

## Veterans Day Crafts

### Patriotic Vase

**Materials:**

Glass container

Red, white and blue acrylic paint

Paper plate

**Directions:**

Place the glass container upside down on a paper plate. Starting with the red paint, slowly apply a few drops around the edge of the bottom of the container and allow to drip down over the edge. If needed, use a toothpick to encourage it to fall over the edge. Allow paint to dry. Repeat the process again with the blue and then the white paint. Continue to add paint a little at a time until desired effect is achieved. Allow to dry for 24 hours before using.

### Poppy Wreath

**Material:**

Egg carton

Scissors

Red and black paint

Paper plate

Card stock

Marker

Paintbrushes

Ribbon

Glue



**Directions:**

First cut the cups off the carton. Then make 4 triangle-shaped cuts and trim the edges to make it more poppy-like. Paint the flowers red and let dry. Once dry, paint the center black. Let dry. Cut a strip from the card stock about the diameter of the plate. Write the words "Thank You" or "Remember" on the strip. Cut the middle out of the paper plate. Glue the strip to the center of the paper plate. Glue poppies around the paper plate. Attach ribbon and hang.

**Patriotic Streamers****Materials:**

Florist wire  
Pliers  
Red, white, and blue plastic table cloths  
Fishing line  
Scissors

**Directions:**

Use the pliers to twist the florist wire into a circle. Cut the plastic tablecloths into strips. Fold each strip in half and place with a loop underneath the wire circle. Thread the long ends through the loop and pull gently until tightened. Alternate colors. Attach some fishing line to the top and hang.

**Veterans Day Door Hangers****Materials:**

6 craft sticks  
Red, white, and blue paint  
Paintbrushes  
Card stock  
Glue  
Red, white, and blue pipe cleaners  
Photo of a veteran or soldier



**Directions:**

Paint 3 of the sticks white and 3 red. Glue the sticks to the card stock, alternating white and red. Paint a blue square in the upper left corner (3 sticks). Paint white stars in the blue square. Glue the photo to the craft sticks. If you have residents who are vets, you can personalize the door hangers with pictures of them. Cut pipe cleaners in half and twist them around a pencil to make a spiral shape. Glue to the back of the door hanger. Glue the end of 1 full pipe cleaner to the top left corner of the back of the flag. Glue the other end to the top right corner to form a hanger.

**American Flag Mason Jar****Materials:**

Mason Jar  
4" x 6" flag  
Foam brush  
Twine or raffia

**Directions:**

Remove the flag from the wood flagstaff by pulling out the staples. Apply Mod Podge to both sides of the flag with a foam brush. Position the coated flag on the Mason jar and smooth out with the foam brush. Let dry. Wrap twine around the top of the jar and tie. Place candle inside the jar.

**Bandana Flag T-shirt****Materials:**

White t-shirt  
Bandanas, red and blue  
Heat n Bond Scissors  
and Iron



**Directions:**

Cut a square of the Heat n Bond and iron it onto the back of the bandanas. Draw the stars and strips onto the paper backing and cut out the shapes. Peel the paper backing off the stars and stripes. Position the shapes on the shirt. Then iron them into place.

**Patriotic Ribbon Rings****Materials:**

Shower curtain ring or Mason jar lid  
Red, white and blue ribbons  
Scissors  
Hot glue

**Directions:**

Cut 8-10 ribbons twice the desired length. Using a [Larks Head knot](#), attach the ribbons to the rings. Hot glue in place if necessary.

**Patriotic Paper Flowers****Materials:**

Scissors  
Small hole punch  
Patriotic scrapbook paper  
Small paper brads  
Floral stem wire  
Red and blue washi tape

**Directions:**

Trace and cut out different size circles from the sheets of paper. Pair up the sizes and the patterns into what you want the flowers to look like. On each circle, make 5 or 6 different cuts, stopping approximately ½" from the center of your circle. Once all your circles are cut, punch a hole into the center of each circle. Fold each of the petals in half lengthwise.

Stack 2 or 3 circles from largest at the bottom to smallest at the top. Insert the brad to keep all the pieces together. Your flower is complete! Use the flowers to create a wreath, pins or add stems for a floral arrangement.

## Poppy Paper Plate

### Materials:

Paper plate  
Scissors  
Red paint  
Black paint  
Paintbrush



### Directions:

Cut a 4-petal poppy shape from the plate. Paint the plate red and let dry. Paint a circle in the center with black paint.

## Veterans Day Candle

### Materials:

Glass Jar  
Rice  
Red and blue food coloring  
2 Ziploc bags  
Rubbing alcohol  
Tea light or candle



### Directions:

Divide rice into 3 piles. Put two into Ziploc bags and set the third aside. Drop a few drops of rubbing alcohol inside with rice. Squeeze a few drops of red food coloring into one bag and blue food coloring into the other. Seal the bags and mix around. Once the rice is fully coated, spread it on a plate to dry. Layer the rice in the jar in the pattern of your choice. Place the candle in the rice.

## Patriotic Planter

### Materials:

Milk container  
Red, white, and blue paint  
Paintbrushes  
Jumbo craft sticks  
Glue  
Star stencil



### Directions:

Cut the top off a milk container to about the height of the craft sticks. Paint the craft sticks red, white, and blue (6 red, 4 white, and 10 blue). Let dry. Glue the craft sticks vertically on the container (use a glue gun to speed up the process). Make 2 sides blue. Alternate red and white craft sticks on the other sides. Paint white stars on the blue sides using the stencil.

## Thank You Pin

### Materials:

Cardstock  
Tissue paper in the colors of red, white and blue  
Liquid glue  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Letter beads  
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. Glue beads to

heart to form message (“Thank you” or “Remember”). Turn the finished product over and glue the pin in place. Let the glue thoroughly dry.

## **Patriotic Headband**

### **Materials:**

Red, white, and blue t-shirts (used)

Scissors

Safety Pin

Hot glue gun



### **Directions:**

Lay the shirts out flat and cut strips of material from the bottom to the shoulder. This is a great way to get the most length out of a smaller t- shirt. The width depends on how thick you’d like the headband, about 1” to 1½” wide.

Once you have strips of all three colors, braid together. Use the safety pin to hold the strips in place as you braid. When the braid is long enough to fit around your head, trim off extra length.

Cut a piece of t-shirt to fit around the ends of the strips (about 3”x 3”).

Lay the t-shirt piece down and place your braid ends on top of it. Use the hot glue to hold them down. Glue both ends of your shirt square down so that all the ends are covered.