

## Presidents Day Crafts

### Patriotic Button Art

**Materials:**

Blue picture frame

Red burlap

White buttons

Scissors

Hot glue/hot glue gun

**Directions:**

Cut your burlap to the size of the frame. Hot glue the burlap directly to the back of the frame. Once the hot glue has dried, arrange the white buttons on top of the burlap with the letters USA. Hot glue them to the burlap. Allow the buttons to dry.

### Patriotic Pompom Garland

**Materials:**

Red, white & blue tissue paper

Twine or ribbon

Scissors

Stapler



**Directions:**

Cut tissue paper into 7" x 10" rectangles. Take 2 cut sheets of each color and layer on top of each other: red, white, blue, red, white, blue.

Folding horizontally along the short end of the rectangle, create an accordion fold about 1" thick along the tissue paper sheets. You should be flipping the tissue paper over with each fold to create the accordion fold. Staple once in the center to secure all of the layers in place. Trim each end of your folded pompom into a point.

Fan out ½ of the folded pompom, and gently pull each layer of tissue paper away from the center to fluff. Repeat for all layers of tissue paper on both the top and bottom half of each pompom.

Repeat steps to create the next accordion pompom. To make one continuous garland, simply measure the amount of space you would like between pompoms and tie with twine or ribbon.

**Abraham Lincoln's Cabin****Materials:**

Construction paper (white and at least one other color)

White glue or a glue stick

Scissors

Craft sticks

Crayons

A shiny penny

**Directions:**

Glue craft sticks horizontally to the paper to make the wall of the cabin. Cut a triangular roof for the cabin and glue it to the paper. Cut a rectangular door and square window; the window should be bigger than a penny. Glue the door and window to the cabin. Glue a penny, Lincoln side up, to the window. Draw a door knob and a background.

## George Washington Cherry Tree

### Materials:

7 brown chenille stems  
21 red pony beads  
2 green chenille stems



### Directions:

Gather all the brown chenille stems, lining them up evenly. Twist together in the center. The top half will be your branches and the bottom half your tree trunk. Twist the bottom half together, work your way down leaving about 2" at the bottom for the roots.

Spread the roots out so that the tree stands on its own. Spread the branches out. Cut the green chenille stems into 2" pieces. Fold a green chenille piece in half and twist the bottom half of it around a tree branch (closest to the trunk) to create a leaf.

Slide a pony bead onto the branch above the leaf you just created. Move up about an inch on the branch and repeat steps 6 and 7 twice so that you have a total of 3 leaves and 3 pony beads (cherries) on each branch. Fold the end of the branch over so that the pony bead cherry doesn't fall off the end.

## Patriotic Paperweight

### Materials:

A smooth, flat rock  
Red, White, and Blue Tempera Paint  
Acrylic varnish



### **Directions:**

Choose a smooth, flat rock. Use blue paint to color the area that will be the stars. Paint the rest of the rock's top white. Let the paint dry. Paint red stripes in the white area. Paint some white stars on the blue area. If you'd like a shiny finish, coat with an acrylic varnish after the paint has dried completely.

### **Lucky Penny Pin**

#### **Materials:**

Shiny penny  
Tulle fabric  
Red, white, or blue ribbon  
Safety pin  
Scissors



#### **Directions:**

Cut 2 pieces of tulle about 3 times bigger than the penny. Place a penny in the center of the tulle and pull up the edges to enclose it. Cut a piece of ribbon and tie it with a bow. Tie a double knot in the bow in the ribbon so it does not fall off. Slip the side of the safety pin that has the closure under the ribbon to secure and your pin is ready.

### **Presidents' Day Windsock**

#### **Materials:**

Blue plastic cup  
Silver star stickers  
Red and white ribbon  
Tape  
Scissors  
String



**Directions:**

Poke three holes evenly spaced on the bottom of the cup. Push a string through a hole and tie a knot at the end inside the cup. Repeat with the other holes. Gather the strings and tie at the top to use for hanging. Stick the star stickers to the outside of the cup. Cut ribbon/crepe paper into 2 to 3 foot lengths. Tape the strips to the inside of the cup, alternating colors.

**Starlight Napkin Ring****Materials:**

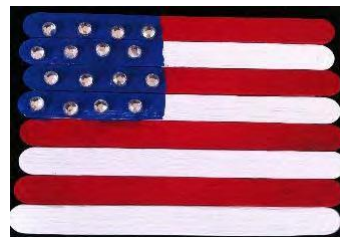
Tape or glue  
Poster board or heavy paper  
Starlight mint candies  
Double-sided tape  
Blue napkins

**Directions:**

Tape or glue a strip of poster board or heavy paper into a ring. Fix a row of Starlight mint candies (in their wrappers) to the ring with double-sided tape. Stuff the ring with a napkin and one set of utensils.

**Flag Magnet****Materials:**

8 craft sticks  
Red, white, and blue acrylic paint  
Card stock  
Rhinestones  
Glue  
Magnet  
Paintbrush



**Directions:**

Paint 4 sticks red and 4 sticks white. Let dry. Glue sticks to card stock alternating red and white. Paint a blue square in the upper left hand corner. Let dry. Glue rhinestones to the blue square to make stars. Attach magnet to back side.

**Collage Heart****Materials:**

Patriotic paper  
Glue  
Card stock  
Black marker  
Blue paint  
Paintbrush

**Directions:**

Cut paper into various shapes. Glue paper to cardstock, overlapping shapes. Trace a heart shape with place marker. Paint the outside of the heart with blue paint. Let dry.

**Patriotic Bandana Bracelets****Materials:**

Red, white, and blue bandanas  
Fish tank tubing  
Lollipop stick  
Craft sticks  
Hot glue



**Directions:**

Tear bandanas into 1-inch strips. Remove strings. Cut tubing to appropriate size for whomever is wearing the bracelet. Snip the lollipop stick into small pieces.

Add a bit of hot glue to one end of the tubing and insert the lollipop stick. Add a bit more glue to the other side of the tube and insert the other end of the lollipop stick to form a circle. Add a bit of hot glue at the start of the wrap to secure fabric to tube.

Start wrapping the fabric around and around, twisting when you need to. Keep going until the tube is completely covered. If you run out of fabric, just use a little glue and add another strip. Add a bit of hot glue to the end of the strip to finish bracelet.