

# It's Never 2 Late

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## Memorial Day Crafts

### Craft Stick Vase

#### Materials:

Can  
Craft sticks  
Red and blue paint  
Paintbrush  
Glue  
Twine



#### Directions:

Determine the number of sticks it will take to go around the can. Paint half craft sticks red and half of them blue. Glue the sticks to the can in an alternating red and blue pattern. Wrap twine several times around the middle and tie.

### Patriotic Votive

#### Materials:

Empty jar  
Craft foam star  
Yarn or ribbon  
Rustoleum glass frost  
Votive candle



**Directions:**

Attach the foam star securely to the side of the jar. Apply 2 coats of Rustoleum glass frost following can directions. After the glass frost is dry, carefully remove the foam star. Wrap the yarn around the lid of the jar. Place a votive in the jar.

**Felt Poppies****Materials:**

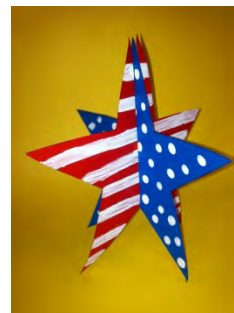
Red Felt  
Poppy Template  
Scissors  
Black beads  
Needle  
String or Thread  
Pin or magnet (optional)

**Directions:**

Trace and cut the template out of red felt 2 times for each poppy. Stack petals on top of each other, making sure the lower petals peek out underneath the top petals. Thread needle, and starting from the underside of the poppy, push it up through the poppy (just off center). Thread bead onto the needle and string and then push needle back through the poppy (again, just off center). Tie the 2 ends of your string tightly in back to secure your bead and give your poppy a little bit of a pucker. Attach to pin or magnet, if desired.

**3D Star****Materials:**

Card stock in red and blue  
Scissors  
Paint  
Paintbrush



**Directions:**

Draw 2 identical stars on card stock. Decorate the 2 stars on both sides. Cut them out. Make a slit in each star. On first star, the slit goes from an inner corner to the center point of the star; on the other star, the slit goes from an outer point to the center point. Slip the two stars together through the slits you just cut.

**Patriotic Blocks****Materials:**

3 wooden blocks (3 different lengths)  
Red, white and blue paint  
Paintbrush  
Pencil  
Black paint or sharpie  
Ribbon

**Directions:**

Paint 1 of the blocks white, 1 red, and 1 blue. Let dry. Paint or write a patriotic word on each of the blocks. Stack the blocks one on top of the other and tie with a ribbon.

**Popsicle Stick Flag****Materials:**

Popsicle Sticks  
Red, White and Blue paint  
Paintbrush  
Glitter Glue  
Glue  
Paper



**Directions:**

Paint 4 sticks red and paint 3 white. Turn the sticks over to show backside facing up and alternate red, white, red, etc. Apply glue and then place a piece of paper cut to size on the glue. Let dry. Turnover and paint a blue square in the upper right. Apply glitter glue dots, let dry. Glue a popsicle stick as a flag pole.

**Heart Pin****Materials:**

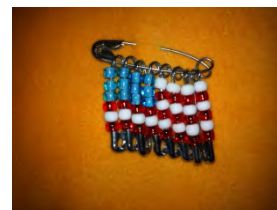
Cardstock  
Tissue paper in red, white and blue  
Liquid glue  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Pin backing

**Directions:**

Cut a heart shape out of cardstock. Draw 3 straight and even sections down the front side of the heart using a pencil and ruler. Tear each colored tissue paper into small 1" pieces and create a wad with each piece. Spread glue to the first area you wish to fill. Stick the wads next to each other, filling up the spaces and making sure not to leave any openings. Move on with the next color on the next section and repeat. Complete the last section with the 3rd color. Let dry. Turn the finished heart over and glue the pin in place. Let the glue thoroughly dry.

**Patriotic American Flag Pin****Materials:**

1 large safety pin (1½")  
8 standard-size safety pins (1")  
Red (20), white (16), and blue (12) beads



**Directions:**

Assemble 4 standard-size safety pins by sliding 3 blue beads and then a red bead, then a white, then red onto the open pin.

Assemble 4 standard-size pins by sliding beads on in this order: white, red, white, red, white, red, for a total of 6 beads on each of the 4 pins.

Assemble the final pin by sliding the red, white, and blue pins onto the large safety pin. Then slide on the remaining 6 red and white pins. To ensure that your beaded pins will not fall off of the big pin, spring the hinge on the big pin and slide the beaded pins around and place them on the other side of the hinge.

**Patriotic Poppies****Materials:**

Red crepe paper

Green chenille stems

Scissors

Large needle

Black marker

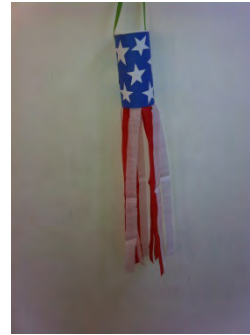
**Directions:**

To make each poppy, cut out 3 (4") circles of red crepe paper. Lay the circles on top of each other. Use a needle to make two holes next to each other in the center (go through all the circles). Put the end of a chenille stem through one hole, bend the chenille stem, and bring the end down through the other hole. Twist the end around the long part of the chenille stem to secure it. Use the black marker to make small dots near the center of the poppy. Pull the crepe paper petals slightly away from each other to form the poppy.

## Patriotic Windsock

### Materials:

A cylindrical cardboard oatmeal box  
Construction paper (blue and white)  
Red and white crepe paper streamers  
Glue  
String  
Scissors  
Hole punch



### Directions:

Cut the bottom off the oatmeal box. Cover the box with blue construction paper and then glue on white construction paper stars. Cut some red and white crepe paper streamers and glue or staple them to one end of the wind sock. Punch four holes along the top of the wind sock. Cut 2 pieces of string about a foot long. Tie the strings to the wind sock. Tie a longer piece of string to the smaller pieces - you'll hang the wind sock from this piece of string.

## Patriotic String Balls

### Materials:

Red, white and blue yarn  
5" balloons  
Glue  
Water  
Petroleum jelly



### Directions:

Inflate balloons so they are about four inches in diameter, and tie a knot securely at the opening. Rub petroleum jelly on the surface of the inflated balloons.

Mix 2 parts glue to 1 part water in a shallow pan. Keep stirring the glue mixture until the consistency is smooth and even.

Wrap the yarn around your fingers several times. Soak the yarn in the glue mixture. Keep the yarn in a loop so it does not tangle. Tie one end of the yarn loosely around the knot at the top of the balloon, and then start winding the yarn around the balloon. Have the yarn crisscross in different directions. When you reach the end of the yarn loop, tuck the end under another piece of yarn. Then rub the entire surface with more of the glue mixture to make sure the yarn is completely saturated.

Tie a string between 2 chair backs to create a drying line for the yarn globes, and place plenty of old newspapers underneath to catch drips. Clip the ends of the balloons to the string with clothes pins, and allow to dry a full 48 hours. Pop the balloons, and remove them from the yarn globes.

## **Burlap Banner**

### **Materials:**

Burlap

Red, white, and blue paint

Paintbrush

Scissors

Tag board for stencil

Twine

Hot glue or sewing machine



### **Directions:**

Cut 8 pieces of burlap 4" X 7." Paint the top 1 ½" of the banner blue. Let dry. Paint 2 red vertical stripes using a stencil if desired. Let dry. Paint 3 white stars across the blue stripe. Let dry. Attach twine to the back of the banner using a hot glue gun or the zig-zag stitch on the sewing machine.

## Patriotic Bunting

### Materials:

3 yards bleached muslin  
8 thick rubber bands  
Red and Blue spray dye



### Directions:

Prewash the fabric. Wring it out well, but don't dry it. Tear the fabric in half lengthwise, creating 2 (22 ½" - X 108") pieces.

Accordion-fold the fabric lengthwise into folds about 2" wide. On each piece, place rubber bands 6" and 2" in from the ends. Lay the fabric pieces with the folds facing up on a protected work surface.

Apply the red dye to one end and the blue to the other end of each piece. Do not spray dye on the middle section. You want that portion to remain white. Next, turn the fabric over so the opposite folds face up, and then apply more red and blue dye to the ends. Let them sit as indicated on the package directions. Rinse the fabric in cold water, holding each piece by the central white area and keeping the dyed ends apart. Press out the excess water and rinse again. Repeat until the rinse water is clearer, and then press out the excess water one more time.

Set the fabric on a clean protected surface. Cut off the rubber bands and unfurl the bunting slightly and let it dry.



