# 38 Holiday Crafts









Holiday Decorating Ideas for Every Season

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# **Letter from the Editors**

Hello, Readers!

Nearly every month, there is a holiday or two that we celebrate. From Valentine's Day to Christmas, it seems like there is always something to craft and decorate for. It seems that you are always looking forward to the next holiday, the next day off of work, the next reason to create something new and fun. The projects in this amazing collection are sure to help you make your home perfectly festive for whatever holiday you're celebrating.

With this idea in mind, we collected some of the best crafts into this awesome eBook. No matter what time of year it is, you will find something relevant to craft. In June, you can make your Fourth of July crafts; in November, you'll have great Thanksgiving crafts. Print out this awesome eBook and have fun crafts to do all year round.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

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# **Summer Crafts**

### **Beer Bottle Holder**

By: Andy Spencer for Diamond Tech

Looking for a unique Father's Day gift? Crafts made from recycled items, like this Beer Bottle Holder from Diamond Tech, are not only one of a kind presents, but are a great way to help the environment. Repurpose recycling bin staples into a fun and functional picnic accessory. You'll make Dad proud by crafting something yourself and saving a few bucks at the same time.

### **Materials:**

- Generation Green Glass Cutter
- One Beer Bottle .355 Liter
- Two Part Epoxy



- 1. Read and carefully following the instructions contained within the Generation Green (g2) bottle cutter manual.
- 2. Cover the work area with craft or newspaper.
- 3. Measure 0.75" up from the bottom of the bottle and mark with a Sharpie<sup>®</sup>.
- 4. Using the bottle cutter, score and separate where indicated. The bottom of the bottle will become the base/foot of the beer glass and the top of the bottle, when turned upside-down will become the beverage holding part of the beer glass.
- 5. Mask off around all cut edges of the glass leaving approximately 1/8" between the cut end and the edge of the tape. This will prevent unnecessary scratching of the glass surface during the smoothing process. Smooth the rough edges as instructed in the bottle cutter manual. Remove tape after smoothing and rinse and dry glass pieces.
- 6. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply a bead of two part epoxy around the lip of the neck. Place it, lip down into the center of the base. Hold until epoxy is set.
- 7. Once the epoxy has dried completely. Clean your new beer glass and tuck it, along with a few favorite brews into a decorative basket. Makes a great house warming gift too!

# **Rugged Camper Cooking Set**

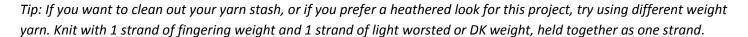
By: Marie-Jolie of Permission to Unwind

Use stash yarns to create a sturdy, heat-resistant wool mitt and panhandle cover for camping. The rugged, no-frills camp mitt is surprisingly durable, and its double thickness provides added protection when used as a potholder. The panhandle cover is just as tough as the mitt and is perfect for protecting wooden picnic tables from a hot pan. Give these thrifty handmade gifts in combination with a cast-iron skillet and a bag of gourmet fish fry breading or chili seasoning. It's the perfect gift for dad or anyone who loves to camp.

Note: This set is worked on smaller needles than would normally be suggested for this weight of yarn because the density of the design provides better heat protection. Larger needles are not recommended.

### **Materials:**

- Partial Skeins of Worsted Weight Yarn
  - o 1 Skein Blue (Main Color)
  - 1 Skein Brown (Secondary Color)
- Size 5 Straight Needles
- Size 4 Double Point Needles
- Piece of Leather Measuring 1 ¼" x 5"
- Sewing Machine or Yarn Needle



### Instructions:

### **Wool Mitt**

- 1. Cast on 30 stitches in MC and work in stockinette stitch (knit the right side rows, purl the wrong side rows) for 6 ½". Attach SC and work two rows, then reattach MC and knit one row, then work two more rows in SC (cutting or reattaching yarn as necessary), and finish the piece with 1 more inch of MC and bind off.
- 2. Repeat this process, reversing the colors, to create the opposite side of the mitt. You should have two finished pieces roughly 6" x 8 1/4" long.







3. Weave in the loose ends on the wrong side. Place wrong sides together, and stitch ¼" around the outer edges on three sides, leaving one short end open. This can be done on a regular sewing machine with a neutral color thread (I used brown), or with a yarn needle matching yarn.



4. Fold leather band in half and stitch in the center of the back side of the mitt (with the leather piece on the inside of the mitt), approximately ½" below the top edge. Stitch a double seam for added durability.

## **Panhandle Cozy**

- 1. Cast-on 25 stitches in MC and knit once across.
- 2. Join in the round, dividing stitches roughly equally among three needles and working in the round with a fourth needle.
- 3. Knit every round in MC for four rounds, then attach SC and knit two rows, then work one row in MC, then two more rows in SC.
- 4. Cut off the SC strands with a few inches dangling (to weave in later), and continue to knit in the round using MC until piece measures 3-3/4".
- 5. Bind off all stitches knit-wise.
- 6. Weave in ends. If desired, use Size E or F crochet hook to crochet a stabilizing edge around the bottom of the cozy with MC yarn.

### **Patriotic Crochet Wreath**

By: Lily® Sugar'n Cream

Crochet some stars and stripes for a patriotic wreath this 4th of July. This wreath crochet pattern from Lily Sugar n' Cream uses red, white and navy blue yarn to create this festive piece of decor. If your DIY door decoration seems a too small, don't worry! With this step-by-step easy crochet pattern, you can make as many stars and flags as you want. Show your national pride with this red, white, and blue summer craft project.

### **Materials:**

- Sugar'n Cream Yarn Solids
  - 1 Ball Contrast A (00001 White)
  - o 2 Balls Contrast B (00009 Bright Navy)
  - o 1 Ball Contrast C (00095 Red)
- Crochet Hook: Size G–6
- Hot Glue Gun
- Glue Sticks
- Wrights® Gold Stars 2¼ yds of ¾ "Ribbon
- Styrofoam Wreath 12" in Diameter



Note: 1 ball of yarn makes makes 23 stars. 1 ball each of A, B and C makes 20 flags.

### Instructions:

Flag (Make 4)

With C, ch 19.

Row 1: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 18 sc.

Row 2: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in back loop of each sc to end. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 1. Ss in back loop of each sc to end. Turn.

**Row 4:** With C, ch 1. 1 sc in back loop of each st to end. Turn.

**Row 5:** Ch 1. Ss in back loop of each sc to end. Turn.

Rows 6-7: Rep 2nd and 3rd rows.

**Row 8:** With C, ch 1. 1 sc in back loop of each of next 11 sts, changing to B at end of 11th st. With B, 1 sc in back loop of each of last 7 sts. Turn.

Row 9: With B, ch 1. Ss in back loop of each of first 7 sts. Change to C. Ss in back loop of each of last 11 sts. Turn.

Row 10: With A, ch 1. 1 sc in back loop of each of first 11 sts. Change to B. 1 sc in back loop of each of last 7 sts. Turn.

Row 11: With B, ch 1. Ss in back loop of each of first 7 sts. Change to A. Ss in back loop of each of last 11 sts. Turn.

Row 12: With C, ch 1. 1 sc in back loop of each of first 11 sts. Change to B. 1 sc in back loop of each of last 7 sts. Turn.

Row 13: With B, ch 1. Ss in back loop of each of first 7 sts. Change to C. Ss in back loop of each of last 11 sts. Fasten off.

### **Finishing**

With A, embroider 8 French knots on Flag as illustrated (see diagram).

Star (Make 4 each in A, B and C)

Base: Ch 2.

**Rnd 1:** 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with ss in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. 20 sc. Join with ss in first sc.

**Point 1:** \*\*Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Turn.

Next Row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Turn.

Next Row: Ch 1. [(Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc. Yoh and draw a loop through all loops on hook - Sc2tog made]

twice. Turn.

Next Row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. Turn.

Ch 2. Ss along side of Point to Base. Ss in last sc worked on 2nd rnd.

Rep from \*\* 4 times more. 5 Points in total. Fasten off.

# **Assembly**

If desired, wrap yarn around wreath to cover completely. Glue flags to wreath, equally spaced, with slight curve or bend in the flag so that it appears to wave. Glue 3 Stars (one each A, B and C) in a cluster between flags. Wrap ribbon loosely around wreath and glue in position to back of wreath.

# Fourth of July Flag Pin

By: Mary Cosgrove for Kreinik

Show your national pride on your shirt, coat, handbag, or other accessories when you make this Fourth of July Flag Pin. Patriotism is always in style, so you can wear this handmade beaded pin all year long. With some red, white, and blue beads and embroidery floss, you can craft this adorable tribute to the Stars and Stripes. Wear it on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and more. You'll be festive and frugal at the same time.



### **Materials:**

- Scissors
- Kreinik Heavy (#32) Braid
  - o 003 Red
  - o 033 Royal Blue
  - o 100 White
- DMC Embroidery Floss
  - o 422 Hazel Brown
  - o 809 Delft

- Uniek Quick-Count® 10 Count Plastic Canvas
- Beacon<sup>™</sup> Fabri-Tac<sup>™</sup> Permanent Adhesive
- 5 Gold Plated Beads (4mm)
- Plastic Canvas Needle (No. 18)
- Backing Material (fabric, perforated paper, or card stock)
- Pinback

- 1. Cut canvas according to graphs, and as follows:
  - o Base = 18 x 18
  - Background = 16 x 16 holes
  - Flag = 12 x 12 holes
- 2. Using 3 strands of DMC 422, work the background piece completely in cross stitches. Overcast the edges with DMC 422 using 2 stitches per hole.
- 3. Work the flag in braid in the colors indicated, using continental and reversed continental stitches. Overcast edges of flag with 6 strands of DMC 809.
- 4. Holding background piece like a diamond, tack some edges of the flag to center of background with DMC 809.
- 5. Using 3 strands of DMC 422, whipstitch the background to unstitched base, leaving 1 hole around all edges.
- 6. Overcast edges of base with Heavy Braid in Royal Blue
- 7. Take the remaining white and red Heavy Braid and glue with Fabri-Tac™ to background around flag, twisting and winding the braids to make one red and white rope. Glue 5 gold plated beads at various intervals on the top,bottom, and sides. Glue backing material to back of pin. Glue pinback to center of backing material.

# **Strawberry Mini Baskets**

By: Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts.com

Looking for easy summer crafts to make at your daughter's birthday party? Maybe you need a fun and colorful way to hand out the take home treats. These adorable kids crafts for summer look like strawberries and are very easy to make. You can turn this project into a party activity, or whip up a set of these precious baskets in advance. Fill them with candy, removable tattoos, and other treats and give them to guests as a thank you.



### **Materials:**

- Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- Red Craft Paint
- Black Sharpie<sup>®</sup>
- Green, White, Pink, and Red Pipe Cleaners
- White and Green Felt

- Yellow Buttons
- Scissors
- Craft Glue
- Toothpick
- Tissue Paper

- 1. Paint the outside of each cup. Let dry. Apply additional coats as necessary.
- 2. Use Sharpie® marker to draw seeds on the outside of each cup.
- 3. Twist 2 pipe cleaners together. Use a toothpick to poke a hole in the side of the cup just below the rim for the handle. Poke through the opposite side of the cup. Insert pipe cleaner about 1/2" into one of the holes from the outside of the cup and bend the end to secure. Take the other end of the pipe cleaner and insert from the outside of the cup on the other side, creating a handle.
- 4. To decorate the rim, cut green felt into 2" strips. Use scissors to create a decorative edge that resembles leaves. Attach edge to rim with glue, making sure to cover the handle as well.
- 5. Cut flowers from white felt. Glue a yellow button to the center of each flower. Glue a flower to the top of each pipe cleaner handle. Let dry.
- 6. Line cups with tissue paper and fill with treats.

# **Popsicle Stick Beach Sign**

By: Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts.com

If you've collected a suitcase full of beach souvenirs, you might need a fun and easy way to display them. With a handful of craft sticks, you can create a summery piece of home décor. This Popsicle Stick Beach Sign is the perfect way to show off your vacation finds. From seashells and fish teeth to pebbles and sea glass, beach objects look right at home on these weathered craft sticks. This project is easy, fun, and totally affordable. Best of all, it will give your home a trendy nautical vibe.



### **Materials:**

- 10 Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Small Pebbles
- Assorted Shells, Fish Teeth, and Starfish
- Sand
- White Craft Glue

- Twine or String
- Sea Green Acrylic Craft Paint
- White Acrylic Craft Paint
- Paintbrush

- 1. Paint craft sticks with sea green paint. Let dry.
- 2. Glue craft sticks together, side by side. Do not line them up perfectly.



- 3. Dry brush white paint over the top of the sticks to create a washed out look. Let some green peek through
- 4. Use glue to write "beach" in capital letters across the top of the plaque. Place small pebbles in the letters.

5. Use a paintbrush to spread glue across the bottom and a few inches up both sides of theh plaque. Cover the glue with sand and let sit for five minutes. Tap off excess sand.



- 6. Glue starfish and shells along the sandy area. Glue fish teeth teeth in a row in the middle of the plaque.
- 7. Fashion a simple hanger from twine and glue it to the back.

# **Picnic Helpers Tutorial**

By: Becky Meverden

This tutorial is designed to make your next picnic more pleasant with the help of some aluminum cans. We've all come across certain inconveniences when eating outside. Napkins blow away in the wind. You need a fork, but they're stored in a plastic baggie and your hands are covered in BBQ sauce. And what about those empty hotdog bun bags. If there isn't a garbage can to be seen, you'll need to store them somewhere until you find a trash can. These picnic helpers will make your next BBQ a little easier. With their patriotic color scheme, they're perfect for the Fourth of July.



### **Materials:**

- Assorted Fabrics
- Aluminum Cans with labels removed
- Elmer's Multi Purpose Glue
- Craft Foam Brush

- Scissors
- Bowl
- Wet Washcloth

### **Instructions:**

Brush glue onto aluminum can. Apply a piece of fabric to the can, folding the edges inside.





2. Add more fabric pieces, overlapping them to cover the top half of the can. Repeat the process, brushing glue onto the next section of the can and covering it with fabric.





3. When you reach the bottom of the can, add a layer of glue to the base and fold fabric edges over.





4. Brush a thin layer of glue over the entire can. Use a wet washcloth to remove any clumps of glue. Let dry.









# **Desert Sunset Tote Bag**

By: Lily® Sugar'n Cream®

This Desert Sunset Tote Bag is a bright addition to your summer wardrobe. Fill this crochet handbag with warm weather essentials like a water bottle, sunscreen, and shades. Perfect for a day at the beach or a trip to your local farmer's market, this crochet beach bag is made using a simple striped pattern. Create one in your favorite colors. This bag measures 12" x 14" high, excluding handles.

### **Materials:**

- Lily® Sugar 'n Cream® Yarn
  - o 1 Ball Soft Ecru (Main Color)
  - o 1 Ball Mod Green (A)
  - o 1 Ball Robin's Egg (B)
  - o 1 Ball Hot Blue (C)
  - o 1 Ball Hot Orange (D)
  - o 1 Ball Yellow (E)
  - o 1 Ball Warm Brown (F)
- Size G–6 Crochet Hook
- 2 Stitch Markers

**Gauge:** 15 sc and 16 rows = 4"

### Instructions:

Note: When joining colors, work to last 2 loops on hook of first color. Draw new color through last 2 loops and proceed.

### **Stripe Pattern**

With MC, work 1 row.

With A, work 1 row.

With E, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With B, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With D, work 1 row.

With F, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With C, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With D, work 1 row.

With E, work 1 row.

With B, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With A, work 1 row.



With F, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With E, work 1 row.

With B, work 1 row.

With A, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With D, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With F, work 1 row.

With B, work 1 row.

With E, work 1 row.

With C, work 1 row.

With A, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

With D, work 1 row.

With B, work 1 row.

With MC, work 1 row.

### Bag

With MC, ch 84. Join in ring with sl st into first ch, taking care not to twist chain.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (does not count as hdc). 1 hdc in each ch around. Join A with sl st to first hdc. 84 hdc.

Rnd 2: With A, ch 2 (does not count as hdc). 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join E with sl st to first hdc.

First 2 rows of stripe pattern are complete.

Keeping count of stripe pattern, rep Rnd 2 for pattern until all 33 rows of pattern are complete. Fasten off. Place markers on 32nd hdc and 74th hdc of last rnd.

### Handles

With RS facing, join MC with sl st at first marker.

Row 1: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 10 hdc. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc across. Turn.

Rep 2nd row until work from beg measures 18."

**Next Row:** Ch 1. Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sts. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook – sc2tog made. 1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Sc2tog. Turn.

**Next Row:** Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Sc2tog. Turn.

Next Row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn.

**Next Row:** Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. Turn.

Next Row: Sc2tog. Fasten off.

Rep for second handle, starting at second marker. Tie handles in knot at desired length.

**Finishing:** Join bottom edge: With RS tog, join MC with sl st at bottom edge. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sl st across bottom edge to join. Fasten off.

# **Fall Crafts**

# **Apple Pie Wreath**

By: Lisa from Recaptured Charm

Welcome friends and loved ones to your home with this beautiful Apple Pie Wreath. With flowers, apples, and greenery, this piece of autumn home décor has enough different elements to tie your room together no matter what the season. This fall craft idea makes a wonderful first impression on the guests who come into your home.

Note: This wreath is only to be displayed indoors, as the loose woven burlap will not withstand outdoor weather.

# **Materials:**

- Wire Wreath
- Fresh Apple Pie Sign (optional)
- 1 Roll Loose Woven Burlap
- Fall Sprigs
- Floral Apples
- Fall Fabric



- 1. Cut burlap and fabric into 12" x 1" strips.
- 2. Tie strips to the wire wreath randomly. The burlap will fray during this process, creating a nautral look.
- 3. Fill out the wreath with apples, flowers, and other trimmings.
- 4. If desired, affix rolling pin apple pie sign to the bottom of the wreath.

# **Denim Back to School Chalkboard**

By: Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts.com

This Denim Back to School Chalkboard is a great way to use up old school clothes. Grab a pair of jeans that your child has outgrown and put together this fall craft. To get a multicolored look, feel free to use dyed jeans. You can also paint scraps of blue denim with acrylic paint. This fun mosaic framed chalkboard is ideal for decorating lockers, doors, or using as a classroom drawing pad.

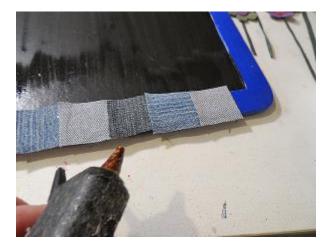
### **Materials:**

- Framed Chalkboard
- Denim Jeans
- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun
- Dye or Acrylic Paint



### **Instructions:**

- 1. Cut denim into squares wide enough to cover and overlap the border of the chalkboard. Condition and mix equal parts of Candy Pink and Pearl together, but not completely.
- 2. Hot glue the squares all the way around the border, overlapping a little as you go and alternating different shades and types of denim for some contrast.



3. Cut colored denim into smaller squares and glue then randomly around the frame.

# **Candy Corn Quilt**

By: Elizabeth Cecchettini for Baby Lock

Get into the spooky spirit of Halloween with a fun sewing project. This candy corn quilt is the pastime for those chilly fall nights. This pattern uses fall colors and a candy corn motif to make the quilt extra festive. The black cat in the center square is positively spinetingling, as are the cat faces in each corner. This scary black cat blanket will give your home a spooky atmosphere this Halloween.



### **Materials:**

- Baby Lock Sewing/Embroidery Machine
- Walking Foot Attachment
  - 5 Cotton Fabrics (1/8 yard of each)
  - Black/White Dot
  - White/Black Dot
  - Orange Stripe
  - Black/Ivory Check
  - Moss Green
- Gold Cotton Fabric 3/8 yard
- Orange/Black Dot Cotton Fabric 3/8 yard
- Solid Ivory Fabric- ½ yard
- Black on Black Stripe Fabric 1 3/8 yard

- Backing Fabric 1 ¼ yard
- 1 Package Large Black Rick Rack
- Stabilizer
- KK2000 Spray Adhesive
- Rotary Cutting System
- Quilt Batting
- Amazing Designs AH01 Large Cat
- Amazing Designs AH02 Small Cat Face
- Triangle in a Square Rulers from Quilt in a Day
- Quilt Batting
- Embroidery Thread
- Sewing Thread

### **Instructions:**

# **Embroidery**

- 1. Position hoop stabilizer and ivory cotton on extra large hoop. Spray with KK2000 temporary adhesive to hold layers in place.
- 2. Embroider large cat design. Remove excess stabilizer. Using rotary cutting system, cut a 9.5" square block, centering the cat design in the middle of the block.
- 3. Repeat process to embroider the small cat face, using a smaller hoop and reducing the size of the cat face to 2.83 cm x 3.47 cm. Repeat for a total of four motifs. Cut the motifs into blocks, 4" square, centering the cat face in the middle of each block.

### Quilt

- 1. Cut one 3.5" strip from each of the 8 remaining fabrics. Cut strips into 3.5" squares.
- 2. Piece together eight 9 patch blocks, randomly placing the colors and patterns.
- 3. Stitch rick rack to sides of the embroidered large cat block.
- 4. Piece six of the 9 patch blocks together into 2 rows of 3 blocks.
- 5. For the middle row, piece one 9 patch block on either side of the embroidered large cat block. Press the seams.
- 6. Stitch rick rack to top and bottom of the embroidered large cat block. Tuck the raw edges of the rick rack towards the seam allowance.
- 7. Place the row with the embroidered large cat design in the middle of the rows. Stitch 3 rows together. For the first border, cut two 1 ¾" x 27 ½" strips and two 1 ¾" x 30" from the black/black stripe fabric. Stitch the two 27 ½" strips to the side of the quilt. Stitch the other two strips to the top and bottom of the quilt. For candy corn border, cut four strips of ivory cotton (1 ½" x 45"), orange/black dot (2" x 45"), and gold cotton (1 ½" x 45").
- 8. Stitch 4 strip sets of ivory, orange/black, and gold. Press. Using the triangle ruler as a template, cut 32 pieces.



- 9. Cut black/black cotton stripe into three 4" x 45" strips. Using triangle template, cut fabric into 36 triangle pieces. Stitch candy corn triangles to black triangles. With right sides facing, flip the small end of a black triangle to the wide end of a candy corn triangle and stitch them together. Next, flip another black to the other side of the candy corn triangle and stitch them together. Continue this process until there are 9 black triangles and 8 candy corn triangles in a row. Trim the ends of the rows, ¼" from the center of the last black triangle. Stitch 3 more rows of border candy corn and black triangles.
- 10. Stitch one row of candy corn to each side of quilt. Stitch a small cat face block to each of the ends of the other two rows of candy corn.

- 11. Stitch the last 2 rows of candy corn with small cat embroidery. Stitch one row to the top of the quilt and one row to the bottom of the quilt. Press.
- 12. Layer quilt top, quilt batting, and fabric backing. Pin or baste securely
- 13. Machine quilt and bind with black/black stripe fabric.

# **Ghostly Halloween Luminaries**

By: Susie Coelho for Krylon

Looking for an alternative to carving pumpkins this Halloween? Try making these Halloween luminaries instead! Unlike jack-o-lanterns, these decorative fall crafts can be used year after year. These ghostly votives are just the thing to give your home décor an eerie glow this October. They are so easy to make. Best of all, because the faces are painted on freehand, you can decide if you want to make your ghosts spooky, happy, or silly.



### **Materials:**

- Krylon Frosted Glass Finish White (#9040)
- Krylon Indoor/Outdoor Paint Bright White (#53517)
- Krylon Glowz® Glow-in-the-Dark (#3150)
- Krylon Short Cuts® Hobby/Craft Paint Pens -Black (#SCP914)
- **Round Glass Votives**
- Newspaper

- 1. Set up a spray area by covering a table or other work surface with newspaper. Place an extra smaller piece of newspaper under each individual votive that you can use to rotate the individual votive while you spray.
- 2. Begin spraying several light coats of Frosted Glass Finish on the lip of each votive. It is not necessary to saturate the lip as the idea is to create a "disappearing" gradation of white. Let dry.
- 3. Spray several light coats of bright white on the bottoms of the votives until covered. Concentrate on blending the white seamlessly with the frosted glass. Let dry.
- 4. Spray exterior of each vase with Glowz so that when the votive is lit, they will still glow-in-the-dark. Let dry.
- 5. Freehand facial features with black paint pen to give each ghost a personality.

# **Falling Leaves Candle Jar**

By: Armour Products

Turn a plain jar candle into a beautiful autumn decoration with this tutorial. The Falling Leaves Candle Jar features an etched design that calls to mind the scene outside your window in September and October. Although it looks sophisticated, this project is fun and easy. You can dress up a candle that you've stored in your closet for months. It makes a wonderful housewarming present or hostess gift. If you're going to someone else's house for Thanksgiving, show your gratitude with this pretty piece of home décor.



## **Materials:**

- Armour Etch Cream 3 oz
- 1 Package Rub N Etch Stencils- Leaves
- Jar Candle 22 oz
- Scissors
- Glass Cleaner

- Lint-Free Paper Towel
- Masking Tape − 1/2" wide
- Rubber Gloves
- Disposable Craft Brush

- 1. Wipe jar clean using paper towel and glass cleaner.
- 2. Cut apart leaf stencils.
- 3. Arrange leaves in a cascading pattern around jar, some to the right, some to the left, some facing the opposite direction. Mix large and small leaves for a more natural look. Hold each leaf in place with a piece of tape.
- 4. With leftover leaves, cover the lid of the jar.
- 5. Rub down each leaf stencil with Rub N Etch stick. Etch with Etch Cream, according to package instructions.
- 6. Rinse off cream. Let dry.
- 7. Decorate jar as desired with silk leaves, raffia, and fall ribbon.

# **Vintage Doily Pumpkins**

By: Mitzi Curi from Mitzi's Miscellany

These Vintage Doily Pumpkins are gorgeous fall decorations that go with practically any home décor. Decoupaged with vintage lace doilies in various colors, this no-carve pumpkin decorating idea is great for fall weddings, Thanksgiving, and even Halloween. If you want to give these crafts a spooky touch, add some black lace to each pumpkin. These pumpkins are festive, yet classic. To create a Thanksgiving centerpiece, dye crocheted doilies in autumn colors like red, orange, and yellow and apply them to the pumpkins.



### **Materials:**

- Vintage Doilies in White, Cream, and Ecru
- Dried Gourds or Faux Pumpkins and Gourds
- Mod Podge for Fabric

- Paintbrush or Foam Brush
- Off-White or Ivory Spray Paint
- Tin Foil

### **Instructions:**

1. Cover pumpkin stems with tin foil.



- 2. Apply spray paint to each pumpkin, allowing time for each coat to dry before applying another. Use however many coats are necessary to give the pumpkins an even color.
- 3. Cut doilies into smaller shapes as necessary to completely cover each pumpkin. For smaller pumpkins, slip one entire doily over the stem.



- 4. Cover work area with wax paper.
- 5. Coating one side of each doily with Mod Podge and place them on the pumpkins. Smooth down all the edges with your fingers. Let dry for about 2 hours.



6. Add a top coat of Mod Podge to each pumpkin.

# **Rustic Fall Vases**

By: Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts.com

Welcome guests into your home with these Rustic Fall Vases. This set of recycled glass bottles turns from garbage to gorgeous home décor with the help of some paint. Because this craft is not holiday specific, you can leave these easy fall decorations out from the time the first leaf falls to the days after Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving, these delightful jars make a great centerpiece for your holiday spread.



### **Materials:**

- Recycled Glass Jars
- Copper Micro Beads
- White Craft Glue
- Gold 3D Writer Paint
- Acrylic Craft Paint
  - o Red
  - o Orange
  - o Red-Brown
  - o Brown
  - o Green

### **Instructions:**

1. Wash and dry jars. Put red paint into one of the jars. Turn and tap outside of jar to movie the paint around. Add more paint until the entire inside of the jar is coated.



2. Turn jar upside down and place on a piece of scrap paper. Repeat painting process with remaining jars and colors. Let jars sit for about 30 minutes, then move each jar onto a fresh piece of scrap paper.



- 3. Use paintbrush or pallet knife to put excess paint back into craft paint bottles.
- 4. Leave jars upside down for another 30 minutes. Turn them right side up on a clean piece of paper.



5. Using paintbrush, apply white craft glue to each jar from the top of the rim to ¼" down rim.



- 6. Carefully roll glued rim in micro beads. Set aside to dry completely and repeat the process for the other jars.
- 7. Use a gold 3D Writer to write the word "fall" on the jars, using one letter per jar. Let dry overnight.
- 8. The excess paint inside the jar will pool at the bottom and could take a few days to dry up. Wait for jars to dry completely before adding silk flowers or other foliage to your vases.

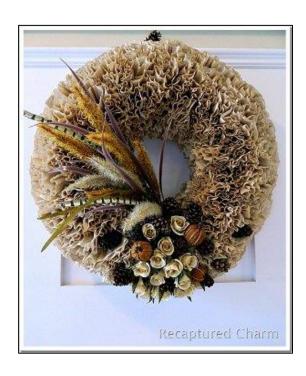
# **Rustic Coffee Filter Wreath**

By: Lisa DeNardi from Recaptured Charm

This Rustic Coffee Filter Wreath is an understated yet elegant piece of home décor that looks wonderful hanging from the wall. Visitors will hardly believe that the secret material to make this easy project is something they have in their own homes: coffee filters. Place one by your mantel or small side table. Although this DIY wall decoration looks great all year long, it is especially appropriate for fall. Round up unused coffee filters and put together this craft in a few hours.

### **Materials:**

- 200 Unbleached Coffee Filters
- Cinnamon Scented Pine Cones
- Foam Wreath
- Hot Glue Gun
- Wire
- Embellishments flowers, mini pumpkins, twine



# Instructions:

1. Wrap a wire around the top of the wreath. It is much easier to work the wire through the wreath before it is covered with coffee filters. You can use the wire hook to hang the wreath while you are adding flowers to this decoration. You will get a better sense of how the finished product will look on your wall.



2. Fold each filter in half. Pinch the bottom of each filter and pull it through your hand to make a flower. Flatten the bottom of the filter and glue it to the wreath. Starting from the center, glue filters until you reach the outer edge of the wreath. Remember to leave the back of the wreath flat.





- 3. Add embellishments, such as pine cones and pumpkins, to the wreath. This wreath includes cream color faux roses with the stems cut down.
- 4. Wrap twine around the wire. Top with a pine cone.



# **Autumn Leaves Afghan**

By: Red Heart Yarn

This unique afghan knitting pattern from Red Heart Yarn features 170 knit leaves in assorted autumn colors. This knit afghan looks beautiful when all leaves are assembled, creating a natural scalloped edge. Knit this afghan for fall or anytime.

### **Materials:**

- Yarn: Red Heart "Soft Yarn" Art. E728, 5 oz/256 yard balls: 2 balls each
   No. 1882 Toast CA, 4608 Wine CB, 4422 Tangerine CC, 9114 Honey CD,
   9522 Leaf CE, 9344 Chocolate CF.
- Knitting Needles: 5.5 mm [US 9]
- Crochet Hook: 5.5 mm [US I-9].
- Yarn needle
- stitch marker



### Instructions:

Whole Leaf (Make 170)- 28 each of 4 colors and 29 each of 2 colors OR mix colors as desired.

Cast on 30 sts. Row 1 (Right Side): K 13, SKP, place marker on needle, K to end -- 29 sts.

**Row 2:** K 1, P to 2 sts before marker, P2tog, sl marker, P to last st, K – 28 sts. RK to 2 sts before marker, SKP, sl marker, K to end – 27 sts.

Rep Rows 2 and 3, dec 1 st each row, until 4 sts remain; drop m

Next Row: K 1, SKP, K 1. Next Row: P3tog. Fasten off, leaving 12" tail

Half Leaf for Right Side (Make 10 in colors of choice)

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): K to last 3 sts, SKP, K 1.

Row 2: K 1, P to last st., K

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until 2 sts rem. Next Row: P2

Fasten off.

Half Leaf for Left Side (Make 10 in colors of choice)

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): K across. Row 2: K 1, P to last 3 sts, P2tog, K1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until 3 sts rem.

Next Row: P3tog. Fastern off.

**FINISHING:** Position leaves in 10 strips of 17, with a leaf pointing up and the next leaf pointing down, alternating across with various colors. Sew strips together. Sew half leaves into spaces at sides. Weave in ends.

**Edging** (Optional): With I hook and color of choice, sc across each end.

# **Fall Ripple Afghan**

By: Roseanna Beck for Favecrafts.com

Curl up with a big cup of tea under this beautiful Fall Ripple Afghan. This unique ripple crochet afghan pattern is perfect for cooler fall evenings, and the simple V-stitch design gives this crochet blanket pattern great visual appeal. Great for having on display in your living room, the Fall Ripple Afghan pattern can be created in a variety of color combinations to suit your style.



### **Materials:**

- 3 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Tea Leaf
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Cornmeal
- 2 skeins Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Pumpkin
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook or size needed for gauge

**Gauge:** rows – 3"; 1 Ripple – 4 1/4"

# **Special Stitches:**

- V Stitch (V St) (dc, ch 1, dc) as indicated in instructions.
- Dc Decrease (dc dec) holding back last loop of each stitch on hook, dc in next ch or stitch, skip next ch or stitch, dc in next ch or stitch, yo, pull through all loops on hook.



### **Instructions:**

Throw Measures: 44" x 58"

**Row 1** (RS): With tea leaf ch 144, dc in 4th ch from hook, \*dc in each of next 5 chs, dc dec, dc in each of next 5 chs\*\*, V St in next ch, repeat from \* across ending last repeat at\*\*, 2 dcs in last ch, turn.

**Row 2**: Ch 3, dc in same stitch, \*dc in each of next 5 dcs, dc dec, dc in each of next 5 dcs\*\*, V St in ch 1 space of V St, repeat from \* across ending last repeat at \*\*, 2 dcs in last dc, fasten off and turn.

Row 3: Join cornmeal with a slip stitch in first dc, ch 2, dc in same stitch, continue with Row 2, fasten off and turn.

**Row 4**: Join pumpkin with a slip stitch in first dc, ch 2, dc in same stitch, \*[skip 1 dc, dc in next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc dec, [ch 1, skip 1 dc, dc in next dc] 2 times, skip 1 dc, ch 1\*\*, V St in ch 1 space of V St, repeat from \* across ending last repeat at \*\*, 2 dcs in last dc, fasten off and turn.

**Row 5**: Join tea leaf with a slip stitch in first dc, ch 2, dc in same stitch, \*1 dc in each of next 5 stitches, dc dec, 1 dc in each of next 5 stitches\*\*, V St in ch 1 space of V St, repeat from \* across ending last repeat at \*\*, 2 dcs in last dc, turn. **Row 6**: Repeat Row 2, fasten off and turn.

### **Color Scheme**

1. Continue pattern for a total of 74 rows as follows: (2 rows tea leaf, 1 row cornmeal, 1 row pumpkin) 18 times, 2 rows tea leafEdging

### **Edging**

- 1. With tea leaf and wrong side facing work along right side edge start at bottom, sc in first dc, [ch 3, sc in next dc] across and fasten off.
- 2. Work along left side edge start at top, sc in first dc, [ch 3, sc in next dc] across and fasten off.

# **Winter Crafts**

# **Scrapbook Paper Christmas Tree**

By: Kim Moreno for Glitz Design

Use a heart punch to create a gorgeous paper Christmas tree perfect for the table, from Glitz Design.

### **Materials:**

- Glitz Kringle Ornaments Patterned Paper (any paper would do)
- Glitz Red Frosting Strip (round)
- Glitz Yellow Frosting Strip (round)
- Glitz Star Frositng Design
- Styrofoam tree
- Straight Pins
- Martha Stewart Lace Heart punch
- Yellow Cardstock
- Red Ribbon



- 1. Begin by punching the hearts (you will need almost a full sheet, depending on how full you want your tree)
- 2. Start at the bottom of the tree and work your way up in rounds. Pin the hearts upside down along the first row, then overlap and fill in the gaps for the 2nd row and continue until the tree is filled.
- 3. Pull apart the frosting strips and add around the tree as desired.
- 4. Add star frosting to yellow cardstock and cut out. Tie 2 red ribbon knots and trim the edges. Attach the ribbons to try using the straight pins. Then attach the star using a zot.



# **Felt Sweater Christmas Trees**

By Stefanie Girard for Craftside

These Felt Sweater Christmas Trees are not only cute, cuddly, and easy DIY Christmas crafts, they're also made from recycled sweaters! These trees would be great additions to your nostalgic Christmas decor!

### **Materials:**

- Eileen Hull's Flowers 3-D #2 die
- Green felt sweaters, or felt scraps
- Cardboard cones
- Die cut machine
- Hot glue gun

## **Instructions:**

1. Start by cutting scraps of the recycled wool felted sweaters and get all different shades of fringe sections.



2. Start at the bottom and hot glue each row of the die cut fringe.





3. Top with yarn poms, a star, or whatever you'd like!

# **Country Christmas Chalkboard**

By: Jessica for Mom 4 Real

Give your holiday decor a down home look with this Country Christmas Chalkboard. Inspired by a spread in Cottage Living Magazine, this home decor knockoff is made with a discarded mirror and some chalkboard paint. Hang this chalkboard on your mantel or on a wall and fill it with what you're grateful for this holiday season, your Christmas shopping list, or have your kids use it to write a little letter to Santa.



### **Materials:**

- Framed mirror
- White chalk paint
- Sanding block
- Chalkboard paint
- Chalk

### Instructions:

1. Use some white chalk paint, to cover the whole framed mirror — both the mirror and frame. You can then distress the wood part with a sanding block.



2. Paint the mirror with three coats of chalkboard paint. Allow to dry overnight. To make the chalk board look old and worn, draw and erase repeatedly.





Place chalkboard onto the mantle (or whever you would like to display it), and decorate with garland and other holiday decorations.

# **Crafty Coca Cola Advent Calendar**

By: Jennifer Perkins for iLoveToCreate

Easy DIY Christmas crafts, like this Crafty Coca Cola Advent Calendar from I Love to Create, are great holiday projects! Made from an old soda crate, vintage paper, and bingo numbers, this vintage Christmas decor is perfect for counting down the days until the big day!



# **Materials:**

- 24 Small Nails
- Hammer
- Tape
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Wrapping Paper
- Tim Holtz Hinge Clips
- Coca-Cola Crate
- Cardboard or chipboard
- Scissors
- Small Gift Tags
- Pen
- 24 Small Gifts
- Tim Holtz Bingo Game Pieces

# **Instructions:**

1. Measure the size of the 24 squares in your crate. Once you have a template, cut out 24 pieces of chipboard and cardboard.





2. Select 24 styles of paper and cut them into squares slightly larger than the cardboard pieces. Wrap the squares like gifts.





- 3. Using Tacky Glue, adhere small polka dotted gift cards to the backsides to give them a finished look.
- 4. Use Tacky Glue to attach the number chips and set aside to dry. You could also use sticker numbers if you can't find these.



5. Hammer in 24 small nails in the top center of each compartment.





6. After the bingo numbers are dry, hang each card by a small clip.



7. Once each compartment is filled with treasure, pieces of paper that say "Hooray! Today we are going to make a gingerbread house!", or what have you, hang your cards in numerical order.



8. Each day you and your child remove the appropriate hanging card and see what present or adventure awaits.

# **Crocheted Snowflake Table Runner**

By: Mary Jane Protus for Red Heart Yarn

Make this beautiful Crocheted Snowflake Table Runner from Red Heart Yarn to fancy up your kitchen or dining table this Christmas. This is an easy crochet pattern that you'll love passing on to your kids. Add some color to your runner by making every other snowflake a soft grey or blue. This is a beautiful decoration that you can enjoy all season long. It also makes a wonderful holiday gift for Christmas or Hanukkah.

# **Materials:**

- 2 skeins Red Heart Holiday Yarn in Aran with Gold Metallic
- 5.5 mm [US I-9] crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Diagram

# **Instructions:**

Runner measures 57" long x 14" wide.

# **Center Strip**

Ch 4, join with slip st to form a ring.

**Round 1** (right side): Ch 5 (counts as hdc, ch 3), [hdc,ch 3] 5 times in ring; join with slip st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-5—6 ch-3 spaces.

**Round 2**: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, (2 sc, ch 5, 2 sc) in next ch-3 space, \*sc in next hdc, (2 sc, ch 5, 2 sc) in next ch-3 space; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc—6 ch-5 spaces.

**Round 3**: Ch 1, sc in first sc, \*ch 3, [sc, ch 5, sc, ch 7 (point), sc, ch 5, sc] in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, ch 3, skip next 2 sc\*\*, sc in next sc; repeat from \* around, ending last repeat at \*\*, join with slip st in first sc—6 ch-7 points. Fasten off.

# Second Snowflake (2 points joined)

Rounds 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of first snowflake.

**Round 3**: Ch 1, sc in first sc, \*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 3) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, with wrong sides together, slip st in corresponding ch-7 point on previous snowflake, ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same ch of ch-5 space on current snowflake, ch 3, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat \* once; \*\*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 7, sc, ch 5, sc) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, ch 3, skip next 2 sc\*\*\*, sc in next sc; repeat from \*\* around, ending last repeat at \*\*\*, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

# Third through Twelfth Snowflake

Work 10 more snowflakes same as second snowflake, joining in a strip, skipping 1 point on each side of snowflakes.

# **First Side Strip**

First Snowflake (3 points joined): Rounds 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of first snowflake.

**Round 3**: Ch 1, sc in first sc, \*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 3) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, with wrong sides together, slip st in first ch-7 space on top snowflake on center strip to the right of joining, ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same ch of ch-5 space on current snowflake, ch 3, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat \* twice, joining with slip st to junction between 2 snowflakes, then joining to next ch-7 point; \*\*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 7, sc, ch 5, sc) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, ch 3, skip next 2 sc\*\*\*, sc in next sc; repeat from \*\* around, ending last repeat at \*\*\*, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

# Second Snowflake (4 points joined)

Rounds 1-2: Repeat rounds 1-2 of first snowflake.

**Round 3**: Ch 1, sc in first sc, \*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 3) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, with wrong sides together, slip st in corresponding ch-7 space on previous snowflake on same strip, ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same ch of ch-5 space on current snowflake, ch 3, skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat \* 3 times, joining with slip st to next 2 junctions between 2 snowflakes, then joining to next ch-7 point; \*\*ch 3, (sc, ch 5, sc, ch 7, sc, ch 5, sc) in 3rd ch of next ch-5 space, ch 3, skip next 2 sc\*\*\*, sc in next sc; repeat from \*\* around, ending last repeat at \*\*\*, join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

# Third through Eleventh Snowflake

Work 9 more snowflakes same as second snowflake, joining in a strip across side of center strip, following assembly diagram for placement.

# **Second Side Strip**

Make and join 11 more snowflakes joining to center strip same as first side strip, following Assembly Diagram (see link, above) for placement.

Weave in ends.

# **Stunning New Year's Centerpiece**

By: Dondi Richardson for Flora Craft

A blue and silver tablescape is great for New Year's eve celebrations. With this Stunning New Year's Centerpiece from FloraCraft, you're guests are sure to be impressed. Use STYROFOAM of various heights and sizes to create something elegant and striking.



# **Materials:**

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Balls: 2", 2.5", 3"
- Mini Silver Ornaments
- Ribbons: 1.5" wide blue/brown, and 7/8" wide blue shimmer
- Glass or Acrylic Gems: Icy Blue
- Low-Temp Glue Gun & glue sticks

- 1. Silver Ornament Ball: Remove hangers from mini silver ornaments. Attach the tops of the ornaments into the ball of STYROFOAM\* using low-temp glue until the ball is completely covered. (Hint: it takes about 36 ¾" mini ornaments to cover a 2.5" ball.)
- 2. Ribbon Wrapped Ball: Glue one end of the blue/brown ribbon to the side of a ball and wrap all the way around gluing again where you started. Repeat this step with lengths of ribbon to completely cover the ball. Glue the blue shimmer ribbon on top of the blue/brown ribbon wrapping the ball twice dividing it into quarters as shown.
- 3. Blue Gem Ball: Attach the gems using low-temp glue to completely cover the ball and press the gems on tightly. Press gems for a few seconds, giving the glue time to dry.
- 4. Arrange on a platter or directly on the table. Decorate STYROFOAM cones for added dimension.

# **Festival of Light Luminary**

By: Glassy Ladies Studio for Diamond Tech

Celebrate Hanukkah with this Festival of Light Luminary. Made with a KraftyBlok and a selection of mosaic chips, this beautiful glass project is a wonderful way to celebrate the miracle of light. Best of all, you can easily have this on display in your home year-round.



# **Materials:**

- Original KraftyBlok™
- 2 5oz pkgs Jennifer's Mosaics™ Blue Cathedral Stained Glass Chips
- Contact Paper
- Clear Mosaic Adhesive
- String of Lights or a Lightbulb with a 6' Cord
- Craft Knife or Scissors
- Krylon® Frosted Glass Finish
- 28" Length of Blue/Silver Ribbon
- 6 Rhinestones
- Pattern

- 1. To protect work surface, cover with newspaper.
- 2. Remove the labels and clean all surfaces of the KraftyBlok™.
- 3. Spray both sides of the KraftyBlok™ with Krylon® Frosted Glass Finish following the manufacturer's instructions, allow to dry.
- 4. While paint is drying, enlarge the pattern to fit the block surface.
- 5. Place pattern on the work surface and tape down.
- 6. Cut a piece of contact paper a little larger than the pattern. Remove the backing from the contact paper and place sticky side up over the pattern, tape into position.
- 7. Nip 3/4" blue cathedral stained glass chips in half and place them along the perimeter of the pattern to form the border. Leave 1/8" between each piece.

- 8. Randomly nip blue cathedral glass tiles into random shapes. Fit shapes like a jigsaw puzzle into the body of the star. MOSAIC TIP: Never nip over the contact paper as it may cause the paper to become less tacky. For nipping instructions, visit our Creative Corner at www.DiamondTechCrafts.com.
- 9. When paint has dried, position the KraftyBlok™ on your work surface, with the 8" x 8" surface side up and the stopper opening facing down, towards you.
- 10. Apply mosaic adhesive to the glass and place the mosaic, glass side down onto the surface of the KraftyBlok™. Allow mosaic to dry overnight.
- 11. When the glue has sufficiently dried (refer to manufacturer's instructions), remove contact paper.
- 12. Using an adhesive apply one rhinestones between each of the points on the star.
- 13. Wrap a 28" ribbon around the side of the KraftyBlok™ and tuck the ends inside the opening and glue into place.
- 14. Place the light bulb or string of lights inside the KraftyBlok™ for a stunning holiday glow.

# **Pink and Red Crocheted Hearts**

By: Phyllis for Many Creative Gifts

Use this free crochet pattern for a lovely Valentine's gift or decoration. This is a great pattern for a beginner or intermediate crocheter. You can make these lovely hearts and use them as window hangings, coasters, or even as applique accents for an afghan or quilt! Make 2 hearts of the same size and sew them together to make a pocket. Fill with candy, treats, or a note to a loved one and spread the love on Valentine's Day!



# **Materials:**

- 1 skein worsted weight yarn
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook

**Guage:** 7 sts = 1"; 2 1/2 rows = 1 inch

# Instructions:

Small heart measures about 3 1/2 inches tall and about 3 1/2 inches across; larger heart is about 4 inches tall and 4 inches across.

# **Small Heart**

- 1. Round 1: (RS) Ch 5, sl st into 1st ch to create loop, ch 2, 19 dcs into loop sl st into top of 1st dc, do not turn throughout
- 2. Round 2: Ch 1, 2 scs into next 2 sts, 1 hdc into next 3 sts, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 3 dcs into next st (creates bottom tip of heart), 1 dc into next 4 sts, 1 hdc into next 3 sts, 2 scs in next 2 sts, sl st to 1st sc (25 sts)
- 3. Round 3: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 hdcs in next st, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, 1 sc in next 4 sts, 3 scs in next st (should be in the middle sc of 3-sc tip of row below), 1 sc in next 4 sts, 1 hdc in next 2 sts, 1 dc in next 4 sts, 2 hdcs in next st, 1 sc in next st, st st to 1st sc (29 sts)
- 4. Round 4: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next 4 sts, 1 sc in next 8 sts, 3 scs in next st (again, should be in the tip), 1 sc in next 8 sts, 2 dcs in next 4 sts, 1 dc in next st, 1 sc in next st, sl st to 1st sc (39 sts)
- 5. Round 5: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 dcs in next 3 sts, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in next 7 sts, 3 scs in next st (again, should be the tip), 1 sc in next 7 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 1 dc in next st, 2 dcs in next st, 2 dcs in next st, 2 dcs in next st, st to 1 st sc (51 sts)
- 6. Fasten off here for small heart; add one more round, below, for larger heart.

# **Large Heart**

1. Round 6: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 1 sc in next 8 sts, 3 scs in next st (tip), 1 sc in next 8 sts, 1 hdc in next 4 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dcs in next st, 1 sc in last st, sl st to 1st st (61 sts), fasten off.



# Valentine's Day Mug Cozy

By: Sue from Crochet Addict

Enjoy a nice cup of coffee or hot cocoa with this cute Valentine's Day Mug Cozy. This adorable crocheted Valentine's Day gift is perfect for enjoying a nice warm beverage with your loved one during the cold winter months. This cute mug cozy also makes a great gift for a teenager or friend. No matter who you're showering with love on Valentine's Day, this easy crochet pattern is a great way to do it!

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# **Materials:**

- Crochet Hook size 5 mm (H)
- Cream Double Knit (8ply) yarn
- Pink Double Knit (8ply) yarn
- 1 yarn needle
- 1 x 20mm Button
- 1 x 25mm Button (optional)

# **Abbreviations:**

- HK hook
- CH chain
- SS Slip Stitch
- ST Stitch
- HDC half double crochet
- HDC INC 2 hdc in the same stitch
- SC Single crochet
- SC INC 2 Single crochet in the same stitch
- DC double crochet
- TR Treble crochet







# Instructions:

Ch 2 counts as a hdc

Ss is joined to the top of the Ch 2

\*If you are making a cozy for a specific mug check sizing as you go. You might not need to do as many rounds 1-6 (if you want to make the bottom smaller) & you might not need as many rounds up for the height 9 – 14.

# Ch 2

8 hdc in 2nd ch from hk, ss to join (8)

Ch 2, 1 hdc in same st, 7 hdc inc, ss to join to top of the ch 2 (16)

Ch 2, 2 hdc in nxt st, \*1 hdc, 1 hdc inc\* x 7, ss to join (24)

Ch 2, 1 hdc in nxt st, 1 hdc inc, \*2 hdc, 1 hdc inc\* x 7, ss to join (32)

Ch 2, 1 hdc in nxt st, 1 hdc, 1 hdc inc, \*3 hdc, 1 hdc inc\* x 7, ss to join (40)

Ch 2, 39 hdc, ss to join – in back loop only (40)

Ch 2, 39 hdc, ss to join (40)

Ch 2, 39 hdc, ch 2, turn (40)

39 hdc, ch 2, turn (40)

Ch 2, 39 hdc, ch 7, ss back at the start of the chain to create a loop, finish

Attach the 20mm button at the top of the gap so that the loop can fasten around the top of the mug handle. If you would like to add appliques at different times of the year fasten the 25mm button to the centre of the cozy.

# Heart



Ch 6, join with ss

Ch 2 (mark the top of the ch 2 with a stitch marker, counts as a stitch), in the ring – 1 dc, 1 hdc, 2 sc, 1 hdc,, 1 dc, 2 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 ss, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 2 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, ss to the top of the ch 2 to join. (18)

Ch 1, 5 sc, 3 sc inc, 1 sc, 1 ss, 1 sc, 3 sc inc, 4 sc, ss to join to ch 1 (finish) (24)

# **Doorstop Snowman**

By Mechille Green

Get in the holiday spirit with this unexpected snowman Christmas crafts! This Doorstop Snowman is fun and easy to make - use your imagination and see fantastic results!

# **Materials:**

- 1 block
- White exterior paint
- Acrylic paint colors, orange, pink, black
- Fleece material (any color or design)
- Misc. Buttons
- Hot glue gun



- 1. Paint block white, and let dry.
- 2. Cut fabric in a strip long enough to wrap around the top of the block and knot for scarf.
- 3. Create a cap on top of the block, glue in place with hot glue.
- 4. Affix buttons down front of block as shown in the photo with hot glue.
- 5. Draw the face with pencil then finish with acrylic paint, as shown in photo.



# **Clay Pot Snowmen**

By Amanda Formaro for FaveCrafts.com

Don't put those clay pots away yet! Even when the spring is coming to a close, you can use those planters to create these adorable Clay Pot Snowmen! This project from Amanda Formaro is easy and perfect to have on display indoors and out.

# **Materials:**

- 2" clay pots
- Gesso or white paint
- Ivory or white fabric
- Mod Podge Antique matte
- Colored patterned fabric
- Fine point black Sharpie
- Paint: pink, black, orange
- Rusted wire
- Round nose pliers

# **Instructions:**

1. Paint clay pots with Gesso or white paint.



2. Trace bottom of clay pot on the ivory fabric. Cut out the circle and fold in half then in half again. Cut the tip off to create a hole in the middle of the circle. Decoupage this circle to the bottom of the pot.





3. Decoupage ivory fabric onto the sides of the clay pot.





- 4. Decoupage patterned fabric onto the rim of the pot.
- 5. Apply a coat of decoupage over the entire pot and rim and let dry completely.
- 6. Use scruffy brush dipped in pink paint, excess paint dabbed off on a paper towel, to add cheeks.



7. Use the handle end of the brush dipped in black paint to add eyes. Use a Sharpie to draw on mouths. Add nose with orange paint. Let the paint dry completely then add another layer of decoupage.





8. Make ornament hangers from rusty wire by bending a length of wire in half and creating a loop. Then twist the wire below the loop together. Insert the twisted end into the hole in the bottom of the pot. Squeeze the loop together so that you can push the loop almost all the way through the hole. This will give you enough room to coil the twisted end of the wire around your round nose pliers to keep the hanger from coming back through the hole. Push the loop back up through the hole and widen the loop again.









# **Spring Crafts**

# **Blooming Irish Flower Pin**

By Julia Stainton from Glue Dots

Get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with this Blooming Irish Flower Pin. Great for showing off your Irish pride, this ribbon flower is great for accessorizing your jacket, purse, hair, or scarf. Even if it isn't St. Patrick's Day, you can make all kinds of colored roses with this easy-to-follow tutorial. Great for turning into more than just pins, this adorable Irish rose a wonderful way to add a touch of green to your outfit.



# **Mateirals:**

- XXL Glue Dots
- Craft Glue Dots
- Green Silk Ribbon by May Arts
- Twine
- Leaves by Maya Road
- Green Leaf Trinket Pins by Maya Road
- Tulle by Maya Road
- Patterned paper
- Pinback

- 1. Peel the backing off of an XXL Glue Dot.
- 2. Spiral and twist silk ribbon around the XXL Glue Dot by starting in the center and spiraling outward.
- 3. Press the ribbon firmly onto the XXL Glue Dot.
- 4. Once covered, peel off the clear backing of the XXL Glue Dot and adhere the silk ribbon tail to reverse side.
- 5. Adhere leaves and tulle trim around the ribbon tail on the backside of the XXL Glue Dot. Press firmly to secure hold.
- 6. Peel off the backing of an XXL Glue Dot and place over the ribbon tail, ends of leaves and tulle (sandwich the ends of the materials between the two XXL Glue Dots).
- 7. Punch a circle of patterned paper 2" in diameter to cover the exposed XXL Glue Dots and adhere.
- 8. Use Craft Glue Dots to adhere the pinback to the backside of the flower.

# **Shamrock Centerpiece**

By: Sarah Forhan for Consumer Crafts

Host a [sham]rockin' party with this shamrock centerpiece from Consumer Crafts. These St. Patrick Day party ideas are the perfect way to observe the holiday.

# **Materials:**

- Foam Green Discs Item #01071P
- Silver Tulle Item #2913-25
- Apple Green Tulle Item #2913-41
- Pearlized Stamens Item #02PFS-21-P
- Corsage Pins 2.5" Item # 38006
- Silver Bowdabra Bow Wire Item # BOW3060
- Brass Head Pin Item #1880-12
- Green Seed Bead Item# 1101-43
- Double Gypso Faux Flower Spray Item #DS-104-00
- Florist Wire Lime Item #1186-51
- 24 gauge Jewelry Wire Item #32030-4

- 1. Begin by following the Tulle Flower Tutorial to make four green and silver tulle flowers. Please note I omitted the floral leaves.
- 2. Next, I used the Cutting Styrofoam Tutorial to cut 4 hearts and a clover stem. I then glued the pieces together with tacky glue, and let dry. I used the tacky glue liberally and waited an entire day for it to dry.
- 3. Once the glue was dry I used a hot glue gun to attach green ribbon around the edges of the clover. The hot glue worked really well to attach the ribbon to the Styrofoam, however, experiment first with a scrap piece of Styrofoam because often the hot glue will melt the Styrofoam. When using the hot glue run a thin bead of glue along the Styrofoam and immediately attach the ribbon.

4. Now, place the tulle flowers into the center of the Styrofoam clover. Then using white petals that you disassembled from a faux flower spray (item #DS-104-00) attach them to the Styrofoam using brass head pins threaded with small green seed beads.



5. Place the small flowers with bead centers around the entire floral arrangement.



6. Next, form a clover from the lime green florist wire. Forming the clover is a delicate process. First, begin by unraveling several feet of the wire and then slowly start to form the clover. To form the indents on each clover petal use something hard like the edge of a screw driver. Complete the clover by wrapping the floral wire with jewelry wire and small green seed beads.



7. Finish the arrangement by inserting the wire clover into the center of your arrangement. Place the floral arrangement on your table as a St. Patty's Day Centerpiece.



# **Bunny Peeps Bunting**

By: Dana Willard of Made, wwww.dana-made-it.com

Sweet bunny and chick marshmallow Peeps have become a favorite symbol for Easter. Dana Willard came up this clever tribute to bunny peeps, with a bunny peeps garland made from yellow or pink felt.

# **Materials:**

- Felt- 1/2 yard or less, yellow or pink
- Brown fabric paint
- Pencil (or other round object)
- Ribbon/fabric for bunting
- Sewing machine

# Instructions:

- 1. First, cut out your pattern (pg. 57).
- 2. Fold your felt in half. Trace and cut out as many bunnies as you'd like.



3. Dip your pencil eraser in the paint, and dab it onto each bunny to make the eyes and nose. Make sure you place a piece of paper under your bunny because paint may seep through to the back.



- 4. Let your bunnies dry for a hour (or longer).
- 5. While you're waiting for the faces to dry, prep your bunting ribbon. You can use fabric, ribbon, rope, colorful twine



6. Sew each bunny's back on to the ribbon while the faces were drying. Lay them down, one at a time and sew across the ears. Repeat until all the bunnies backs are attached to the ribbon.





7. After sewing the back bunnies on by their ears, sew the front bunnies on top, sewing the front to the backs.

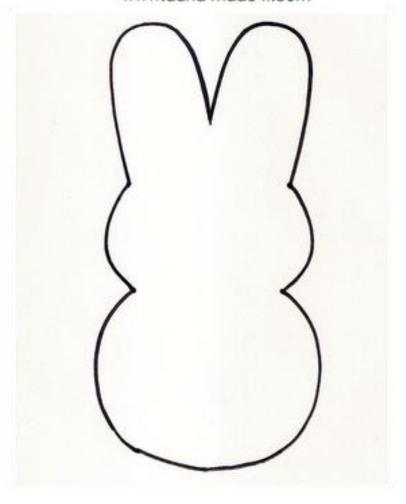




8. Repeat this step till all your bunnies are on.



# PEEPS Bunny Bunting Pattern www.dana-made-it.com



# **Hoppy Easter Clay Pot Centerpiece**

By: Benetta Strydom for FaveCrafts.com

Create adorable Easter decorations for the home with this cute Hoppy Easter Clay Pot Centerpiece. Perfect for displaying all the yummy treats brought by the Easter Bunny, this DIY Easter decor is a great way to celebrate the magic of spring. Kids and adults alike will love this cute terra cotta pot craft, and you'll be sure to love how quick and simple this springtime decoration is to make.

# **Materials:**

- Small Easter bunny soft toy
- White terra cotta pot
- White twine
- Hot pink raffia
- Mini speckled chocolate eggs
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Mother-of-pearl rose-colored acrylic paint
- Paintbrush

- 1. Start by adding a bit of craft glue to the bottom of the pot, and glue the twine to the pot.
- 2. Wind the twine tightly all around the pot, adding a bit of glue to a small section before pressing the twine down onto the pot.



- 3. Continue winding the twine all around the pot until you reach the upper lip of the pot.
- 4. When reaching the top, press the end of the twine down and use some glue to keep it in place.
- 5. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- 6. Use the paintbrush and rose-colored acrylic paint to give the twine a nice even pink coat, and allow to dry thoroughly again.



7. Cut the raffia into small strips and fill the pot with the raffia.



- 8. Place the Easter bunny in the pot.
- 9. Add a few mini chocolate speckled eggs to finish it off.

# **Bottle Cap Crosses**

By: The Designers of iLoveToCreate

Use bottle caps and family pictures to create Christian crosses full of reminders of what to be thankful for. These crosses from I Love to Create are a great activity for Bible studies and families to make together. These crosses could also be an Easter craft.

# **Materials:**

- Tulip® 3D Fashin Paint™
- 65426 Blueberry Sparkles
- FLSK7-4 Sugar Plum 4z nly
- Aleene's<sup>®</sup> Fast Grab Tacky Glue<sup>®</sup>
- Bottle caps, 10 per cross
- Ribbon, 8"
- Template, circle 1-1/16" or hole punch same size
- Pictures
- Brush, flat
- Foil
- Craft sticks, jumbo
- Scissors



- 1. Squeeze Glitter Paint on foil. Brush on one side of craft stick. Let dry. Repeat on other side. Let dry. Brush Paint around zig zag edges of bottle caps. Let dry with wet paint up.
- 2. Glue craft sticks together in a cross with about 1-\%" of vertical stick above edge of other stick. Let dry.
- 3. Using circle template, draw a circle around each picture. Cut out pictures or use a punch to make circles for bottle caps. Apply a very small amount of Glue, to inside of bottle cap. Push picture in cap and press around edges.
- 4. Fold ribbon in half and tie a knot about 1" from fold. Glue ends of ribbon flat against stick at top. Glue all bottle caps on cross. Let dry flat. NOTE: Top and bottom caps may hang over edge of craft stick a little bit.

# **Big Dreams Butterfly Window**

By: Brittany aka Pretty Handy Girl

Capture big dreams before they fly away with this Big Dreams Butterfly Window from Brittany aka Pretty Handy Girl. Made with an old window frame, this butterfly wall decor is great for decorating a nursery room. Bring color and life into your home with this beautiful art piece!



# **Materials:**

- Cardstock weight scrapbook paper
- Cardstock letter paper
- Butterfly hole punch
- Real Butterfly Wings
- Glitter
- Mod podge
- Small cup (to pour mod podge into)
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Eye bolts for hanging
- Rope for hanging
- Bottle of Resin (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)
- Bottle of Hardener (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)

- 2 Mixing Cups (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)
- Stir Sticks (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)
- Rubber gloves (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)
- Disposable brush (Included in the EnviroTex Lite kit)
- Utility lighter
- Glitter
- Protective plastic to cover work surface
- Exhaust fan (set up in a window to pull fumes away and out of the room)
- Dust mask
- Eye googles
- Level

# **Instructions:**

1. Start by cutting out paper letters and punching out butterflies. Then lay out the design on the window panes.



2. When you are happy with the design, anchor everything onto the window using mod podge. Paint a thin layer of mod podge on the back of each letter and paper butterfly. Then pressed them down onto the window panes. This step is important as it keeps everything in place while pouring the resin.



3. Use extreme caution with the butterfly wings so as not to break them or brush too much of the color off.



4. Gently press the wings onto the window. You may need to replace the butterfly's body with a paper one so it doesn't stick up above the resin.

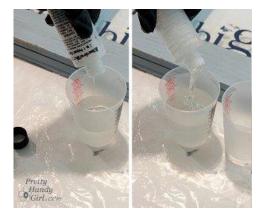


5. Before the mod podge can dry completely, carefully wipe any excess off the window. If you leave some mod podge exposed on the window, it will be immortalized in the resin forever!

6. Rub on transfers work perfectly for the butterfly's missing antennae.



- 7. Set the window on the protective plastic. Set the level on top of the window. Check both directions and prop up your piece using shims under the window or under the table legs until the window is completely level. Skipping this step will result in the resin puddling in the corners of each pane and leaving an inconsistent depth.
- 8. Put on your protective gloves, dust mask and eye goggles. And don't forget to turn on the exhaust fan. No need to fry your brain during this project
- 9. Pour equal amounts of each bottle into the first cup.



10. Stir the resin and hardener mixture thoroughly with the wooden stick. Be sure to scrape the sides of the cup. Then pour the mixture into the second cup. And thoroughly mix the mixture again.



11. After your mixture is thoroughly mixed, begin by pouring small amounts into the center of each pane. (I only poured the resin into the four panes that had objects pasted on them.)



12. Use the brush to gently spread the resin mixture to the edges of each pane. The resin will level itself as it dries.



13. After the resin is spread evenly, sprinkle some glitter around the letters and butterflies.



14. After a few minutes little bubbles will rise to the top of the resin. Use the lighter several inches above the project to pop the air bubbles.



- 15. Check back after about 5-10 minutes and pop any newly formed bubbles. Let the resin dry overnight (at least 4-5 hours. Times may vary depending on temperature and humidity.)
- 16. When the resin is completely hardened, use a drill bit to drill holes in the top of the window, then insert eye bolts on each side. Thread some rope through the eye bolts and hang your new piece of art!



# **Blooming Spring Hat**

By: Lindsey Obermeyer for Serendipity

Projects that have crochet and knitting together can blossom into beautiful things, like this Blooming Spring Hat from Lindsay Obermeyer. Who doesn't love colorful spring hats? With flowers and leaves topping this beanie, you'll be in the spirit of spring in no time!

# **Materials:**

- 1 Skein Manos (or other worsted weight yarn) in color #70
- Assorted bits of pink, red and green yarn from previous projects
- 1 16" #9 Circular needle
- 1 Set of #9 double points (you could do the whole project on double points)
- 1 G crochet hook (or size to match assorted bits of pink and red)
- 1 Set of straight knitting needles in size to work the green leaves
- 1 Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors



Guage: 4 stitches to the inch; 6 rows to the inch; on #9 needle using Manos

# Hat

- 1. Cast on 80 stitches and join circle.
- 2. Add a stitch marker to mark beginning and end of round.
- 3. Work in Garter Stitch for first inch. Remember that Garter in the round is \*K a round, purl a round\* repeat from \* to \* for one inch.
- 4. Switch to Stockinette Stitch and continue for 4 more inches. In the round, this means you are just knitting.
- 5. On final round of the body, place stitch markers every 10 sts.
- Decrease round is worked as a K2tog after every stitch marker.
- 7. Knit the next round. You will continue working a decrease round and then knitting a round until you have only 8 stitches left. At some point, around 40 stitches, you will want to switch to double pointed needles as the crown of the hat is too small to continue working on a circular needle.
- 8. With 8 stitches left, cut a long tail and pull it through the remaining stitches. Pull firmly and weave in all tails.



# **Flower**

- 1. Chain 21 stitches. Leave a long tail.
- 2. Turn, skip 2 sts.
- 3. Double crochet 3 times in the next stitch.
- 4. Continue working a DC 3 times in each stitch. The piece will begin to form a corkscrew.
- 5. When only 5 stitches remain, work a DC in the next stitch and the rest in a half double crochet. Bind off.
- 6. Leave a long tail.

# Leaves

- 1. Cast on 1 stitch. Leave a long tail.
- 2. Work an increase 2 stitches.
- 3. Work an increase in both stitches 4 stitches.
- 4. Work an increase in the end stitches 6 stitches.
- 5. Knit for 3 rows.
- 6. Work an SSK (slip, slip, knit) on the right side and a K2tog on the left 4 stitches.
- 7. Work an SSK (slip, slip, knit) on the right side and a K2tog on the left 2 stitches.
- 8. K2tog. Cut tail and pull through final stitch. Work in this tail, but leave the other.

# **Finishing**

- 1. Open up the first corkscrew / flower. Use one of the tails and stitch the corkscrew into a spiral / rosette formation onto the crown of the hat. Bring tail to back of work (hat crown) and tie to first tail. Work in ends.
- Continue until all "flowers" are attached.
- 3. Sew on leaves where needed visually. Work in tails.

# **Denim Apron and Basket for Mom**

By Kendra McCracken for Fiskars

This Denim Apron and Basket from Fiskars would make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. Great for women who love gardening, crafting, and organizing, this 2 part gift is eco-friendly and easy to make. Fill with new gardening tools for a gift that will keep on giving for years!



# **Materials:**

- 1 pair of jeans
- 1/2 yard burlap
- Fabric scraps
- Thread
- 2/3 yard fabric for ties
- Velcro
- Nylon strapping
- Titanium Comfort Stick Rotary Cutter 45 mm
- Cutting Mat (18" x 24")
- Razor-edge Softgrip® Scissors (8")

# Instructions:

1. Rip out the crotch seam of the jeans using the Fiskars Sew Taxi. Use a Fiskars acrylic ruler, rotary cutter, and cutting mat to do this. Prior to cutting the bottom edge, use the 8" Razor-Edge Softgrip Scissors to cut along outside leg seams which helped flatten out the back of the jeans and made it easier to cut them. Leave the inside leg seams intact so the legs can be used for the garden tool caddy.



2. Rather than just hem the bottom edge, add a simple ruffle and some crocheted trim removed from an old pillowcase. To create the tie for the apron, stitch 5" wide strips of fabric together end to end, press the seams open, and fold strip in half lengthwise with right sides together. Stitch the raw edges together, leaving a small opening for turning. Turn the strip right side out, and stitch along the edge with the seam. Loop the tie through the belt loops.



3. The legs of the jeans became the panels for the garden tool caddy. Open up the legs of your jeans and measure burlap to fight, plus a few extra inches to make pockets. Measure burlap to a height of 7 1/2" for the length. You can add more or less to fit your needs. Hem the bottom edge 1/2 inch, ironing it to crease it.



4. To make the binding for the top edge of the pockets, divide the length of the burlap strip by 3 (for 3 pockets) and piece together 3 different fabrics to this length. The height of the strips is 4 inches. Then fold and press the long edges of the strip in toward the center (wrong sides together) to create a 2 inch tall strip and folded it in half again ending up with a 1 inch tall strip. Pin this over the top edge of the burlap pocket and stitched in place. Doing this piecing not only adds an interesting patchwork look but it makes the next step easier.



- 5. Divide the width of the jean leg by 3 (for 3 pockets) and marked the leg by drawing a line from the bottom edge up to the height of the pocket. Place the burlap pocket on the jean leg, and stitch the sides down, and stitch again to reinforce.
- 6. Find the seams for the binding strip along the top of the fabric, and line them up on the lines marked on the jean leg, pinning them in place. Pleat the bottom edge of the burlap pocket just by eyeballing the material, and pin the pleats down. Stitch from the top of the pocket to the bottom between the pleats, and stitch again to reinforce. Stitch along the pleated bottom edge of the burlap pocket. Stitch again 1/4" from the first stitch line. To keep the pockets more formed, pleat the top edge of the pocket (again by eyeballing it) and stitch 1/4 inch from the edge just in the binding area. You can stitch farther down the side of the pocket to stabilize it even more if desired.



- 7. You can also add burlap pockets to the flaps that fold over to the inside of the bucket to tuck these into. If you do this, make sure to sew the pockets on "upside down" so they will be right side up when the flap is folded over.
- 8. To finish the caddy stitch the 2 jean leg panels to a nylon strap that fit in the recessed area of the lip at the top of the bucket and added a velcro closure. This strap should be about 6 inches longer than the circumference of the bucket and have a metal ring stitched to one end. Looping the strap through the metal ring allows for the strap to be pulled very snugly around the top of the bucket and held tightly in place with the velcro.

# **Adorable Mom Flowers**

**By Plaid Enterprises** 

Get cute and creative for Mother's day. She deserves something adorable like these flowers from Plaid. They're easy to make and she'll be so excited when you give them to her.



# **Materials:**

- 2782 FolkArt ® Extreme Glitter™ Hologram, 5 oz.
- 438 FolkArt ® Acrylic Colors Ballet Pink, 2 oz.
- 54133 Simply ® Stamps Jive Alphabet
- 938 FolkArt <sup>®</sup> Acrylic Colors Licorice, 2 oz.
- CS11305 Mod Podge ® Matte, 4 oz.
- Pink scrapbook paper
- Brush
- Hot glue

- Hot glue gun
- 3 large flowers
- 3-3" wooden circles
- Green ribbon
- Large rhinestone heart
- Pink shredded filler for baskets
- Recycled vase
- Scissors

- 1. Paint the 3 wooden circles ballet pink and allow to dry. Add the extreme glitter on top and allow that to dry.
- 2. Cut out 3 circles from scrapbook paper slightly smaller than the wooden circles. Glue each paper cutout to one of the wooden painted circles using the mod podge. Allow to dry and then stamp "M", "O", "M" on each of the circles with licorice.
- 3. Allow an adult to hot glue the circles to the centers of each flower. Insert flowers into the vase making sure they are in the right order. Add the pink filler in between each stem tightly to make sure they will stay in place.
- 4. Tie the ribbon in a bow around the center of vase and the glue on rhinestone.

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