

Mother's Day Crafts

Ribbon Bookmark

Materials:

1 (8"-10") ribbon

Elastic hair tie

Thread Needle

Button

**Directions:**

Fold over one end of the ribbon, inserting the elastic band in the fold.

Use a basic stitch to close in the end with the elastic band. On the other end of the ribbon sew on a large button. To use the bookmark, place ribbon in between pages. Close book and loop elastic band around button to hold in place.

Paper Wheel (Fans)

Materials:

3 pieces of scrapbook paper (matching or variety)

Glue

Scissors

2 wooden paint stirrers

Ribbon



Directions:

Fold each piece of paper accordion style, approximately 1-1 ½" wide. Then fold in half. Glue all the middles together. Glue two of the folded sheets together and leave an opening for the stirrers. Glue one wooden stirrer to each side of the opening. Let dry. Attach a short length of ribbon to the handle. Tie the ribbon around the handle to keep fan open.

Mother's Day Frames**Materials:**

10 craft sticks

Glue

Paint

Paintbrush

Flower embellishments

Ribbon

**Directions:**

Take 2 sticks and lay them together horizontally. Lay 2 more sticks horizontally about a craft stick length below the first two. Glue one craft stick vertically on top of the left side of the four original sticks, connecting them. Glue another stick vertically on the right side. Repeat the process, gluing one stick horizontally on the top and one on the bottom, placing the sticks just slight in from the lower sticks. And finally repeat again vertically, again placing the sticks just slightly more toward the center. Paint the frame any color of your choice. Embellish with flowers or other decorations using glue. Attach ribbon to the back to hang.

Felt Pin Cushion**Materials:**

Felt

Scissors

Needle

Thread

Batting



Directions:

Cut two circles from the felt. Cut 1 (3"-wide) rectangle strip matching the circumference of the circles. Hold together the edge of the circle and rectangle strip. Whip-stitch till complete. Do the same with the bottom circle. Stuff batting into the cushion through the opening in the strip. Stitch the opening closed. Cut out a flower shape and attach to the top.

Glue on Canvas**Materials:**

Canvas
Pencil
White glue
Spray paint

**Directions:**

Draw a simple design on the canvas in pencil. Trace the pencil pattern with white glue (the thicker the better). Let dry. Cover canvas with spray paint.

Dried Flower Window**Materials:**

Waxed paper
Flower petals and leaves
Iron
Newspaper

**Directions:**

Cut 2 sheets of wax paper. Arrange flowers and leaves on one side of the wax paper. Cover flowers with a second sheet of wax paper. Cover with sheet of newspaper. Press a warm iron over the newspaper. This seals the wax paper and helps preserve the pressed flower and leaf arrangement. Trim the edges and hang in a window.

Tissue Paper Flower Corsage

Materials:

Tissue paper
Green ribbon
Scissors
Glue
Card stock
Hot glue gun
Brooch Pin



Instructions:

Cut a circle about 2" in diameter out of card stock paper. Scrunch a small piece of tissue paper into a tiny ball (about the size of a green pea). Glue it to the center of the card stock circle with glue. Cut a strip of tissue paper about 8" wide and roll it tightly into a tube of paper. Using hot glue, twist the tissue paper and glue it around the center of the circle (around the tissue paper ball you created).

As you twine the paper around the center, twist it, too. Continue gluing the paper all around the center until you get to the outside edge of the circle. Cut a piece of ribbon about 6" long and glue both ends (forming loops) to the back of the flower. Use the hot glue gun to attach the flower to the brooch pin. Let dry.

Epsom Salt Candle Holders

Materials:

Empty Jar
Epsom salt
Food coloring
Paper plate
Bowl
Mod Podge
Clear gloss sealer



Directions:

In a bowl, gently mix 1 cup of Epsom salt with 1 drop food coloring. Put Epsom salt onto a paper plate in an even layer. Generously coat the exterior of the jar in Mod Podge. Put your hand or fingers inside the jar and roll it in the Epsom salt. When the jar is thoroughly coated, set upright. Add Mod Podge to the top of the rim and sprinkle with Epsom salt. Allow to dry for a few hours. Once the jar is dry, spray with a clear gloss sealer and let dry. Repeat this process at least twice.

Mother's Day Tea Cup Candle**Materials:**

Candle wax
Wick
Double boiler
Pretty tea cups

**Directions:**

Melt the wax in a double boiler. While wax is melting, put the wick around the middle of a pencil. Lay the pencil on top of the teacup with the wick centered. Pour the wax slowly into the teacup, until about ½" from the top. Let cool. Untie the pencil and trim wick to ½".

Cameo Necklace**Materials:**

Baby picture
Metal-rimmed key tag (available at office supply store)
Glue
Glitter
Ribbon



Directions:

Color-copy a favorite picture. Reduce it to fit a metal-rimmed key tag. Cut out the picture and glue to the tag. Use a glue stick to add glitter or other decorations. Loop a length of thin ribbon through the tag's hole or ring.

Quiet Time Door Hanger**Materials:**

Felt
Pinking shears
Fabric glue
30" length of ribbon
Fiberfill or cotton balls
3" X 5" index cards

**Directions:**

Cut two 9" x 7" rectangles of felt and one 4" x 6" rectangle of a different color felt. Trim the edges of the felt with pinking shears. Cut a 2" x 4" window in the smaller piece of felt.

Apply fabric glue along the 2 short sides of one of the 9" x 7" felt pieces. Lay the ribbon atop the glue lines for a hanger. Apply more glue along all the edges of the felt, leaving a 2-inch space at the center of the bottom edge for adding the stuffing. Set the second piece of 9" x 7" felt atop the first. To add the window, apply fabric glue along the sides and bottom of the 4" x 6" felt piece and glue it to the center of the top piece of the other felt. Allow all of the glue to dry.

Stuff the pillow with fiberfill, then seal the hole with more fabric glue and let it dry. Write a few messages on the index cards to display in the "window."

Mosaic Planter

Materials:

Newspaper

Pieces of broken pottery, tiles, beads, marbles, beach glass, shells

Ceramic tile grout

Plastic knife

Terra cotta flowerpot

Sponge

Directions:

Spread a heavy layer of tile grout onto the flowerpot with the plastic knife. Then press the tile pieces into the wet grout. When finished, spread a little more grout between the pieces so that most of the broken edges are covered. After the pot is dry, wipe off any grout film with a damp sponge.

Mother's Day Tiaras

Materials:

3 (12") Pipe Cleaners

5 Red Pony Beads

20 Pink Pony Beads

28 Pony Beads in various colors

Directions:

Twist the ends of 2 stems together to make one 23" stem that will fit around the mother's head. Slide 20 pink and 5 red pony beads to the center of the 23" stem, creating a pattern. Gently bend stem.

Slide a 3rd 12" stem through the middle red bead and center it.

On one side, add 6 faceted beads, creating a 3-1-3 pattern. Slide that end of the stem through the next red pony bead on the main stem.

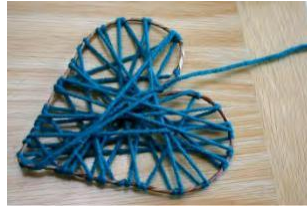
Repeat, finishing that side by sliding under the last red pony bead.

Repeat for other side to make the top of the tiara. Twist ends to secure beads.

Yarn Hearts

Materials:

Floral wire
Yarn
Scissors
Wire cutter



Directions:

Clip off a length of floral wire and bend into a heart shape, twisting the ends together to secure. Tie yarn onto heart. Pull yarn across heart, wrap around wire, and pull yarn across to the other side. Wrap yarn securely so there is no slack. Tie a knot and cut yarn with enough length for hanging.

Paper Bead Necklace

Materials:

Magazine pages
Paper towel
Scissors
White glue
Toothpicks
Jewelry string



Directions:

Cut long triangular strips of magazine (about 5- 7"), keeping one end approximately ½" and the other end down to a point. Beginning with the wide end, wrap it around the toothpick and roll it until 1" remains. Apply glue to the last inch and finish rolling, using your fingers to rub the excess glue all over the bead, covering it completely. Set aside to dry.

Repeat this step with another piece of paper. Continue until you've made as many beads as you want. When glue dries, remove toothpick. Cut desired length of jewelry string, and string the beads. Tie ends together.

Watercolor coffee mug

Materials:

Ceramic coffee mug
Plastic container
Toothpick
Nail Polish
Clear acrylic (optional)



Directions:

Fill a plastic container with warm water. Pour a few drops of 2 different colors of nail polish into the water. Working quickly, use the toothpick to slightly stir the nail polish to create a design. Dip mug straight down into the water and remove. Pat dry with paper towel. Spray mug with clear acrylic to protect design (keep away from drinking area).

Hand Painted Scarf

Materials:

White lightweight material (like silk or fabric lining)
Scissors
Acrylic paint
Wax paper
Sewing machine



Directions:

To make the scarf lengths, match up salvage ends. Measure 14" and then cut from the fold to the salvage end. Hem the sides of the scarf. Lay scarves out on wax paper. Water down the acrylic paint to an inky consistency. Paint on your design. The paints will run a bit and you get a soft watercolor effect. Let the scarf dry. When the scarf is fully dry, wash in the washing machine with a bit of detergent and fabric softener.

Photo Coaster

Materials:

6 (4" × 4") white ceramic tiles

6 (4" × 4") printed photos

Mod Podge

1" foam brush

Self-adhesive felt pads



Directions:

Apply a thin layer of Mod Podge to the front of each tile, making sure to spread it all the way to the edges. Place a photo on top of the wet coat of Mod Podge and let it dry for about 5 minutes.

Apply 3 coats of Mod Podge to the front of the tile, waiting about 15 minutes between each coat. Apply each coat as a thin layer. Stick felt pads to the bottom of each tile. Let dry for 3 days before using.