumn

Leaves

ink, black

glue stick or paper adhesive of your choice

tissue paper, white and peach

Mod Podge

popsicle stick

circle accent – Making Memories

low temp glue gun



Steps

- 1 Score, then fold 8½"x11" card stock to make 5½"x8½" card.
- 2 Scallop-punch long edge of 3"x8½" patterned paper; adhere to card front.
- 3 Cut 2¼" wide x 3½" high piece of foam from block and carefully carve to resemble popsicle shape.
- 4 Coat foam popsicle shape with Mod Podge and cover with white tissue paper. Let dry.
- 5 Coat all but bottom edge of popsicle with Mod Podge. Carefully apply peach tissue paper, with straight edge along bottom to simulate sherbet. Let dry.
- 6 Insert popsicle stick into bottom of popsicle. Stamp "it's a party" greeting onto white paper, referring to photo for placement. Adhere greeting and circle accent to card.
- 7 Use low temp glue to adhere popsicle to card.



Fish String Lights *shown on page 7*

Finished size: Lights vary depending on the size of bottle used. Each shown is about 4-6 inches long and about 4-5 inches high.

What you'll need

- string of 50 white mini lights
- 25 clear plastic bottles, clean and dry, labels removed
- PVC pipe cutter
- craft knife
- craft scissors
- acrylic spray paint in assorted colors, as shown
- paper stapler
- clear-drying waterproof glue
- 25 pair of wiggle eyes, various sizes

Steps

Refer to photo and diagram as a guide to paint and assemble each fish.

- 1 Use PVC pipe cutter to cut off entire screw top of plastic bottle, or cut off the threaded area only. Use craft knife to cut off bottom of bottle. Discard bottom.
- 2 Following manufacturer's instructions, spray inside of bottle with one, two or three different paint colors. Let dry.
- 3 Use craft scissors to cut V-shaped slits in opposite sides of the bottle top (if entire screw top was removed) to form the sides of the mouth.

Flatten open bottom end of bottle and staple to hold.

4 Cut out fins and shape tail. Use craft scissors to cut slits for tail, slits in fins and slits on top and bottom of fish.

5 Use craft knife to cut an X shape in middle of fish's back just large enough for a mini light to fit through.

6 Glue fins and a pair of eyes on each side as shown. Let dry.

7 Repeat to make 25 bottle fish. Slip a fish over every other bulb on the light string.

Popcorn Party Centerpiece

shown on page 7

What you'll need

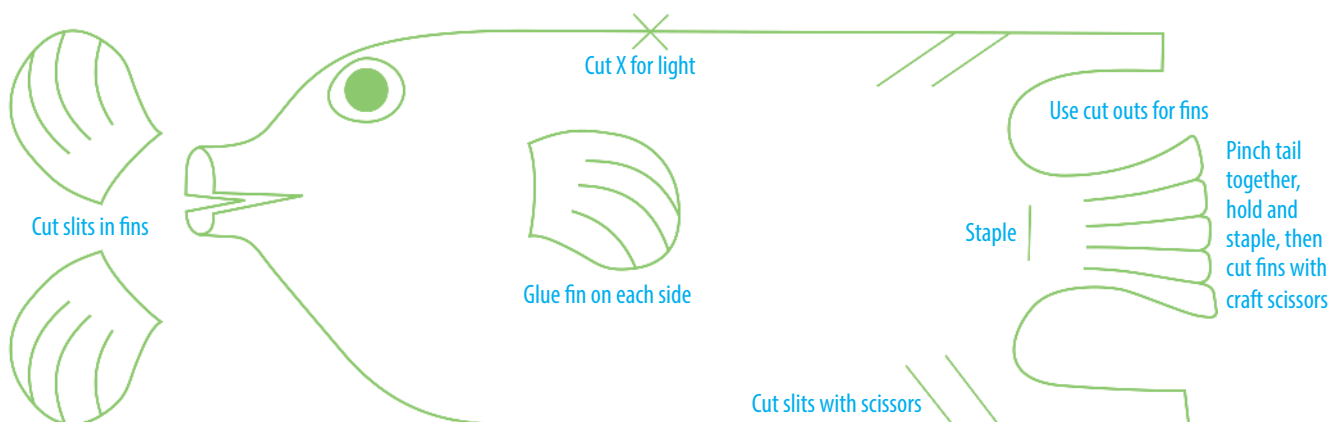
- 3"x4"x8" tall popcorn box (paperboard or plastic, with pre-printed red design)
- FloraCraft® Design It:®
- 2-5/8"x3-7/16"x3-7/16" Silks & Naturals® Desert Foam® Brick
- 3"x4"x8" (approximate) Foam Scrap, white (for drying painted stems)
- Wire Cutter
- Foam Cutter
- Design Master® ColorTool® Spray Color: Black
- silk flowers:
 - (6) 4" diameter Gerbera Daisies, black and white (two each striped, large dots, small dots)



- (5) 2" diameter African Daisies, red
- paper shreds, red
- (4) 2" diameter rocks (for weight inside box)
- Elmer's® CraftBond® 3D Glue Spots
- old newspapers
- large cardboard box (for spraying)

Steps

- 1 Use glue spots to attach rocks in bottom of popcorn box to add weight for stability. Place foam into box and use foam cutter to trim as needed. Use glue spots to secure as needed.
- 2 Carefully pull heads off of all flowers. In well-ventilated, newspaper-covered area, (inside cardboard box) spray stems black. Insert stems into scrap of foam to dry. Replace heads back onto flowers.
- 3 Refer to photo to arrange Gerbera daisies, working with one pair at a time and placing them opposite each other. Press down into foam. Use wire cutter to trim bottoms of stems to various lengths as needed. (Tip: so that flower heads tip out, carefully grasp stem near base of flower and gently bend wire inside stem.)
- 4 Fill in arrangement with African daisies, trimming lengths as needed.
- 5 Fill popcorn box with paper shreds. Display at party with un-buttered popcorn all around base.



Wine Glass Covers

shown on page 7

What you'll need

Sculpey:

- Premo Clay: Ecu, Plum, Blue Pearl, Olive Green, Orange, Gold
- Mini clay cutters: leaves and diamond
- Etch 'n Pearl Tool
- Acrylic roller
- *optional*: Clay conditioning machine

clear fishing line or stretchy bracelet cord

heavy duty aluminum foil

wax paper

plastic wrap

E-6000 glue

short wire nail-head jewelry finding

paint, copper 9473-Testors

lace fabric

large (16mm) pearl

3/4" glass gem

large and small paint brushes

2" metal washers

round cookie cutters



wrap over layers and use it to help flip the pieces over as a unit.

6 With plastic wrap still in place press wine glass lightly to center of clay unit to make an indentation all around. (This will create a "gutter" to fit your glass rim. Without this the cover could easily slide around on the glass.)

7 Flip unit over with gutter side down. Place 3" round cookie cutter over plastic wrap, centering to clay unit, using hole from Step 3 and impression of washer for reference. Press down, simultaneously cutting and joining the clay layers.

For "Cabernet" and "Orange Blossom" Covers Make clay embellishments as directed.

8 Bake on foil-lined cookie sheet at 275° for 30 minutes. Allow to cool completely before gluing on other embellishments (if applicable).



From the Vine Cover

Use ecru clay for this cover. Use pattern to create a stencil,

using a craft knife to carefully cut design out of card stock. In step 3, center stencil on second layer of clay. Roll across stencil with acrylic roller to transfer design to clay. Separate template from clay by peeling template away (pulling clay from template may stretch the piece).

Follow steps 4–8.

After baking and cooling, quickly paint a wash (a little water mixed with copper paint) onto the surface with a wide brush. Immediately dab at the paint to remove it and reveal the clay color on the raised surfaces.

Apply E-6000 glue to nail-head wire and bottom of large pearl. Insert wire into pearl and hole in clay. Allow to dry 24 hours.

Cabernet Cover



Blend plum, blue pearl and olive green clay and flatten. Follow steps 2–7.

Create eight

flower petals using petal cutter. Pinch fat ends of clay shapes to form petals. Use Etch 'n Pearl tool to press together centers of 4 petals. Repeat with remaining petals, then stack second group on top of first group.

Create leaves using small leaf shaped cutter. Stretch cut pieces and use Etch 'n Pearl tool to create center lines. Press leaves to center of cover. Position flower on leaves and press at center.

Bake as directed in step 8. After baking and cooling, use E-6000 to glue a glass gem to flower center.

Orange Blossom Cover

Blend orange and gold clay and flatten. Lay lace fabric over clay and roll across



it with acrylic roller to transfer the design. Follow steps 2–7.

Use diamond shaped cutter to create 12 petals from orange blend. Use Etch 'n Pearl tool to join centers of 3 petals. Repeat and stack three groups on top of first.

Press flower to center of cover.

Bake as directed in step 8.

Steps for all Covers

1 Condition clay. Roll out 2 ounces of clay (see instructions specific to each design) to 1/8" thick and place on wax paper or plastic wrap.

2 Cut out template. (The template fits a wineglass with a 2½" rim. If you have a different size glass, enlarge template to 1/2" larger than rim.)

3 Cut two pieces of clay slightly larger than template and mark centers with a hole using Etch 'n Pearl tool. Center 2" metal washer on one piece of clay over hole.

For **"From The Vine"** cover, at this time apply the design as instructed.

4 Place second clay piece over washer, matching holes and sandwiching washer between clay layers. Lightly press clay layers together at outer edges. Lay plastic



Lemonade Stand

shown on page 36

What you'll need

Elmer's®

- Tri-Fold Foam Board, White (opens to 36"x48")
- 20"x30"x3/16" Foam Board, White
- CraftBond® Extra Strength Glue Stick

#1 Craft Knife* with extra blades – X-ACTO®

spray paint: Yellow, Olive Bright, Orange

optional: electronic cutting machine*, OR Painter's Paint markers

optional (if using cutting machine): (1 each) 12"x12" scrapbook polka dot paper: green, dark green and orange

plastic lemon

6" length of sticky-back Velcro®

glue gun and glue sticks

optional: transparent tape

masking tape

yardstick or ruler

pencil

cutting mat

newspapers

coping saw*

*An Adult should use X-ACTO Knife and coping saw.

Steps

1 To make hinged shelf, horizontally place tri-fold foam board onto cutting mat with hinged side down (this means that if you pick it up a little, sides will flop down.) Working in center section only, measure and lightly draw horizontal line 12" from top edge. Also, make vertical lines 2" in from each side of center section (above the 12" line).

2 Ask an adult to use X-ACTO knife (with new blade) and cutting mat to cut vertical lines only. (*Tip: score lightly first, then press more firmly to cut deeper, with several passes of the knife. Replace blades often.*) Then

score horizontal line, going ONLY through top layer of paper and foam (but NOT backing paper). (*Note: If horizontal line is accidentally cut all the way through, reinforce (hinge) cut edge with transparent tape.*) Check to see how shelf will now fold in but support is needed. (Shelf Supports will be made in Step 4 from scrap materials created in Step 3.)

3 For sign header, horizontally place 20"x30" foam board onto cutting mat. Measure and horizontally mark 6" across top (long) edge and vertically 5" from each short edge to make 14"x20" opening at bottom center of board. Ask an adult to cut out opening. (Save 14"x20" scrap for shelf supports.)

To be able to attach header, along bottom (long) edge, cut 6" long, 1/4" wide slits, 3" in from each short edge of board. Place display on floor and slide sign header over sides, positioning close to front. Trim slits if necessary to fit.

4 To make shelf supports, ask an adult to cut ten 2"x3" pieces from scrap foam board. Stack and use glue stick to glue five pieces together. Repeat to make a second support. Let dry.

On inside of display measure 12" down from each top side edge. Before gluing, check positioning to be sure supports will allow shelf to sit level. Ask an adult to use glue gun to attach supports below the mark and flush with back edges. (Note that sides will need to be at slight angles in order for the shelf to rest on the supports.) Attach 2" lengths of Velcro to top surface of shelf supports and underneath sides of shelf where they touch supports. (This will hold shelf in place when in use but will pull apart for storage.)

5 In a well-ventilated area, protect work surface with old newspapers. Place display onto newspapers and fold back shelf, tucking it under display to protect from paint.

Practice spraying on old newspapers first, spraying squiggle design and alternating colors. Notice that the closer the can is to the surface, the narrower the lines of spray and the farther back, the wider. Decide the look you want and spray front and sides of display. Let dry.

Flip shelf back up and cover (mask) front and sides of display with newspapers, using masking tape if needed to hold papers (but do not attach tape to display). Spray shelf with two light coats of Olive Bright. Let dry. Spray header with Yellow squiggles and let dry.

6 Use electronic cutting machine to make 5" tall letters, planning which papers to use for each letter to spell **LEMONADE**. Cut **25¢** in 3" size. Use glue stick to attach letters to header; set aside **25¢**. (**Alternative:** Use markers to draw letters on header instead of cutting them from paper.)

7 Ask an adult to use X-ACTO knife and cutting mat to roughly cut 7" square of foam board. In a well-ventilated area spray square with two light coats yellow. Let dry. With pencil and ruler, lightly draw star burst and ask an adult to cut out. Use glue stick to attach **25¢** cutouts to star burst.

8 Ask an adult to use coping saw to slice off a section from back of plastic lemon to make flat gluing surface. Ask an adult to use glue gun to attach lemon to center of "O" in word on header. Attach Velcro to back of star burst, and attach to Header. (Using Velcro allows for removal when storing.)

9 Set up lemonade stand and secure shelf by connecting Velcro areas.

To store, simply remove star burst from header, remove header from display, separate Velcro on shelf supports and fold up display. Place all into plastic bag, ready for use next time!



Scrapbook Page

shown on page 8

What you'll need

TPC Studio™

- 12"x12"

scrapbook paper, Summertime™ Collection: "Bumper Cars Border" and (2 each) "Beach Stripe" and "Ticket To Ride"

- Party Hearty™ Collection: Jewels (3 sheets) 8½"x11" Scrapbooking Attitude™ Transportable Inkjet Film – AVATREX™

12"x12" waffle-textured card stock, white

(3 each) ¾" diameter polka dot

buttons: red, yellow and blue

24" length striped bakers twine, red

(3) 4"x6" digital photos: two of child and one of cake

computer and inkjet printer

Elmer's® CraftBond™:

- All Purpose Glue Stick
- Glue dot runner
- Foam mounting tape
- Glue spots, thin-medium

X-ACTO® tools:

- rotary paper trimmer
- 12" metal ruler
- small scissors

1/8" hole punch

Steps

I Read Scrapbooking Attitude package instructions. Use computer and printer to print on Attitude sheet, following these tips:

- Handle sheet by edges only. Print only one sheet at a time.
- Print photo as mirror image*. (See printer or computer for settings.)
- Use "Photo" quality setting and "Glossy Photo Paper" media setting.
- To be sure ink is dry, wait at least 2-3 hours before laminating. (Humid environments may take longer.)
- Remove labels from backs of scrapbook papers before gluing or laminating.

*Printed side of Attitude film will be turned over and attached to paper, so if you don't print as mirror image, words and photos will be backward.



2 Print mirror image of three photos onto glossy side of one or two Attitude sheets. (To reduce edge-curling, wait to remove from backing sheet until just before laminating.)

3 Apply generous amount glue stick to textured paper. Remove Attitude film from backing paper (discard backing) and flip over, carefully positioning glossy side of film onto glued area. Press in place, being careful not to stretch film. Repeat with remaining photos. Let dry. (*Tips: for any loose edges, gently pull up film edges, apply glue stick and press back in place. It will take several hours for glue to completely dry and become transparent.*)

4 Trim laminated photos to 4"x6" and cut around cake. Cut green side of Ticket To Ride 1/2" larger on all sides than photos. Use dot runner to mount laminated photo on green side of paper. Set aside.

5 For title, use computer to write "Birthday Fun" and photo

captions in desired fonts. (*Tip: print on copy paper first, to determine correct size.*)

Using mirror image setting (letters are backward), print onto glossy side of third Attitude sheet. Apply glue stick to yellow side of Beach Stripe paper. Peel Attitude film from backing, flip over, and carefully position glossy side of film on yellow paper. Trim title to

1½"x6" and captions to fit.

6 Cut 9"x11" panel of Bumper Cars Border (orange) paper. Referring to photo, position 1" above bottom of Beach Stripe background and use two layers of foam mounting tape to attach. (*Note: apply tape parallel to edges*). Arrange mounted photos, title and captions, overlapping to fit within Bumper Cars Border. Use two layers of foam mounting tape to attach photos, and dot runner to attach titles and captions.

7 Cut five tickets from second sheet of Ticket To Ride. Punch two holes at one end of each ticket. Thread bakers twine in and out of holes to string tickets together. Position tickets in upper left corner of page. Use foam tape to attach tickets. Pull excess twine to fit, tie bows on ends and trim. Use glue spots to attach bow ends to page.

8 Referring to photo, position buttons on page and attach with glue spots. Randomly attach jewels to page.

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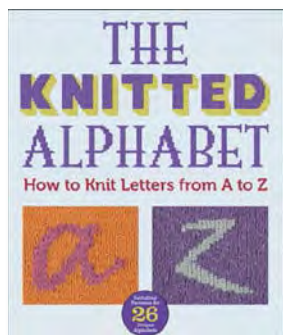
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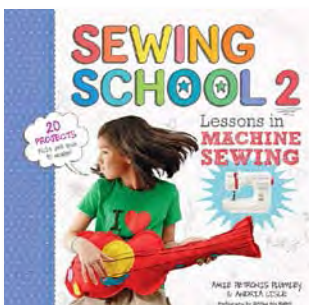
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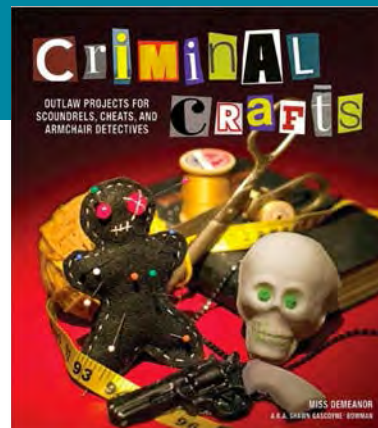
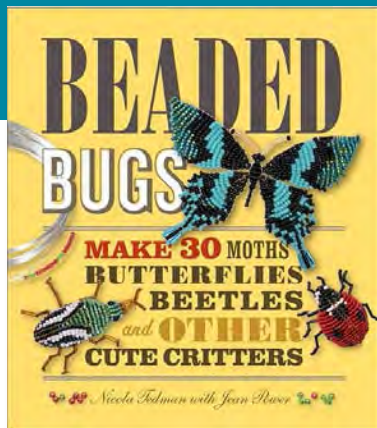
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Framed Friends

shown on page 35

What you'll need

Elmer's®

- 20"x30"x3/16"

Foam Board, any color

- CraftBond®:

- Glue Spots, 3D PopUp-medium
- 1/2" Double Sided Tape, Removable
- Extra Strength Glue Stick
- Gel Pens

X-ACTO® Designer:

- 12" Rotary Paper Trimmer
- Gripster® Knife
- 12" Metal Ruler
- 12"x12" Self Healing Cutting Mat

11"x14"x2" shadowbox frame, white

(2) 12"x12" scrapbook papers, orange print

(1 each) 12"x12" scrapbook papers: green polka dot, blue polka dot, blue print, and green print

12"x12" card stock, white

1 - 1½" diameter felt flowers: (2) green, (3) yellow, (2) orange

(4) 4"x6" photos
pencil

Steps

1 Remove frame back. Measure and mark orange papers to cover inside back of frame, piecing as needed. Use paper trimmer to cut paper. (Optional: if inside back has irregular surface that will show when paper is glued to it, use metal ruler and Gripster knife on self-healing cutting mat to cut foam board same size as orange paper.)

2 Use glue stick to attach orange paper to either frame's inside back or foam board.

3 Trim photos to measure approximately 3½"x5½" using paper trimmer. For mats behind photos, cut two 4"x6" (approximate size) pieces from each scrapbook paper. For journaling, cut 3" card stock square.

4 To create dimension, use metal



ruler and Gripster knife on cutting mat to cut remaining foam board into ten or twelve 2"x3" rectangles. Stack and use glue stick to attach two rectangles and repeat to make five or six pairs of doubled foam board rectangles.

5 To make display easily changeable, use removable double-sided tape to layer photos and scrapbook paper mats, with foam board rectangles between various layers to build as high as desired.

6 Use glue spots to randomly attach felt flowers. On card stock square use gel pens to write title or journaling, and attach with removable tape.

7 Replace frame back. (Note: if foam board prevents back from locking in place, use glue spots to secure.) Change photos and make different color mats and captions as desired.

Flaming Sneakers

shown on page 35

What you'll need

Elmer's® Painters®

Opaque Paint

Markers, Medium Tip: Red, Yellow, Orange, White, Blue

sneakers, black

copy paper

pencil

optional: cotton swab and water

Steps

Tip: to erase a line, immediately use damp cotton swab to carefully wipe off while still wet OR let completely dry and paint over it.

1 On copy paper, refer to photo to practice drawing flames with pencil. Then duplicate painted look by coloring in with red paint marker at one end and white at the other. Fill in middle areas and where colors change, use single strokes to appear to blend. Lift up at end of stroke to make it pointed. Practice until blending looks good.

2 Refer to photo to use pencil to draw flames onto side of shoe. Fill in with paint markers as you practiced. Repeat to paint second shoe. Let dry



overnight to completely set.

Arrangement in Embossed Tin

shown on page 36

What you'll need

5½"x5½"x6" tall

embossed metal

box with lid

Design Master®:

- ColorTool® Spray Color: Black, Copper and Antique Gold

- Mess Master Spray Solvent

FloraCraft® Design It:®

- 2-5/8"x3-1/2"x7-7/8" Silks & Naturals® Desert Foam® Brick

- Wire Cutter

- Foam Cutter

artificial flowers:

- (5) 5" diameter mum stems, cream (with green leaves)
- (3) apple blossom stems, cream and green
- (3) berry branch stems, light mauve and cream berries

CraftBond® 3D Glue Spots – Elmer's®

old newspapers

large cardboard box (for spraying)

glue gun and glue sticks

paper towels

Steps

1 If lid has a knob that can be removed, remove it. In well-ventilated, newspaper-covered area, (inside cardboard box) spray entire metal box and lid black. Let dry. Spray it all again with antique gold. Let dry.

2 To achieve an ombre look, (graduating from copper to gold), on one side of box, start spraying copper on bottom, slowly moving up box and at the same time, pulling back away from box so that copper is gradually lighter and lighter as it goes up to top of box. Repeat on other three sides. On lid, spray copper in center area only. Spray entire knob copper. Let box and lid dry for 30 minutes. Set aside knob.

3 Spray Mess Master on paper towel. Lightly rub off paint on top surface



of embossed design. Wiping lightly will reveal gold. Wiping more will reveal black and original metal color. Distress top surfaces as desired. (Note: if you remove too much, simply re-spray as needed, allow to dry, and re-wipe.)

4 Use foam cutter to trim foam to fit inside box. Hot glue on bottom to hold.

5 Use wire cutter to trim mum stems to 6" – 8" and insert into foam to create a high-low, evenly spaced arrangement. (Note: turn box to view from all sides when arranging.) Trim apple blossom stems to 12" and insert toward center of arrangement. Then trim berry branches to 10" – 12" and add among center flowers.

6 Reattach knob to lid and display next to or against box. Secure with (concealed) glue spot if needed.

Succulent Plant Cascade

shown on page 36

What you'll need

approximately 12" tall relish server with three tiers and bowls

Design Master®:

- ColorTool® Spray Color: Larkspur Blue, Ice Blue and Blue Sky
- Clear spray sealer, matte finish
- Primer

FloraCraft® Design It.®

- Silks & Naturals® Desert Foam® Half Balls: (2) 3-7/8" diameter and (1) 4-7/8" diameter
- Foam Cutter
- Wire Cutter

Artificial Greenery:

- FloraCraft® Design It.® SimpleStyle® Succulents, (2 boxes) assorted Echevera etc.
- (3) 3" diameter Mum plants (spidery-looking), green
- (2) Skimmia bushes, green (bushy-looking with little buds on tips)
- Pepper Berry stem, green (fern-looking)

optional for display: small amount of glass pebbles, blue and green

old newspapers

large cardboard box (for spraying)

glue gun and glue sticks

paper towels

Steps

1 Remove bowls from metal server and set server aside for now. Wash bowls and thoroughly dry. In a well-ventilated, newspaper-covered area, (inside cardboard box) spray all three bowls with primer.



Let dry.

2 Spray bowls: large - Larkspur Blue; medium - Ice Blue; and small - Blue Sky. Let them dry. To provide an additional layer of protection when placing in and out of metal server, spray each with clear matte. Let completely dry over night.

3 Hot glue foam ball halves (round side down) into bowls: large – 4-7/8"; medium – 3-7/8"; and small – use foam cutter to trim 3-7/8" to fit. Place bowls into metal server.

4 Use wire cutter to trim stems off succulents and plants. Before hot gluing anything, divide plants into large, medium and small groups, attempting to spread out each type of plant among the bowls. Trim small sprigs of greenery from stems. Also separate some large leaves from succulents, if desired, to tuck into arrangements. Set plants onto foam ball halves, working largest to smallest, and maintaining balance among the various types. View arrangements, and when satisfied hot glue plants in place.

5 Scatter small glass pebbles at base of arrangement if desired.

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Birdhouse Wind Chime

shown on page 36

What you'll need

small wooden bird house (approximately 5½" or larger)

Sculpey® III:

- Clay: Sky Blue, Just Orange, and Blue
- Tools: Acrylic Roller and Clay Tool Starter Set

DecoArt® Americana®:

- Multi-surface Acrylic Paints: Chartreuse, Sky Blue, Blue Lagoon
- Gloss Spray Sealer, clear
- Dazzling Metallic Writer, Gold
- Gesso

Dynasty® brushes:

- Mastodon Set EB-J Flat Glaze, sizes 1/4 and 3/4
- Micron Set 4 Detail Brushes

thick white tacky glue

(3) small 3" long metal chimes

transparent fishing line

flower cutters, 1/2" and 1/4"

screw eye

oven

foil-lined baking tray

plastic place mat for work surface

scissors

fine sandpaper

craft stick

pencil

good quality eraser

ruler

small bird cookie cutter OR use pattern provided



Use smallest flower cutter to cut out 15 tiny flowers. Place all on baking sheet.

2 Roll out Blue clay to same thickness. Cut out six larger flowers. Place on baking sheet. Use ball end of tool to indent each petal. Place tiny flower in center of each large flower. Press tiny balls of Orange clay in each flower center. Roll a teardrop of Orange clay and press to front of bird for beak.

3 Use needle tool to cut teardrop shaped wing from Blue clay. Press wing and tiny ball of blue clay for eye onto bird. Mark tail feathers with needle tool.

4 Bake all clay pieces at 275° for 5 minutes. Let cool completely before removing from oven.

5 Use large wash brush to paint birdhouse with gesso. Let dry and lightly sand surface. Remove residue with damp paper towel.

Paint roof Sky Blue. Switch to fan brush and stroke Blue Lagoon paint downward on roof. Let dry.

6 Use smaller wash brush to paint sides of birdhouse Chartreuse. Let dry. Use flat detail brush to paint birdhouse base Sky Blue. Let dry.

Use same brush and paint edges of base, eaves, and edges of roof Blue Lagoon. Let dry. Use small wash brush to paint bottom of platform with same paint. Let dry.

7 Use pencil to draw freehand vines on front and sides of birdhouse. Apply gold dimensional paint over pencil lines. Let dry, and then erase any visible pencil lines.

8 Add dots of gold dimensional paint around opening, down sides, on base, trim and top of roof. Let dry.

9 Install screw eye into top center of roof. Thread 10" length of fishing line through eye of screw and tie ends together for hanging.

10 Glue on one large flower to screw eye. Glue bird and flowers onto front and sides as shown.

11 String 6", 5", and 4" lengths of fishing line through chimes; tie ends together. Cut and paint 1" portion of craft stick Blue Lagoon. Let dry. Glue fishing line loops to stick and stick to bottom center of finished birdhouse (hold in place until dry using tape if desired and remove tape when completely dry).

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Wedding Album Steps

1 To make album pages, use

rotary trimmer to cut fourteen 5¾" cardboard squares. For front and back covers, cut four 6" squares. (Note: you can use various backs from tablets for the cardboard, since they will be covered with papers. Each page will be made by gluing together two pieces after holes are punched.)

2 Use ruler and pencil to measure, mark and punch two holes in front cover 1½" from each end and 1/4" in from edge. Align punched cover over each of three remaining cover pieces, one at a time, and trace circle cutouts with pencil. Punch holes. Repeat with each page, making sure that holes align properly.

3 Use glue stick to align and glue together two cover pieces for front cover and two for back cover. Similarly glue page pairs making a total of seven pages and two covers. (Wait to assemble with rings.)

4 Plan layout of album, thinking in terms of front, back and two-page spreads. Decide placement of papers first, photos next, and



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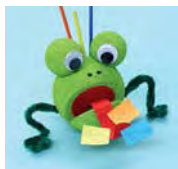
embellishments last. For outside and inside of front and back covers, use paper trimmer to cut 6" squares. Use glue stick to attach papers. Similarly, cut and glue 5¾" squares scrapbook paper for pages. Punch holes in papers.

5 Use decorative edge scissors to trim around papers and photos. Use corner rounder punch to round corners, paper accents and tags. Use circle cutter to cut circular photos, papers and embellishments

6 Apply rub-ons according to manufacturer's instructions. Journal on tags using gel pens. Use craft snip to remove prongs from brads.

7 To attach items: Use tape runner to attach photos, or mounting tape to create dimension. Use glue pen to attach seed beads and gemstones, and glue spots to attach brads.

8 When album covers and pages are finished, connect with loose-leaf notebook rings. Cut 6" ribbon lengths and randomly tie and knot onto rings.



Funny Frog Memo Minder

shown on page 38

What you'll need

FloraCraft®:

- Make It: Fun® Foam Balls, (1) 6" diameter and (2) 3" diameter
- Design It:® Foam Cutter

DecoArt® Americana® acrylic paint, Olive Green

12"x12" card stock paper, red

(2) 40mm diameter wiggly eyes

(2) 3/8" diameter brads (paper fasteners), black

(2) 20" giant chenille stems (or connect regular stems), green – Darice®

Elmer's® CraftBond® quick dry glue
X-ACTO® Tools:

- 8" steel scissors
- Metal ruler

colored pencils: orange, yellow and blue

1½"x2" sticky notes: yellow, blue and orange

old newspapers
paint brush
water container
glue gun and glue sticks
old spoon
pencil

¾" diameter bowl, or compass

Steps

1 Use foam cutter to cut approx. 5" diameter slice off large foam ball, saving slice for mouth. Hold the ball and slice in position as shown in photo to determine where bottom will be. Trim approx. 2" diameter slice off bottom so ball won't roll. (Discard this small slice.) Wait to assemble until after painting.

2 Similarly remove approx. 2" diameter slice from both small foam balls. Use spoon to scoop out a little from the cut area in each small ball to create a slight curve that will allow them to fit onto top of large ball. Check fit, and scoop to shape as needed. Wait to assemble.

3 Cover work surface with newspapers. Paint olive green: large ball, mouth slice and both small balls. Let dry.

4 Using compass or ¾" diameter bowl, trace two circles onto red card stock for mouth. Cut out with scissors. Also, cut 1½"x9" strip, rounding one end for tongue. Roll tongue over edge of table to soften and curl. Use quick dry glue to

glue circles to inside center of mouth area on large ball and on slice. Wait to glue tongue.

5 Use glue gun to assemble parts, starting with mouth slice, leaving it open about 1½" at top and glued at bottom of large foam ball. Check balance to ensure it sits on table properly. Then glue small foam balls to top of head about 1" apart. Place straight-cut end of tongue into hinged area of mouth, letting top curved end curl out over slice. Hot glue bottom end only of tongue. Curl rounded end to hold sticky notes.

6 Apply hot glue to foam and attach wiggly eyes. Insert brads for nostrils. On top of head, between eyes, twist yellow pencil into foam about 2". Repeat with other two colored pencils 1" behind, creating a triangle formation. *continued*

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7 For leg/foot, use one 20" chenille stem (or twist together ends of two regular chenille stems to create a 20" length.) Using about 1/3 of the stem, fold that end into a foot, resembling a simple three-leaf clover. Fold the remaining two thirds of the stem in half and loosely twist down to foot. Bend doubled length about half way for a knee. Insert end into side of large foam ball so knee goes up and foot is forward on table as shown, adjusting as needed. Repeat with other leg/foot and hot glue both into foam ball to hold.

Door Popsicle

shown on page 39

What you'll need

12"x18"x1" sheet
– STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam
tissue paper, solid
and polka dot in pink, or your
choice of colors
Yes! Paste (or other paper paste)
Hard Coat Mod Podge®, satin finish
paint stir stick
24" length of ribbon (for hanging)
optional: silk flowers
scissors
ruler
sharp pencil
serrated knife
bar of soap or old candle
1" putty knife or rubber spatula
1" wide soft paint brush
straight pins



Steps

1 Using ruler and a sharp pencil, draw a line 2" in from long edge of foam sheet. Wax serrated knife with candle or soap. Cut off 2" foam strip, creating a 10"x18" rectangle.
2 Draw a curved line to round two corners, creating popsicle shape. Cut off corners. Rub cut edges with scrap piece of foam to round and smooth them.
3 Spread out pink tissue paper

and lay popsicle shape on top. Cut around popsicle, leaving an extra 2" all around.

4 Using putty knife or rubber spatula, spread a thin, even layer of paper paste on top and sides of popsicle. Beginning at bottom, carefully place pink tissue paper on popsicle, gently smoothing the paper down, from the center out, and making sure there are no wrinkles or air bubbles, as you work toward top of popsicle.
5 Gently fold tissue over onto sides of popsicle and smooth out with your fingers. Snip tissue paper along curved corners so it will lay flat. Let dry, then paste excess paper to back of popsicle.

6 Cut shape of polka dot tissue to resemble a dipped topping (see photo), again leaving an extra 2" around top and sides.

Brush a thin, smooth layer of paper paste onto top 1/3 of popsicle. Attach polka dot tissue following steps 4 and 5. If needed, add more paste under the "drips" to be sure they're firmly attached. Let dry thoroughly.

7 Brush a generous coat of Mod Podge over entire papered surface and let dry.

8 With tip of serrated knife, create a 1" wide and 3" deep slit for paint stick in center bottom popsicle edge. Insert paint stick until notch is all the way into the popsicle, then remove stick, add glue to end, and reinsert.

9 Pin and glue ribbon end to each side of popsicle. Let glue dry.

10 *Optional:* glue on silk flowers.

Door Ice Cream Cone

shown on page 39

What you'll need

12"x18"x1" sheet
– STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam
12"x12" card stock, tan



1 yd. cotton fabric, pink
ribbon: (1 spool) light tan and 4"
length of polka dot, pink
marker
craft pins
Yes! Paste or other paper paste
thick, white craft glue
scissors
sharp pencil
ruler
serrated knife
old candle or bar of soap
small putty knife
wooden skewer

Steps

1 Using ruler and sharp pencil, draw ice cream cone shape on foam sheet: start at one corner and draw a triangle at slight angle with 12" sides and an 8" top. Top off triangle with a large oval that is 8" tall and 10" wide.
2 Wax knife blade with soap or old candle. Cut out ice cream cone.
3 Spread a thin layer of paper paste over cone front, including edges. Center tan card stock over cone and smooth down. Fold card stock over edges and trim off excess paper. Hold paper in place with craft pins until paste dries. Trim top edge of cone following curved ice cream line.
4 Use tiny dots of paste and craft pins to attach angled vertical ribbon lines. Add horizontal ribbons, weaving over and under vertical ones. Wrap ribbon over foam edges and pin and glue to back.
5 Cut pink fabric into 2 1/2" squares. Squeeze a dot of glue on ice cream portion of cone. Center a fabric square over a dot of glue and push center of fabric into foam using blunt end of wooden skewer. Repeat, to cover ice cream.
6 Glue and pin a loop of pink ribbon to top for hanger. Let glue dry before hanging.

Beachcomber Tote

shown on page 5

What you'll need

Tote Bag, blue or color of choice

Decoart® Americana®:

- Mulitsurface Satin™ paints:
 - Canary C
 - Paprika P
 - Leprechaun L
 - Blue Lagoon BL
 - Orange Sherbet OS
 - Dark Scarlet DS

- Dazzling Metallics Writer
DAW71, Gold

- Americana Writer, DAW67, Black
- Gesso

2½" wide burlap mesh ribbon, tan
2" or wider glitter ribbon, blue
canvas or stiff fabric, white or
natural

(5) 7mm flat back pearls, green
Fabri-Tac™ Glue – Beacon

Adhesives

paint brushes: Super Value Pack,
SVP2- Golden Taklon Ultra Short

Set – Royal® & Langnickel

transfer paper and pencil

paper plate for pallet

double-sided carpet tape

scissors

spring type clothespins

water and paper towels for brush

clean up



fish still using C. Switch to
L paint, using #2 brush to
fill in opposite stripes and
tail section. Use #3 round
brush to paint mouth and
fins with BL. Add small

stripes of C on upper and lower fins.
Paint L lines on large body fin using
#3 brush. With same brush paint four
lines on tail fin and two gills using
BL. Set aside to dry.

4 Add a dot of gold dimensional
paint for eye on fish. Let dry.
Outline fish and starfish with gold
dimensional paint. Add a dot of
black dimensional paint to center of
eye. Let all dry.

5 Cut a length of burlap ribbon 4"
longer than width of tote bag. Apply
glue across center of tote and press
on ribbon. Let dry, then curve ends
onto sides of tote. Apply glue and
use clothespins to hold in place until
dry.

6 Cut same length of blue glitter
ribbon to fit over top of burlap
ribbon. Cut wavy lines down center
of ribbon to simulate waves (see
pattern). Apply a line of glue to back
of ribbon and press onto burlap
ribbon as shown. Again hold edges
until dry. Remove clothespins.

7 Carefully cut out painted fabric
starfish and tropical fish close to
gold edges. Apply glue to backs of
appliqués and press to ribbon on
tote as shown. Glue five flat green
beads above fish mouth to simulate
bubbles. Let dry several hours.

Steps

1 Use carpet tape to attach a 12"
square of fabric to a scrap piece of
cardboard. Apply gesso to surface
using 5/8" flat brush. Set aside to dry.

2 Remove fabric from carpet tape.
Transfer tropical fish and two starfish
patterns onto fabric surface. Fill in
starfish with C and OS paint using #6
shader brush. While still wet blend in
some P paint using #5 round brush,
primarily on lower arms of starfish
for shadow effect. Let dry. Then use
#3/0 brush to apply dots of DS down
center of each arm.

3 Use #10 shader brush to paint
front of fish face with C. Use #2
shader to finish painting stripes on





Baby Keepsake Box

shown on page 38

What you'll need

- 5¼"x5¾"x9" unfinished wood craft box, with hinged lid
- (2 sheets) 8½"x11" AVATREX™ Craft Attitude™ Transportable Inkjet Film
- Design Master®:
 - Spray primer
 - ColorTool® spray color, white
- Spray Adhesive – Elmer's®
- X-ACTO® tools:
 - #11 craft knife (with new blade)
 - 12"x12" self healing cutting mat
 - 12" rotary paper trimmer
 - 8" scissors
- computer and inkjet printer
- digital image of baby
- copy paper
- pencil
- small screwdriver
- sandpaper
- clean cloth
- old newspapers
- large cardboard box (for spraying)

Steps

- 1** Use computer image editing or word processing program to size digital image to 5¼"x9" (or sized to fit top of box).
- 2** Read Craft Attitude package instructions. Use computer and inkjet printer to print on Attitude film sheet, following these tips:
 - A. Print on glossy side of sheet, handling by edges only.
 - B. Always print photo as mirror image. (See printer or computer for settings; printed side of film will be turned over and attached to wood surface so if you don't print as mirror image, words and images will be backward.)
 - C. Use "Photo Quality" setting

and "Glossy Photo Paper" media setting.

- D. Print only one sheet at a time.
- E. Be sure ink is dry, by waiting at least 2-3 hours before attaching. (Humid environments may take longer.)
- F. Wait to trim Attitude film until instructed to do so.
- G. To reduce edge curling, wait to remove backing from film.

3 Use scissors to cut about an inch away from image to remove excess film, but wait to cut to actual size.

4 Use screwdriver to remove hinges and latch from wood box. Lightly sand box and wipe with clean cloth. In well-ventilated newspaper-covered area (inside cardboard box), spray wood box with primer. Let dry. Spray two light coats of white. Let thoroughly dry.

5 In spraying area, lightly spray glossy, printed side of Attitude film with spray adhesive. Flip over and carefully place on box lid. Press in place and remove backing paper. Smooth film. Use craft knife (with new blade) to trim excess film by bracing hands against box and letting knife glide along edge. Set aside to dry.

6 With computer create new 3½"x11" horizontal document with light blue colored background. Type baby's name in desired font and color. Write additional newborn info centered below name. Draw 1/4" circles and fill with colors (medium blue, orange, green and yellow) for polka dots. (Tip: print document on copy paper first to determine correct size.) Using mirror image setting on printer, print onto second Attitude sheet.

7 Use rotary trimmer to trim excess Attitude sheet to 3½"x11". Position and use pencil to lightly mark position for Attitude on box front. Similarly spray with adhesive and attach Attitude to front of box.

Use screwdriver to replace hinges and latch.



Bright Flowers Wreath

shown on page 38

What you'll need

- 10" wreath – STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam
- Duck Tape:
 - (1) Roll Wallflowers pattern
 - (1 ea) Sheets: yellow, neon green, green, red, pink and blue
- thick, white craft glue
- straight pins
- optional:* flower die and die-cutting machine – OR cut out flowers with scissors

Steps

- 1** Tear 36" length of tape from roll. Starting at one end of strip, tear a narrow strip lengthwise about 1/2" wide.
- 2** Pin wider tape strip to back of wreath and wrap strip around and around wreath, slightly overlapping edges with each pass. Pin other end of strip to back of wreath, and trim any extra tape. Repeat, wrapping wreath with strips of duct tape until completely covered.
- 3** Using die-cutting equipment, cut out 15 – 17 flowers from duct tape sheets – or, you can easily cut them out using scissors.

Arrange flowers on wreath, and glue in place. Add in a few green leaves. (*Optional: remove backing from flowers and attach them like stickers. This will create a flatter profile, and the flowers will not have as much dimension.*)
- 4** To hang wreath, fold 12"x1" length of duct tape in half lengthwise and make a loop. Pin and glue tape loop to back of wreath. Or, use a 12" length of ribbon as your hanger if preferred.



Garden Fairy Mirror

shown on page 38

What you'll need

2" round craft mirror

Sculpey® III:

Clay:

- (2oz. each) Granny Smith and String Bean
- (1 bar each) Light Blue Pearl, Lemonade, Blue, Just Orange

Tools:

- Acrylic Clay Roller
- Craft Knife

thick white tacky glue

6" length of craft wire, copper

assorted glass beads: clear, green, blue

small (1/2") flower cutter

oven

foil-lined baking tray

scrubby pad for texturing

wire cutters

scissors

ruler

toothpick

plastic place mat for work surface

Steps

1 Condition all clay until soft and pliable. Roll out dark green clay to 1/8" thick. Press with scrubby pad to texture. Cut out large leaf pattern and place on clay. Use craft knife to cut around pattern. Set clay leaf aside. Repeat process to make lighter green leaf using smaller (inside) pattern.

2 Curl ends of copper wire for hanger. Roll loops and curls along length of wire, then form it into a C shape. Place curled ends onto dark green clay leaf. Place light green leaf onto dark green leaf, covering ends of wire. Press gently together.

3 Place mirror onto leaves between wire hanger. Mark placement of mirror using toothpick and remove mirror and set aside.

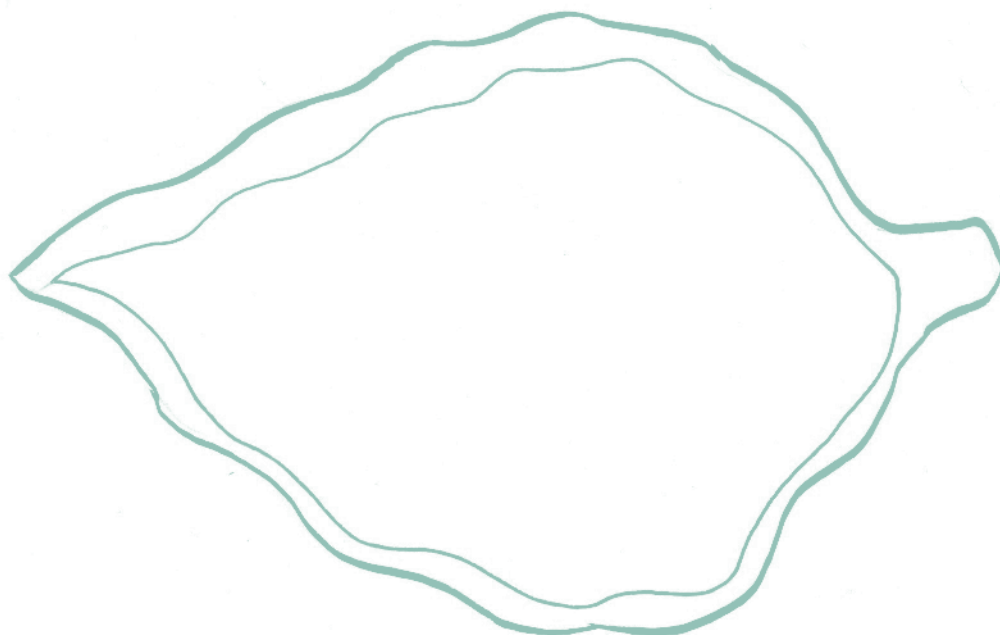
4 Make dark green clay log long enough to form ring around mirror. Press assorted seed beads onto ring, slightly flattening it. Place all clay shapes on baking tray. Set aside.

5 Roll out yellow and dark blue sheets of clay. Use small flower cutter to cut out three yellow and two blue flowers. Press balls of yellow and orange clay to centers of flowers as shown. Use toothpick to make tiny holes in centers. Place on baking sheet.

6 Roll four tiny balls of blue pearl clay for butterfly wings and place on baking sheet. Roll four smaller balls of yellow clay and place on wings. Press a tiny teardrop of yellow clay between wings for body. Mark lines across body using toothpick. Place on baking sheet.

7 Bake all clay shapes at 275° for 8 minutes. Let cool before removing from oven.

8 Glue mirror onto leaves and beaded ring over edges of mirror. Let dry, then glue on flowers and butterfly as shown. Let sit overnight or several hours before hanging.



Patriotic Candle *shown on page 33*



What you'll need

large candle jar with lid, 3½"x6" or larger
(2 blocks each) Glitter Clay, White and Blue – Premo! Sculpey®
thick white tacky glue
1" wide grosgrain ribbon, white
1/2" wide satin ribbons, star or similar patriotic pattern: red and blue
2 ½" wide burlap mesh ribbon
rhinestone stars
oven
foil-lined baking tray
clay roller
craft knife
scissors
plastic place mat for work surface
ruler

Steps

1 Condition all clay before starting. Roll out white clay onto work surface to 1/4" thick. Use pattern to cut out five large stars. Place on baking tray.

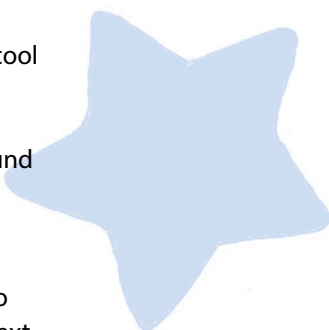
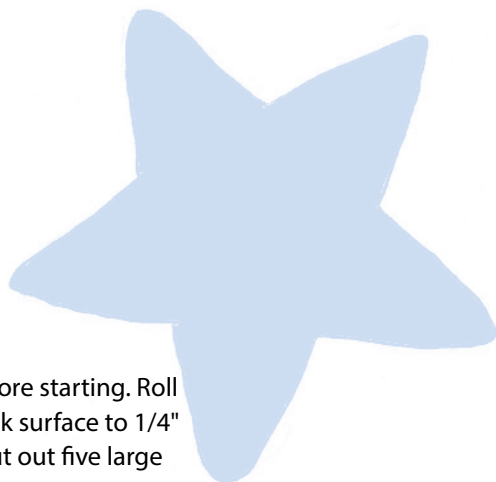
Similarly roll out blue clay and cut out five smaller stars. Place blue stars onto white stars. Press gently.

2 Bake all at 275° for 5 minutes. Let cool before removing from oven.

3 Cut mesh ribbon 1" longer than circumference of jar. Apply glue around center of jar and press on ribbon, overlapping ends at back. Let dry.

4 Cut satin ribbons to same length as mesh ribbon. Glue white ribbon to center of mesh ribbon and let dry. Next glue red and blue ribbons to white ribbon, leaving white showing between them as shown. Let dry.

5 Glue rhinestone stars to centers of each clay star set. Let dry. Glue one star set to jar lid and the other four evenly around center of jar over ribbons as shown.



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Duct Tape Flag *shown on page 33*

What you'll need

12"x18"x1" sheet – STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam
(1 roll each) duct tape: red, white and blue
self-adhesive mailing labels
(1 yd) 1" wide ribbon
straight pins
optional: star punch
scissors
ruler
pen
X-acto® knife

Steps

1 Cover each 18" edge of foam sheet with an 18" length of duct tape, wrapping excess tape to back. Cover one edge in red and one in white.

2 Align a 22" strip of white tape to bottom edge of flag and tape down, wrapping ends to back.

3 Each stripe measures 1-1/2" wide, and each stripe overlaps the previous stripe. Using ruler, mark 1-1/2" above bottom of flag, apply red tape, and wrap ends to back.

Continue adding alternating white and red tape stripes. For last stripe, fold extra tape at top onto top edge and trim corners as needed so tape lies flat.

4 The blue field is four stripes deep and 8" wide. Mark 8" from left side of flag along top four stripes.

Using X-acto knife and ruler, neatly trim one end of a 10" strip of blue tape. Starting at fourth stripe down from top, line up cut edge at 8" mark and wrap other end to back. Repeat, adding and overlapping three more blue tape strips to fill in blue field.

5 Attach eight small pieces of white duct tape to eight mailing labels. Cut out stars freehand, or use a punch. Remove backing from stars and adhere to flag as shown.

6 Pin and glue ribbon to each side of flag for hanger.

Country-Style Flag *shown on page 33*

What you'll need

12"x18"x1" sheet – STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam
2/3 yd. "America the Beautiful" fabric from Laura Kelley (or similar)
small scrap of denim
rickrack, red
buttons: assorted red, white and blue
(1 yd) 1" wide ribbon
straight pins
low-temp glue gun
fabric adhesive
optional: red thread and sewing machine
scissors
pen
pencil or fine-line marker

Steps

1 Place 24"x18" fabric rectangle face down on work surface. Center foam sheet on fabric, and wrap fabric around foam sheet, just like wrapping a package. Carefully fold fabric at corners to keep it neat. Pin and glue extra fabric to back of flag.

2 Draw a heart on denim fabric. If you're going to stitch a whip-stitch around it, do so now, and carefully cut out heart next to stitching. Stitch or glue rickrack along edge on reverse side. Glue heart onto flag.

3 Glue buttons to heart.

4 Pin and glue ribbon to each side of flag for hanger.

Ruffled Flag *shown on page 33*

What you'll need

12"x18"x1" sheet – STYROFOAM™
Brand Foam
1/3 yd. each cotton fabric: red, cream and blue print (*you might squeak by with 1/4 yd, but you'll have no room for error*)
buttons: assorted red, white and blue
62" length of 1" wide wired ribbon, navy
straight pins

thick white craft glue OR low-temp glue gun
scissors
sewing machine
ruler
optional: rotary cutter and cutting mat

Steps

1 Measure and cut the following strips of fabric:

Cream: (2) 2"x36" and (2) 2"x24"

Red: (2) 2"x36" and (2) 2"x24"

Blue: (4) 2"x18"

2 Sew a long basting stitch along top edge of each fabric strip. Gently pull basting thread on each strip to ruffle fabric to these approximate lengths:

Cream: (2) 18" strips and (2) 11" strips

Red: (2) 18" strips and (2) 11" strips

Blue: (4) 8" strips

As you assemble your flag, adjust strips to be slightly longer or shorter, as needed.

3 Pin and glue navy blue ribbon around edges of foam sheet.

4 Measure and draw a horizontal line 2" from bottom of flag. Pin and glue first 18" cream ruffle along line. If you're using thick craft glue, the pins will hold the ruffle in place until it dries. If you prefer, use low-temp glue – it will set faster, but you'll have to work quickly to position your ruffle before the glue dries.

5 Continue to add the 18" red and cream ruffles, overlapping each by about 1/2". Next, add 11" ruffles to right side of flag as shown. As you work, adjust the gathering on the strips more tightly, or fold under at the ends, to make them fit.

6 Add blue ruffles, starting with bottom ruffle. The right edge of each blue ruffle will overlap the red and cream ruffles by an inch or so.

7 Glue assorted buttons onto the field of blue.

8 Pin and glue ribbon for hanging to each corner.



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Old Glory Trio

Whether you prefer glossy contemporary or a vintage fabric style, we've got your flags covered for this year's Independence Day festivities! **How, page 32**

Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue!



Patriotic Candle

Designs and photo
by Sandy Rollinger

Quick and easy – so you can make several for July 4th entertaining. Group them for an extra-warm glow on your tables.

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Way Cool!

Lemonade Stand

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

This lightweight, portable display is designed to fold for storage and mobility.

By adding a curtain and changing the signage, it could also become a puppet theatre! Your kids will find lots of ways to utilize and enjoy it, and can even help you make it for a great family project.

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Framed Friends

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Teens will love creating and re-creating an interchangeable photo display! **How, page 22**



Ladybug Art Holder

Design and photo
by Sandy Rollinger

Display your child's artwork, test papers or photos – and change as often as you like – the ladybugs conceal clothespin clips!

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Flaming Sneakers

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Canvas shoes make a great artist's canvas!
They're sure to make you run faster, too!

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Arrangement in Embossed Tin

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Start with an embossed metal box and paint it with copper and gold to make it sizzle. Then add a lovely floral arrangement and you have an elegant, any-season centerpiece or decor accent.

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Succulent Plant Cascade

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

You know that tiered relish server that just sits in the cupboard most of the time? It's such a neat piece, but how often do you really use or enjoy it? We suggest

you liberate it from idle storage and transform it into a dramatic display for sweet little green plants – realistic artificial plants you won't ever have to water or maintain – so you can enjoy that relish server every day!

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Birdhouse Wind Chime

Design and photo by Sandy Rollinger

Welcome summer breezes with flare!

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Wedding Album

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

Does your summer include a wedding? When you get the opportunity to take some great photos, use them to create a wonderful album to hold your memories – or one that would make a spectacular first anniversary gift!

What you'll need

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- Glue Spots, 3D PopUp-medium
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- 12" Rotary Paper Trimmer
- Scallop Pack Decorative Edge Scissors
- 12" Metal Ruler
- 5" Precision Tip Scissors
- Corner Rounder Punch
- Circle Cutter

(2) 18"x24" cardboard (or backs of used tablets)

(1 pack) scrapbook papers: coordinating green, gray, black and white with punch-outs

(1 ea) 24" length of 3/8" wide ribbon:

black stitched, black dot, green dot and green check

24" length of 1/8" wide ribbon, black

seed beads, green

1/8" gem stones, clear

rub-on phrases

pearl brads, green

(2) 1½" loose-leaf notebook rings, silver

(approximately 14) 4"x6" photos

craft snip

1/4" paper punch

pencil

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Baby Keepsake Box

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

Every newborn deserves a personalized memento keeper in his or her name to start them on a lifetime of cherished memories. **How, page 28**



Funny Frog Memo Minder

Courtesy of Craft Marketing Connections, Inc.

He'll make you smile every time you add another reminder to the collection! **How, page 25**



Bright Flowers Wreath

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Duct tape – in rolls and sheets – makes this a super easy and gratifying project! **How, page 28**



Garden Fairy Mirror

Design and photo by Sandy Rollinger

Attract fairies and wood sprites to your yard! Place this sweet, wee mirror in your garden on a small bush, or push a twig into a planter to hang it. Or, hang it on the side of a vase of flowers for a birthday or get well gift – just make a small hook from leftover wire. **How, page 29**

BIG

Door Décor!

Have some fun and make a big, dramatic statement with oversized summer treats – you will have the most eye-catching front (or back) door in the neighborhood!

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