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Happy Spring, Readers!

In this eBook, you'll find 26 craft projects to try out with your kids! Celebrate the coming of spring with a day of crafting together. The crafts in this book include homemade butterflies, clay pot crafts, and faux flowers to spruce up your home. These crafts will add cheerfulness to your home just in time for spring. Peek inside for some great Easter kids' crafts too!

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Kids' Flower Crafts

Bright Button Flowers

By: Heidi Borchers

Use old buttons to create these Bright Button Flowers. Crafts made from recycled items are a fun and cheap way to go green.



Materials:

- Buttons - 5 Assorted sizes & colors (mine are from Blumenthal Lansing Buttons)
- Wooden skewer sticks (stems)
- Embroidery floss - approximately 10" for each flower
- Glue (I've used Aleene's Tacky Glue)
- Fabric (tear into strips approximately 5/8" wide x 18" long) for covering wood skewer
- Ribbon (for stem) 1/2" x 10"

Instructions:

1. Snip a small cut 5/8" from the edge of fabric with scissors.



2. Tear into strip.



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3. Gather your wooden skewers and fabric strips.



4. To wrap the fabric onto the wooden skewer, place small amount of glue onto the end of the skewer.



5. Place about 1/2" of the end of the fabric strip into the glue.



6. Bend fabric over and twist the skewer as you wrap the fabric.



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7. Place glue onto the last 1" of strip and continue to wrap to end of fabric.



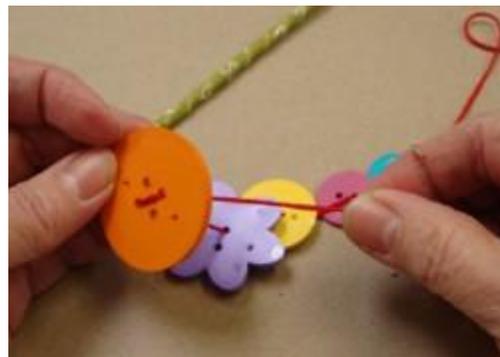
8. Place a small amount of glue on each end of the embroidery floss and twist end with fingers. Let glue dry. When glue is dried, the dried glue on the end of the floss will be the 'needle' to go through the buttons holes.



9. Stack the buttons, with the smallest on top. Put the embroidery floss 'needle' through hole in top of smallest button, continue to push floss end through hole in each button.



10. When the floss end comes out the back of largest button, place the floss end back into opposite hole.



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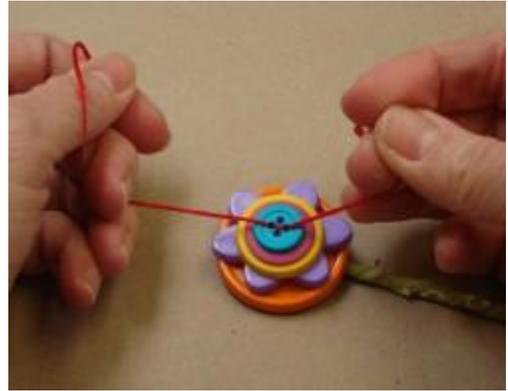
11. Continue threading floss through each button hole.



12. Turn the buttons over; carefully pull the floss 'loop' up, so that the fabric covered skewer can be inserted under floss. Place glue onto button, and place wooden skewer into glue and under embroidery loop.



13. Carefully turn button flower over, and pull the embroidery floss tight and tie into knot. Cut off excess floss leaving approximately 1/4 - 3/8" tails on floss.



14. Tie ribbon bow on skewer.



Craft Daffodils in Vase

By: DecoArt

Just in time for spring, create a vase of daffodils that will never wilt with craft foam and other materials. Kids can help create bouquets for their rooms!



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required

- Foam Paint
 - FP02 - Yellow
 - FP03 – Orange
- 8 green 6" craft foam sticks, Darice Foamies 1040-88
- 3-D marshmallow shapes, Darice Foamies 1035-80
- Yellow craft foam
- 5 lime green 6-mm chenille stems
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Scissors
- Foam plate
- 1/2" flat brush
- Blue can hug, Darice Foamies 1040-78
- 6" pink flower shape, Creative Hands/Big Foam Shapes 42232

Instructions:

1. Use flat brush and Yellow Foam Paint to paint marshmallow shapes; let dry.
2. Trace and cut five flower petal shapes from yellow craft foam.
3. Glue one flat end of marshmallow to center of each flower petal shape.
4. Glue bottom of can hug to center of large pink flower shape.
5. Use Yellow to paint words "welcome spring" on front of can hug; let dry.
6. Use Orange to paint thick wavy line around top edge of marshmallow.
7. Paint center veins of petal from base of marshmallow to center of leaf length. Paint row of dots around bottom of can hug where flower and can hug meet. Let all dry.
8. Taper 2" of one end of each craft foam stick into point. Glue rounded bottom of craft sticks to bottom of can hug in different positions, gluing some to sides of can hug and overlapping three over top rim of can hug and gluing in place on rim.
9. Position five chenille stems in can hug, gluing ends in bottom and sides to leaves or can hug for support.
10. Bend top 1/2" of chenille stems into horizontal position. Glue bent portion of stem to bottom center of daffodil shapes. Bend or roll alternate petals upward and downward to form flower shapes.

Spring Flower Pen

By: Linda Peterson

This Spring Flower Pen is pretty and fun. Everyone will fall in love with this spring craft.



Materials:

- 1 Bush of flowers (5-7 stems)
- Wire cutters
- Floral Tape
- Ink Pens (BIC Round Sticks work great)
- Scissors
- 4" clay pot
- Clear tape
- Package of black beans or beans in choice of color

Instructions:

1. Cut stems apart with wire cutters and trim to length of ink pen.



2. Place stem against ink pen and wrap with floral tape.



3. Place a piece of clear tape in the bottom of the clay pot.
4. Add beans.
5. Press pens into the beans inside pot.



Notes:

1. Switch out blooms to coordinate with the season.
2. Decoupage images or paint pot as desired

Tulip Bouquet

By: Candace Davis for Plaid

Make a lasting bouquet of red tulips with STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam. Use a Tulip or other flower cookie cutter to make this craft a breeze. This craft is great for kids!



Materials:

- 20501 - Apple Barrel® Colors - Bright Red, 2 oz.
- 20755 - Apple Barrel® Colors - Vineyard Green, 2 oz.
- Tulip Cookie Cutter – large
- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam Sheet – ½” thick
- Brushes
- Glue
- 1/8” dowels

Instructions:

1. Purchase a large tulip cookie cutter, and cut the tulips from a ½” thick STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam sheet.
2. Sand the edges smooth with an emery board.
3. Paint the tulips Bright Red.
4. Create a pattern for simple leaves and cut them from a ½” thick STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam sheet.
5. Paint the leaves Vineyard Green.
6. Paint 1/8” Dowels Vineyard Green.
7. Insert and glue dowels into the bottom of the tulips and arrange the tulips. A dab of hot glue will hold the tulips together.
8. Use hot glue to attach the leaves to the front and back of the stems.
9. Place in a container and enjoy!

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Eco Friendly Plastic Cup Flowers

By: Amanda Formaro

Eco friendly plastic cup flowers are great easy crafts for kids. The best thing is they also count as green recycling crafts since you can use old plastic cups and other materials already lying around the house!



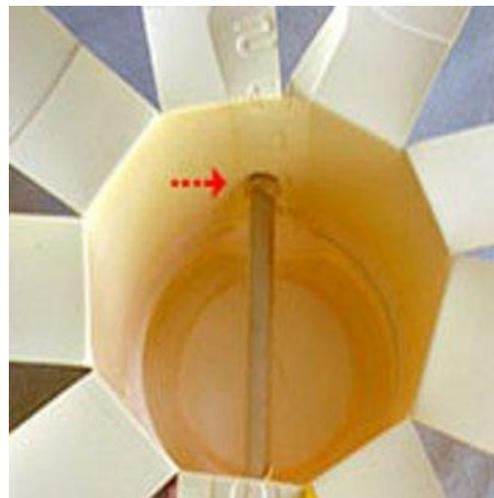
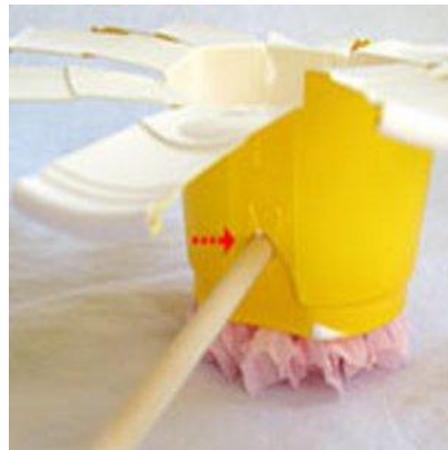
Materials:

- plastic drinking cups
- scissors
- hot glue gun
- white craft glue
- 12" dowel or stick
- Items to decorate with (beads, buttons, pom poms, tissue paper, paint, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Use a pen (parents please!) or other fairly sharp object to poke a hole into the side of the cup, about one inch from the bottom.
2. Cut slits halfway up the cup with your scissors. Bend slits outward.
3. Lay cup on table with bottom of cup facing upward, this is the center of your flower.

4. Use anything you have on hand to decorate the center. We used pom poms, buttons, tissue paper squares (wrapped around a pencil eraser) and pony beads. Use white craft glue to adhere them to the center of the flower and set aside to dry.
5. Warm up the hot glue gun.
6. Insert dowel into the hole you made in the side of the cup earlier. Insert the dowel until the end of it hits the other side of the cup. Hot glue in place.



Fun Flower Mask

By: Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home

Create a fun flower mask for a costume party or play time for the kids. A beautiful mask is easy to create with scrapbook papers and shredded color paper.



Materials:

- Wood mask - flower shape (pre-prep by base coating with acrylic paint color of your choice)
- Aleene's® Tacky Fast Grab Spray
- Scrapbook papers - 2 assorted prints (1 for main flower, 1 for inner flower), 6 solid colors, white and black
- Decorative scissors - scalloped cutting edge
- Aleene's Memory Glue
- Paper shreds - assorted colors

Instructions:

1. Place the mask face down onto wrong side of the scrapbook paper. Trace outline and eye holes with pencil. Cut out with scissors. Spray the back side of the paper with the Aleene's® Tacky Fast Grab Spray and place onto the prepared wood mask. Press out any air bubbles.
2. Cut a 4-³/₄" circle from the remaining paper. Place onto center of the mask and trace eye onto the paper and cut out. Cut scalloped edge with the decorative scissors. Repeat the spray glue as above, and place in the center of the mask by lining up the eye holes.
3. Cut assorted ³/₄" circles, cheek curlies, lips, nose, brows, white for eye, and black for lashes from the solid colors of scrapbook papers. Glue into place using the Aleene's® Memory Glue.™
4. Glue the paper shreds at top and bottom edges.

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Funny Bunny Painted Egg

By: DecoArt

This bunny, easily painted with paint writers and shimmering with glamour dust, is egg-actly what your Easter decorating needs.



Materials:

- DecoArt Products Required
- Americana Acrylics
 - DAO1 - Snow (Titanium) White
- Americana Writers
 - DAW67 - Black
 - DAW250 - Bubblegum Pink
- Glamour Dust
 - DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal
- Multi-Purpose Sealer
 - DS17 - Multi-Purpose Sealer
- Two 12" 15-mm white chenille stems
- Two 12" 6-mm pink chenille stems
- Two 12" 6-mm white chenille stems
- 1 1/2" white pompon
- Lo-temp glue gun
- Foam plate
- 1/2" flat brush
- 6" papier mache egg

Instructions:

1. Basecoat egg Snow White, allowing to dry after each coat.
2. Apply coat of Multi-Purpose Sealer over Snow White. While wet, sprinkle egg with Glamour Dust; let dry.
3. Refer to photo for placement and use Bubblegum Pink Americana Writer to paint inverted triangle for nose shape.
4. Use Black Writer to paint mouth, eyes, brows, and dots by whiskers; let dry.
5. Glue pompon to back of egg for tail.
6. Fold each pink chenille stem in half.
7. Bend each 15-mm white chenille stem in half, leaving curve at bend. For each ear, glue fold of pink inside center to curve of white chenille stem.
8. Twist loose ends together and referring to photo for placement, glue ends to back of egg near top.
9. Cut remaining white chenille stems into thirds for six 4" lengths. Refer to photo for placement, and glue ends of three stems at each side of nose for whiskers. Curve ends of whiskers as desired.

Bunny Candy Cone

By: The New Image Group

Use soft felt to create an adorable hanging cone for Easter candy treats. The bunny is simple to assemble with the template. The kids can help craft these felt bunny candy cones.



Materials:

- 1 9 x 12 Militia Soft Felt Sheet
- 1 9 x 12 Lavender Soft Felt Sheet
- 1 9 x 12 White Soft Felt Sheet
- Scissors
- Fabric Glue
- Single Hole Punch
- 2 3/8" Diameter Google Eyes
- 30" of 3/8" Grosgrain Ribbon
- Pencil
- Chenille Stem
- [Bunny Treat Cone Template](#) (pdf)

Instructions:

1. Cut out Bunny Treat Cone Template pieces from template.
2. Arrange template pieces on corresponding felt and cut out:

9 x 12 Militia Soft Felt: Ear Inserts,
Nose

9 x 12 Lavender Soft Felt: Bunny Cone

9 x 12 White Soft Felt: Teeth

3. Mark on the cone with pencil where holes are to be punched.



4. Glue Google Eyes, Nose, and Teeth to Bunny Face.



5. Cut Chenille Stem into 6" Strip. Fold in Half.

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6. Glue Chenille Stem behind bunny ears and into the cone.



7. Fold bunny into a cone shape, bringing the cone behind the Bunny Face. Glue into place.



8. Using single hole punch, punch holes where previously marked. Thread ribbon through holes, knotting the ribbon on the inside of the cone.

Bunny Socks Puppets

By: Pattie Donham-Wilkinson for
ILovetoCreate.com

Make bunny sock puppets with the kids for Easter or any time play. These bunny sock puppets are complete with felt ears and pom-pom tails.



Materials:

- Crafty Chica™ Extreme Embellishment Glue™
- Tulip® Glam-It-Up!™ Iron-On Crystals™- 23123 300 Clear Pack
- Pompoms – large and small – colors to match
- Chenille stems – coordinating color
- Straight pins
- Scissors
- Felt – 2 colors (light and dark) to match socks
- Socks – desired colors and patterns
- Clothespins

Instructions:

1. Trace two small hearts on darker color felt and two large hearts on lighter color felt and cut out. Repeat for additional socks.
2. Use Extreme Embellishment Glue to adhere small hearts centered on top of large hearts as shown. Lay sock heel side up and glue hearts on each side of heel. Hold hearts in place with clothespins until dry.
3. Cut two ½” circles from lighter color felt and two ½” arches from darker color felt for eyelids.
4. Glue arches to the top edges of circles then glue a crystal under the arches to create eyes. Glue eyes on sock just under heel, using photo as a guide for placement. Hold in place with straight pins until dry.
5. Glue smaller pompom under eyes where shown to create nose. Cut chenille stem in half and glue under pompom. Hold in place with pins until dry.
6. Glue large pompom near top of sock for tail, using photo as guide for placement.
7. Let all pieces dry completely, then remove pins and clothespins.
8. Place one hand inside sock and use other hand to push the toe into the palm of hand inside sock to create mouth.

Colorful Pom Pom Egg

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Looking for a quick and easy Easter project to do with the kids? Make this colorful pom pom egg and you'll not only have fun, but you'll also build your child's color awareness and fine motor skills.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Egg, 6"
- Thick, white craft glue
- 2 100-piece packages of assorted brightly colored pom poms
- Two rubber bands
- Ruler
- Fine-line black permanent marker
- Ruler

Instructions:

1. Wrap rubber bands around foam egg, dividing it into four equal vertical sections. Rubber bands should cross each other at right angles at top and bottom of egg; measure spacing with ruler and adjust as needed. Use marker to draw section lines. Remove rubber bands.
2. Glue a single color of pom poms to foam surface, close together, along marker lines drawn on egg.
3. Glue a different color of pom pom inside each section of egg to fill it completely. Let dry completely before handling.

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Paper Blossom Easter Bunny

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Bearing blooms of spring and Easter cheer, this paper bunny is so charming! Plus this Easter craft is so quick and easy you can keep them for yourself for Easter decorating or pass along as a thoughtful Easter gift for a friend.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Block, 18" x 4" x 4"
 - Cube, 5"
- White embossed scrapbooking paper, four 12" x 12" sheets
- Card stock or heavyweight paper, solids or subtle patterns: orange; green; pearl white; pearl pink; pink; blue; black; assorted pastels
- Pink pom pom, 1"
- Blue wiggle eyes, 1/2", two
- Ribbon, 3/8" x 8" length
- Craft punches: 1/4" and 1/2" circles; various flowers
- Pencil
- Paraffin or candle stub
- Serrated knife
- Ruler
- Extra-large rubber bands (optional)

- Scissors
- Yellow-head straight pins
- Glue sticks and low temperature glue gun
- White, thick craft glue
- [Pattern](#) (pdf)

Instructions:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin; cut 4" cube from foam block. Set aside remainder of foam block for future project.
2. Cut the following strips from white embossed paper to cover foam cubes: one 4 1/2" x 12"; one 4 1/2" x 6"; two 5 1/2" x 12". In addition, cut one 4" square and one 5" square from white embossed paper; set aside.
3. Overlap two short ends of 4 1/2"-wide strips 1/2" to create one 4 1/2" x 17 1/2" strip; glue overlapped ends to secure. Repeat with 5 1/2" wide strips, creating one 5 1/2" x 23 1/2" strip; glue ends to secure.
4. Wrap appropriate paper strip around four sides of each foam cube, allowing paper to extend 1/2" above top edge of cube; do not glue yet. Use fingers to crimp paper at cube corners; remove paper and crisply fold at crimp marks. Score and fold a line 1/2" from top edge of strip, as well.

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5. Glue paper strip around cube sides, overlapping ends. Hold paper in place with hands or large rubber bands until glue dries. Clip paper corners above foam and fold excess down to top of each cube; glue to secure. Glue paper squares to tops of cubes. Use glue gun to glue cubes together as shown.
6. Cut patterns from papers as indicated.
7. Cut slit along bottom edge of each rabbit leg as indicated on pattern. Gently pull two sides of slit together so paper overlaps, making paper cup slightly; glue to secure. Glue legs to sides of body.
8. To curl arms slightly, gently pull paper over side of pencil. Glue arms to sides of body as shown.
9. Glue ear linings to ears; glue bottom corners of ears together to make them cup. Make gentle fold across horizontal center of each ear and curl over pencil so ears have shape. Glue ears to sides of head.
10. For tail, cut 1 1/4" x 6" strip from white pearl paper; cut fringe every 1/8". Roll paper strip tightly and glue end to secure. Flare fringe out and down to create "cotton tail." Glue tail to back of rabbit.
11. Refer to photo to glue wiggle eyes and pom pom nose to face. For cheeks, punch two 1/2" circles from pink paper; glue to face.
12. Cut six 1/8" x 2 1/2" strips from blue paper for whiskers; glue to face as shown. Cut small smile from black paper and glue to face; cut narrow strip from black paper to connect mouth and nose. Cut eyelash fringe from black paper, if desired; glue just above eyes.
13. Tie ribbon into bow with tails and glue to bunny's neck.
14. Punch flowers of various sizes from assorted pastel papers. Punch 1/4" holes from contrasting papers for flower centers. Glue centers to flowers. Use yellow-head pins dipped in glue to attach flowers to neck and base of one ear as shown.
15. For carrot leaves, cut 2" x 5" strip from green paper; cut fringe every 1/8". Glue bit of green fringe to top back of each carrot. Separate and crimp some fringe to add dimension. Glue carrots under arm as shown.

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Easter Egg Window Clings

By: Cindy Hopper of Skip To My Lou

This project comes to us from Cindy Hopper of the popular crafting blog Skip to My Lou. Check out this great Easter project that is perfect for the kids.



Materials:

- Roll of clear contact paper
- Paint brushes
- Acrylic Paint
- Fine Sandpaper
- Masking Tape

Instructions:

1. First cut a piece of contact paper from the roll. I cut squares about 5" x 5" because that was about the size of shapes I knew I would be cutting. Take a fine piece of sandpaper and lightly sand the shiny surface of the contact paper where you will be painting. Wipe off any dust. This step helps the paint adhere to the slick contact paper.
2. Since we are often VERY messy when we paint I taped a piece of wax paper to the table. Tape the piece of contact paper shiny (sanded) side up onto the wax paper.



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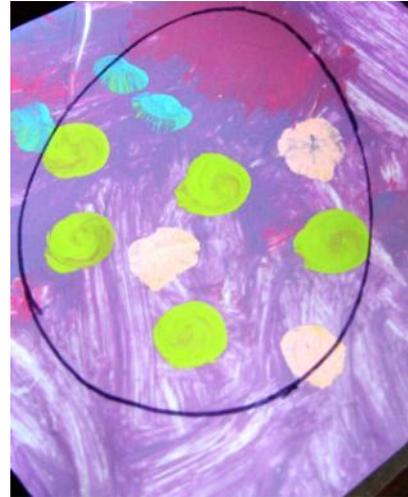
3. Paint onto the contact paper square. Since my daughter is three I encouraged her to paint using lots of colors. I knew I would be cutting out Easter eggs so it really didn't matter what or how she painted.



4. Allow the painting to dry completely. I think she painted about 10 of these squares.
5. Once the paint is completely dry take another square of contact paper the same size as your painting and peel off the paper backing. Cover your painting with the clear contact paper. Smooth out any bubbles.



6. Trace around any shape of your choosing. I used an egg and bunny for my template.



7. Cut out the shape.



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8. Carefully remove the paper backing. This takes some time —make sure you are only removing the paper (the back of your painting should be sticky). If you use acrylic paint it is plastic enough that it has a tendency to peel away from the contact paper, so peel carefully! If it does peel away and it won't stick back down just put a little glue stick between the layers.



9. Once you are finished, stick your silhouettes to your window.



I would encourage older kids to paint their own designs and then cut out. I can imagine huge flowers and birds! Nothing is sweeter than kid's art!

Eggcellent Chick

By: DecoArt

A small yellow egg can be transformed into a cute little chick. Paint on a butterfly and she's all set to go. Foam sheets and googly eyes make her come to life.



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required

- Americana Gloss Enamels
 - DAG34 - Lavender
 - DAG67 - Black
 - DAG228 - Bright Orange
 - DAG230 - Festive Green
 - DAG276 - Razzle Berry
 - Yellow Model Magic
 - #0 liner brush
 - #6 flat brush
 - Wiggle eyes
 - Tracing & transfer paper
 - Two small wood dowels
 - Yellow and orange foam sheets
 - Toothpicks
 - Fine point permanent black pen
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
 - Craft knife
 - Small yellow egg
 - Palette or plastic plate
 - Water container
 - Paper towels
 - Scissors
 - [Chick Pattern](#)
 - [Butterfly Pattern](#)

Instructions:

Note: Allow to dry between steps.

1. Trace and transfer wing patterns on foam. Use scissors to cut wing shapes from yellow foam sheet and two triangles for beak from orange foam. Set aside.
2. Use craft knife to cut feet base from Model Magic.
3. Paint dowels and toothpicks Bright Orange.
4. Paint top 1/3 of egg Lavender.
5. Trace and transfer butterfly pattern on center of egg. Paint butterfly, Razzle Berry, Bright Orange, Lavender, and Festive Green.
6. Use permanent marker or liner brush and Black to outline butterfly, draw tattoo on wing, and scroll across egg bottom.
7. ASSEMBLY: Cut ends off toothpicks. Position and push into head for hair.
8. Position and adhere eyes, beak, and wings. Push dowel legs into bottom of egg. Position and push dowel ends into Model Magic feet.

Yummy Edible Bird's Nest

By: Amanda Formaro

The Yummy Edible Bird's Nests are great quick handmade gifts for spring or Easter. They're a hit with kids too! So get your little ones involved with these edible food crafts that everyone can enjoy.



Materials:

- Chow mien noodles
- Chocolate chips or brick chocolate
- Jelly beans
- Candy coated chocolate eggs
- Marshmallow chicks
- Peanut butter
- Wax paper
- Paper plates (colored plates optional)

Instructions:

1. Place squares of wax paper onto to individual plates.
2. Put chow mien noodles in a large bowl.
3. If using brick chocolate, break into pieces. Melt chocolate chips or pieces in the microwave, or over low heat on stove, just until melted. Pour melted chocolate over chow mien noodles, mix together to coat.
4. Place mounds of chocolate/chow mien mixture onto several plates (on top of waxed paper). Have children form the mixtures into nests. Be sure the chocolate has cooled, but don't wait too long or it will harden!
5. Using peanut butter as an adhesive, "glue" down the jelly beans and candy coated chocolate eggs inside the nest cavity.
6. "Glue" marshmallow chick on the edge of or inside of the nest.

Spring Animal Crafts

Walnut Shell Animals

By: Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home

Kids will go nuts over these pocket-sized animals made with walnut shells. Display all four animals in shadow boxes for a cute look.



Materials:

- 6" square of lightweight cardboard
- 3 whole walnuts
- 1 walnut half
- Acrylic paints: gray, green, light blue, orange, purple, white
- Paintbrushes
- Toothpicks
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue™
- Scraps of felt: green, black, orange, pink, purple, white
- 1" diameter pom-poms: 1 gray, 2 white
- 1/4" diameter pom-poms: 2 each white, pink
- 1 (3/4" diameter) green pom-pom
- 8 (1/8" diameter) black beads
- 6" (1/16" wide) lavender ribbon
- Scraps of white paper
- Colored pencils: orange, green
- [Patterns](#)

Instructions:

1. Transfer base pattern to cardboard and cut 3 (1 for each animal except turtle). Referring to photo, paint cardboard bases and walnuts; let dry. To complete turtle shell, paint flowers using toothpicks. Just dip end of toothpick into paint and dot on flowers. Let dry.



2. For each animal, glue cardboard base to rounded end of matching walnut. Referring to photo, glue 1" pom-pom to pointed end of matching walnut. For cat and bunny, glue 1 (1/4") pom-poms side by side to head to form cheeks. Let dry.



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3. Transfer turtle pattern to green felt and cut out. Center and glue turtle shell to green felt turtle. Let dry. Glue $\frac{3}{4}$ " pom-pom to turtle for head. Let dry.



4. Referring to photo for colors, transfer remaining patterns to felt and cut out. Glue felt pieces in place on matching animals. Let dry. Glue 2 beads to each head for eyes. Let dry. For bunny, tie ribbon in bow and glue in place. Transfer pattern for bunny teeth to paper scrap and cut out. Draw and color a carrot on scrap paper and cut out. Glue teeth and carrot to bunny. Let dry.

Fuzzy Bumble Bee

By: Amanda Formaro

If you're looking for homemade crafts for kids check out these fuzzy bumble bees! They're super easy to make and use materials from around the house, so go ahead and add this to collection of crafts with recycled materials!



Materials:

- Empty KC Masterpiece® barbecue sauce bottle
- 1" yellow and black pom poms, approximately 50 of each
- 2- 15 mm wiggle eyes
- 1 black chenille stem, cut into three equal pieces
- 8.5x11 sheet of black craft foam
- Scrap of yellow craft foam
- Colorful crepe paper streamer, about 3" (optional)
- Scissors or pinking shears
- White craft glue

Instructions:

1. Remove all labels from KC Masterpiece® barbecue sauce bottle. Wash and let dry completely. When dry, screw lid back onto bottle.
2. Lay bottle on work surface and glue two rows of yellow pom poms at the bottom of the bottle, sides too. Next glue two more rows of black and two more rows of yellow pom poms, working your way up the bottle. Finish off with black pom poms until entire bottle and cap are covered.



3. Cut out wings from black craft foam using wing pattern.
4. Turn bottle over and carefully lay so that pom poms are facing work surface. Glue foam wings to the back of the bottle right where the neck narrows.



5. Repeat gluing method for pom poms on the back of the bottle, covering the center of the foam wings as you work your way to the top.



6. Stand bottle upright. Take two of the three pieces of chenille stick and bend one end on each about 1/2". This will be your antennae. Put a dot of glue on the straight end of the antennae and insert it between the pom poms on the lid. Repeat for other antennae.
7. Glue wiggle eyes to the front of the bee.
8. Cut a thin pointy nose from the yellow foam. Dab some glue on the flat end and insert between pom poms under the eyes.
9. Take a piece of crepe paper streamer and twist a couple of times in the middle to form a bow tie. Glue the bow tie to the front of the bee on the top row of yellow pom poms.
10. Set aside to dry completely, periodically checking to make sure that pom poms are not sliding out of place. Gently reposition if needed.

Spring Butterfly

By: Jenny Mueller for Glue Dots

This spring butterfly is the perfect crafting project for kids of every age! It is a great springtime craft that is so easy to make!



Materials:

- Craft Glue Dots Sheets
- Mini Glue Dots Sheet
- Recycled paper towel tube
- Bright construction papers
- Two, 10m m wiggle eyes
- Four, curling ribbons, multi-colored
- Fishing line
- Pipe cleaners or Chenille stems
- Pen
- Ruler
- Tape
- Hole punch
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut paper towel tube to measure 8-1/2" in length. Cut one piece of colored construction paper to 5-1/2" x 8-1/2" and wrap around paper towel tube. Attach construction paper to paper towel tube using Craft Glue Dots on Sheets.
2. Cut out wings from one color construction paper and wing spots from two other colors of the construction paper. Use Craft Glue Dots to attach spots to wings.
3. For wing tabs, fold straight edges of each wing back 1/2" and use Craft Glue Dots to attach to the back of paper towel tube.
4. Use Mini Glue Dots to attach wiggle eyes to top portion of the paper towel tube.
5. Attach pipe cleaners or Chenille stems to inside top portion of paper towel tube using tape.
6. For hanger, punch two holes at top of body aligning holes with wings and cut the desired amount of fishing line. Thread fishing line through the holes and knot ends together.
7. From each curling ribbon, cut 30" lengths. Tape one end of each of the ribbons to the inside bottom of the body. Use scissors to curl ribbons.
8. Use the pen to draw the butterfly's mouth.

Blue and Purple Smiling Butterfly

By: DecoArt

Blue and purple paints are what make this beautiful butterfly pot. In six quick and easy steps this butterfly can be made to give as a gift. It would look great in a little girl's room.



Materials:

- Patio Paint
 - DCP29 - Petunia Purple
 - DCP63 - Blue Bahama
 - DCP57 - Marigold --- NEW!!
- Two 1/2" wood hearts
- 1 1/2" wood doll head/knob
- 1/2" flat brush
- Liner brush
- E6000 industrial strength adhesive
- 1.9" clay pots (2), Michael's

Instructions:

1. Use flat brush and Blue Bahama to paint doll head/knob and rims of pots; let dry.
2. Use flat brush and Marigold to paint hearts. Let dry.
3. Use flat brush and Petunia Purple to paint outside of pots below rim; let dry.
4. Glue rims of pots together. Glue doll head/knob to top end of pots. Glue tips of hearts at back of upper pot for wings.
5. Use end of liner brush handle dipped in Marigold to dot on eyes. Let dry.
6. Use liner brush and Marigold to draw mouth. Let dry.

Mohawk Lamb

By: Kathleen George for Styrofoam Brand Foam

Let your garden grow. This fun and easy hair-raising lamb is a great craft for kids to help out with. It's easy to maintain and it's a great decoration.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Eggs: 5", one; 3", two
- Black, pink: acrylic paints
- Two wiggly eyes, 10mm
- Smooth black button
- Potting soil
- Grass or other quick-growing seed
- Serrated knife
- Scissors
- Candle stub or paraffin
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Sharp-edged teaspoon
- Paintbrush medium flat
- Disposable palette
- Thick white yarn
- Water basin
- Paper towels
- Spray bottle of water
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Instructions:

1. Wax serrated knife with candle stub or paraffin. Cut thin slice from narrow end of 5" foam egg to create flat bottom of body. Cut thin slice from wide end to flatten top.
2. Use knife to gently outline hole in center top of head, leaving 1/4" foam edge intact. Use teaspoon to hollow out egg to depth of 2".
3. Cut one 3" egg in half widthwise; glue larger section of egg to body for muzzle.
4. Cut and discard lower third from wide end of remaining egg. Cut remaining portion in half lengthwise for ears. Use spoon to slightly hollow out flat undersides. Trim lower edge of each ear at an angle so it rests snug against head. Glue ears to head.
5. Carefully paint ears and muzzle black; let dry. Paint pink cheeks, if desired; let dry. Glue wiggly eyes and nose to muzzle as shown.
6. Cut yarn into 1" to 1-1/2" lengths. Use white glue to adhere yarn to head in random pattern of circles and swirls; let dry.
7. Carefully spoon potting soil into hole to fill. Press dirt down firmly into hole. Sprinkle small amount of seed onto soil surface and pat down with fingertip. Use spray bottle to saturate soil before setting in sunny window to germinate. Keep soil moist until seed begins to sprout.

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Cards and Gifts

Jeepers Peepers Greeting Card

By: Design Originals and Arnold Grummer's

Perfect for spring time greetings or Easter festivities, the Jeepers Peepers card is easy to make in only 5 simple steps!



Instructions:

1. Draw a chick head and wings on yellow paper.
2. Draw a cracked egg on white paper. (Use the pattern on page 6 in 'Torn Paper Projects' if you have a copy.)
3. Go over outlines with a paintbrush dipped in water. Tear along the lines to create project shapes.
4. Optional: When dry, lightly brush torn edges with raised ink pad or decorative chalks to highlight.
5. Layer chick and egg pieces on mat for a card or scrapbook page.

Materials:

- Arnold Grummer's "Torn Paper Projects" idea book
- Paper: White and yellow, handmade or store bought
- Paintbrush
- Water dish
- Optional: Raised ink pads or decorative chalk set

Origami Tulip Card

By: Jo Ebisujima of A Bit of This and A Bit of That

Origami is a favorite pastime in Japan and kids learn simple origami in kindergarten. A 3-year-old friend taught me how to make these tulips. The tradition stem for origami tulips is quite difficult for a little one so I made this card easier by using pipe cleaners.

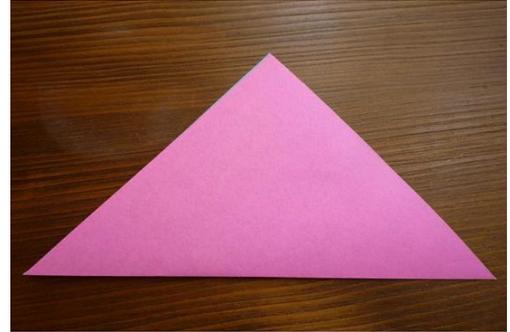


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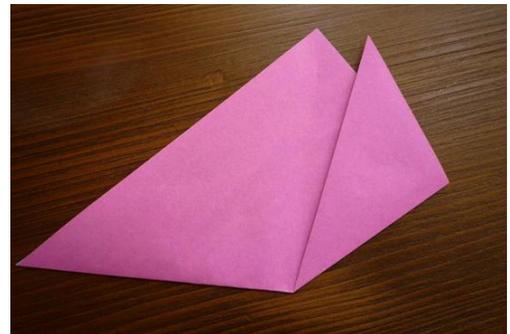
- Origami paper uses is 15cm x 15cm
- 2 sheets of tulip colored origami paper
- 1 sheet of origami paper for the vase
- 2 pipe cleaners approx. 20cm
- A4 piece of construction paper, folded in half
- Glue
- Tape

Instructions:

1. Fold the first piece of tulip paper in half to make a triangle, turn it so the long edge is at the bottom.



2. Fold the paper in half again, just enough to crease the center of the bottom fold. Then fold from the center to a couple of cm's from the top of the triangle.

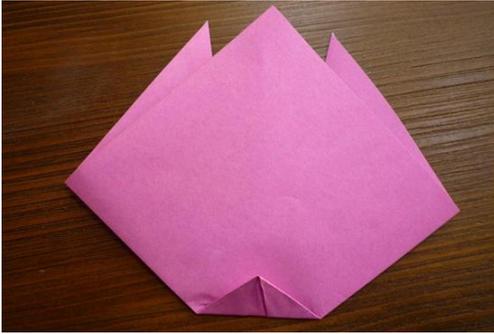


3. Repeat with the other side.

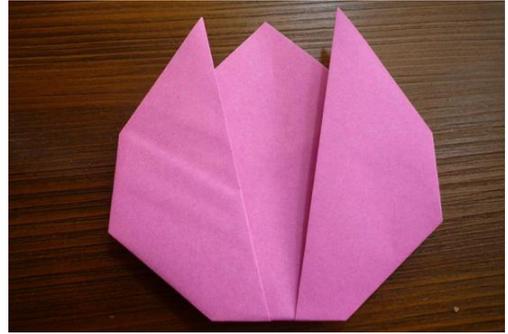


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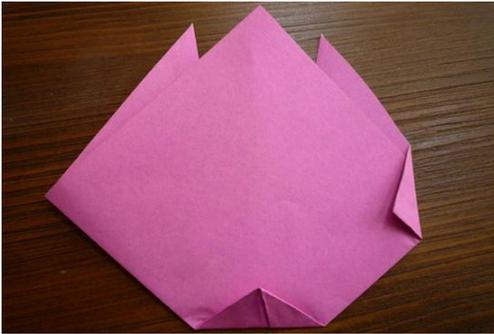
4. Flip the paper over and fold up the bottom corner.



7. Turn over, that is the tulip head finished.



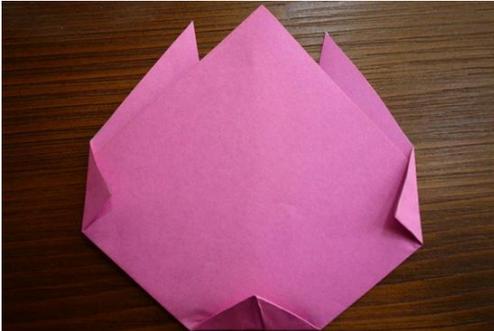
5. Then fold in the right corner.



8. To add the stem, turn it over again and attach the pipe cleaner with a piece of tape. That is the first flower done; repeat to make the second flower.



6. Then the left corner.



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9. To make the vase, fold a piece of origami paper in half, then open it out - color side should be face down.



10. Fold the right side into the middle and then the left and then fold the bottom up, about 5 cm.



11. Glue around the edge of the paper - not the top edge, which will be the opening for the vase—and stick the paper to the construction card.



12. When the glue is dry pop your tulips into the vase. Finished.



Easy to Make Daisy Vase

By: Beth Pingry for Spellbinders

Need some easy craft ideas for teacher gifts or last minute craft ideas? This easy to make daisy vase is the perfect gift for you and yours.



Materials:

- Spellbinder's S4-043 Daisy Edgeability
- Spellbinder's S3-148 Tags Trio
- Spellbinder's Premium Craft Foil in Gold (F-005)
- Prism Icy Indigo (Medium, Light) cardstocks
- Copic Various Refills: BV08, BV10
- Ranger non-stick, heat resistant mat

Instructions:

1. Find a jar to recycle for this purpose. Have your non-stick pad ready along with a few cotton balls and binder clips to hold them. If you don't have a non-stick pad, try some waxed paper or freezer paper.
2. Begin by using the lighter shaded refill and drip several drops onto the non-stick craft surface. Pick up some of the ink with the cotton ball applicator. Work quickly to add color to the glass bottle. Color most of the surface, adding more ink as needed.
3. Repeat the process with the darker color, but use it over only about 40% of the bottle.
4. For the final touch, push a gold Krylon pen onto the non-stick pad, creating a small puddle of ink. Use the same technique to add a modest amount of gold highlights, 20% coverage.
5. Cut/emboss Daisy Edgeability (S4-043) twice from Spellbinders Premium Gold Foil (F-005), trim the edges to make them overlap nicely, and attached them to the bottle with red line tape.
6. Cut/emboss the tag. Stamp the smaller tag and mat it onto the larger tag.
7. Tie a ribbon onto the tag with a bead and a knot, then tie it to the bottle.
8. Add a handful of fresh flowers and enjoy!

Spring Butterfly Felt Magnet

By: Angie Wilhite for Kreinik

Extra-fine metallic braid gives this colorful felt butterfly a touch of shimmer. Kids will love assembling these butterfly magnets from the felt pieces and an adult can do the blanket-stitch.



Materials

- Kreinik Very Fine (#4) Braid in 092 Star Pink and 012 Purple
- 4" x 6" piece of black felt*
- 4" x 8" piece of pink felt*
- 4" x 8" piece of lavender felt*
- 8" x 12" Pellon Wonder-Under transfer web
- 8" x 12" Pellon Fusible Fleece
- Beacon™ FABRI-TAC™ permanent adhesive
- 1/2-inch x 1 1/4-inch adhesive magnet strip
- Pressing cloth

Instructions:

1. Cut two 2" x 3" black felt pieces, two 4" x 4" pink felt pieces and two 4" x 4" lavender felt pieces.
2. The transfer web and fusible fleece give the project stability. Cover felt with pressing cloth before fusing.
3. Following manufacturer's directions, bond fusible fleece to one black felt piece, one pink felt piece and one lavender felt piece. Bond transfer fusing web to the remaining pieces. Remove paper backing. Position felt pieces wrong sides together; fuse.
 1. Cut body from black felt.



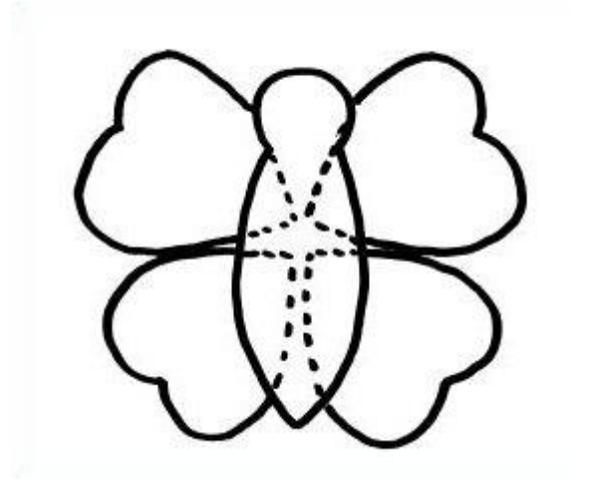
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2. Cut two wings each from lavender and pink felt.



4. Blanket-stitch around the black body and lavender wings with Very Fine (#4) Braid 092 Star Pink.
5. Blanket-stitch around the pink wings with Very Fine (#4) Braid 012 Purple.

6. Glue wings to back of butterfly body.

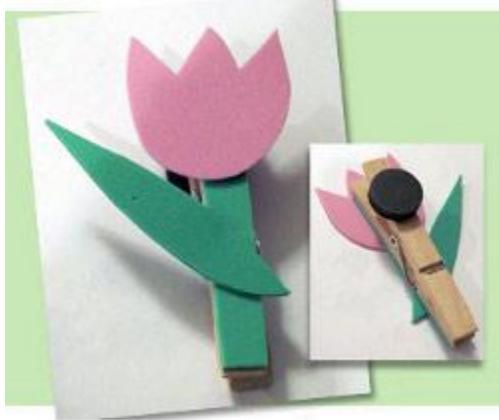


7. Remove paper from adhesive magnet strip. Press strip to back of butterfly.

Tulip Magnet

By: Jen Goode

This Tulip Magnet is perfect for spring. Homemade crafts for kids are a great way to bring the family together.



Materials:

- Project printout
- Wooden clothespin
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Crayons
- Small magnet (strong)

Instructions:

1. Color shapes.
2. Cut out shapes.
3. Apply glue.
4. Press shapes into place.
5. Let dry.
6. Adult helper can add magnet to back with hot glue.

Notes:

1. Cut your shapes out of craft foam for a more durable finished piece.
2. We like Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue for this project.

A Flower Sticky Notes Pad

By: DecoArt

This easy craft project featuring foam and craft sticks is a great project for kids to make for Mother's Day or teachers gifts. Add a magnet to the back to keep on the fridge for handy notes.



Materials:

- DecoArt Products Required
- Foam Paint
 - FP02 – Yellow
 - Standard sticky-note pad
 - Pencil
 - 2 green 6" craft foam sticks, Darice Foamies 1040-88
 - Lo-temp glue gun
 - Scissors
 - 6" fuchsia flower shape, Creative Hands/Big Foam Shapes 42232

Instructions:

1. Glue back of note pad to center of flower shape.
2. Cut one foam craft stick in half lengthwise. Fold remaining craft stick with sides aligned and ends ½" from each other; glue short end in place. Glue between layers near fold, leaving 1" gap between glue at fold and ends to leave opening to hold pencil.
3. Refer to photo for placement and with rounded edges of green foam outward for leaves of flower, glue straight ends of leaves under edge of flower.
4. Use Yellow Foam Paint to print "notes" on one flower petal; paint dots around flower near edge of remaining petals. Let dry.
5. Insert pencil into opening of leaf.

Kids' Clay Flower Pot

By: Marie Segal from Clay Factory

This flower pot is a great crafting with kids project. They can help put on the flowers and their name. This is a great clay pot for a tiny little plant. Your child can have their own plant to take care of. Use your imagination and put on your own designs and shapes.



Materials:

- Cernit Phthalate free clay- 1- 2.2 ounce package of each, neon yellow, neon pink, and neon green
- Ceramic Tile 6"X6" or a smooth work surface to put your flowers and leaves on
- Cylinder glass jar-thick, I used a salt shaker jar from the store.
- Makin's cutter sets -alphabet and flowers/leaves cutter set
- Crafter's Pick Ultimate glue
- Bamboo skewer
- 2 popsicle sticks
- Clay Pot from a garden store or hardware store

Instructions:

1. Condition the yellow clay a little at a time; start with a 1/4 or 1/8th block.
2. Roll the clay between your palms until it is warm and pliable and then fold and roll again. Do this until the clay is creamy in consistency.
3. Flatten in to a little pancake about 1/4" to 1/8" thick.
4. Place one popsicle stick on each side of the little pancake of clay and roll the glass jar over the popsicle sticks and clay like a rolling pin.
5. The popsicle sticks form a little bridge for the jar and will stop you from rolling the clay out too thin and keep it uniform for cutting with cutters.



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6. Cut out letters to form your name or a saying you have picked out. "Smile" is always a good one if you don't want to put your name on it. Adults love that.



7. I spelled Madisyn, which is my grand daughter's name. I am making this for her Mom to take a plant to work in to remind her of Madisyn all day long. I am also making it to show you how to do this. This is how I taught my children when they were little and how I will teach Madi when she is a little older. I also learned best by watching others do something and trying to work it out after myself.
8. Cut out all of the letters, conditioning clay and rolling it out as you need it.
9. Place a small amount of glue on the back of each letter, one at a time and add one at a time to the rim of the [flower pot](#). Press each letter on to the pot but do not smash the clay down. Just make sure the back of the letter is completely attached to the pot, gently now, you can do this, I know you can. Kids are very smart.



10. See all of the letters are on the pot rim and you can even see some glue, but that is ok, it will dry clear and bake in the oven too.



11. We are going to make some flowers and cut out some leaves with the cutters.
12. First condition some green clay the way you did the yellow clay in the beginning.
13. Then flatten the green clay and roll it out the way you did the yellow clay.



14. Cut out some leaves, I cut out 10 leaves, but for your design you may need more or you might like less, it is your pot and your design. Cut out 10 to start.

15. Use the side of your popsicle stick to gently mark a vein down the center of each leaf and set those aside. You can see how I have set the leaves and flowers I have made on to a ceramic tile till I glue them on my pot.



16. Now let us make some flowers. I first off mixed some pink and yellow together to get a couple of shades of orange. I used 1 part pink to 2 parts yellow for one orange color. I also used 1 part pink to 4 parts yellow for another orange clay. I condition the clay like I did above until it is one color and flatten in to a pancake again. Cut out 1 of the large flowers in a color and then cut out a medium one and place on top of the large one. Here you can see I used pink and cut out a large flower with the cutter and then I cut out 5 small individual petals.



17. I then cut out one of the medium flowers with a cutter out of an orange color of clay and placed it on top of the large pink one.



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18. Then I used the small petals and placed them on the medium orange clay flower one at a time with the bamboo skewer. Place the skewer right on the point of the petal and fold the edges around the skewer. Place the petals in a circle in the middle of the flower. I added a 1/4" ball of yellow to the center. Press it gently in to the center but do not flatten, leave it kind of rounded.



19. These flowers would also make great magnets for your refrigerator, bake them the way you will bake the pot when you are finished and use the same glue you use to glue the flowers on the pot to glue magnets on the back of the flowers you make.
20. Now have some fun coming up with combinations of colors, flower cutters, and petals to make your flowers. If you need some inspiration look at the flowers I made above. I bet you can pick out the cutters I used and the colors just by looking at the flowers I made. You can also enlarge the pictures by clicking on them.
21. I am going to start placing things on my clay pot, and I am going to start with a couple of leaves first.
22. Place a bit of glue on the back of a leaf and place it somewhere on the

pot, I usually start right under the letters.



23. Keep adding flowers and leaves.



24. Now let the glue dry completely. Then with your mom or an adult's help, bake in your home oven for 30 minutes at 275 degrees.
25. Shut off the oven and let cool in the oven.
26. Ask your mom or an adult to take it out for you.
27. Plant a plant or a flower inside and give to someone you love. It will make them smile.



In this eBook, you'll find 26 craft projects to try out with your kids! Celebrate the coming of spring with a day of crafting together. The crafts in this book include homemade butterflies, clay pot crafts, and faux flowers to spruce up your home. These crafts will add cheerfulness to your home just in time for spring. Peek inside for some great Easter kids' crafts too!

Included in this eBook:

- Kids' Clay Flower Pot
- Plastic Cup Flowers
- Spring Butterfly
- Origami Tulip Card

