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Letter from the Editors

Hi Holiday Crafters,

Show your patriotism with these fun and festive Fourth of July Crafts!

The Fourth is all about the good ole red, white, and blue. So we've compiled a bunch of fun crafts that all follow this classic color scheme. The patriotic craft ideas in this collection will help you make your cookout and Fourth of July party the best on the block. This eBook is full of great ways to decorate not only your house, but also yourself; with DIY jewelry and cute clothes for the kids, you are going to be as All-American as one can get.

Patriotic Crafts: 14 Fourth of July Crafts and Fourth of July Party Ideas is the perfect eBook for the summer. Celebrate our amazing country with these fun and patriotic crafts.

Sincerely,

The Editors of AllFreeHolidayCrafts

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Spirited Star Bead Bracelet

By: Patti Milazzo for Fiskars



Fourth of July is coming up and nothing shows your American spirit like wearing it right on your wrist! This Spirited Star Bead Bracelet is the perfect accessory to wear to attend a backyard BBQ or to watch the fireworks. Impress your friends and make your own beads by following these simple origami instructions. This patriotic craft is so simple and easy, you may want to make a necklace and an anklet to go with your bracelet.

Materials:

- Bracelet string
- Beads
- Patriotic themed paper
- Needle

Instructions:

- 1. Cut paper strips 1/4 inch wide and 10 inches long with a trimmer.
- 2. Start by tying a knot at one end of the paper strip. Pull slowly and carefully. Gradually flatten the shape until you have a perfect little pentagon.



- 3. Valley fold the short tail end over and tuck in or trim. For the longer tail, also valley fold the strip over and around the pentagon shape. Repeat until the end and tuck in the excess.
- 4. To puff up the star, hold it with your thumbs and index fingers. Then with one of your thumbnails push in the side. Repeat this with each side of the star to puff it up.



- 5. Once 10+ stars are made, use a large needle to string together the stars and beads using stretchy beading elastic.
 - Note: Use a thumbtack to make the holes.
- 6. Tie the ends once you have the desired length and it is ready to wear.

Patriotic Flower Centerpieces

By: Carlene Eshelman for AllFreeHolidayCrafts.com

Kids and adults will love these colorful Patriotic Flower Centerpieces full of red, white, and blue flowers and candy bars. These are great Fourth of July crafts for kids to make, and they can be made from recycled coffee cans or other canisters. Floral Styrofoam keeps fabric flowers and candy bars grouped in a bouquet, and foam U.S.A. embellishments add an extra touch of patriotism! Learn how to make this red, white, and blue centerpiece.



- Recycled canister
- Red, white, and blue paper
- Foam embellishments
- 1-2 cups dew drop marbles
- 6-10 fabric flowers
- Bamboo skewers
- Assorted candies
- Clear tape
- Floral Styrofoam
- Hot glue gun/sticks
- Adhesive
- 1" white ribbon

Instructions:

- 1. Tear red paper and glue to top of canister. Repeat for white, then blue paper. Entire canister should now be covered.
- 2. Use foam embellishments to cover up any paper seams on canister.
- 3. Wrap ribbon around top front of canister. Tie a bow and hot glue to front of can.
- 4. Hot glue floral Styrofoam into can.
- 5. Place dew drops freely into bottom of can.
- 6. Take candy and tape a bamboo skewer to the back.
- 7. Repeat for foam embellishments.
- 8. Start placing flowers, candy, and foam embellishments into floral foam until you are pleased with its arrangement. Vary heights of each item.



All-American Mason Jars

By: Plaid Enterprises

Show off your sense for style when you adorn your backyard with these patriotic All-American Mason Jars. This is one summer craft idea that is perfect for the Fourth of July. You can line your front or back yard with these fun and festive Mason jars all summer long. Get started on your summer with this simple Fourth of July craft. You'll have fun making them, and enjoy showing off your patriotic spirit.



- Plaid Hot Glue Gun Helpers
- FolkArt Enamels Calypso Sky, 2 oz.
- FolkArt Enamels Mediums Flow Medium, 2 oz.
- FolkArt Acrylic Colors Brilliant Blue, 2 oz.
- Mod Podge Gloss, 8 oz.
- Recycled Jar
- Alcohol
- Paper towel
- Medium paintbrush
- Detail paintbrush
- Scissors
- Old book pages
- Wood stars
- Ribbon
- Hot glue

Instructions:

- 1. Remove the label from the jar. Wipe the jar clean with rubbing alcohol.
- 2. Blend equal parts of calypso sky and flow medium. Paint the jar with the mixture. Allow to dry and paint a second coat.
- 3. Cut random sized stars from old book pages. Working on the outside of the jar, apply a coat of Mod Podge to the jar, position the stars onto the jar, top-coat with a layer of Mod Podge. Add stars until the jar is covered. Allow to dry.
- 4. Paint a star with brilliant blue paint.
- 5. Using hot glue, attach a ribbon around the jar and glue stars to the ribbon.

For more Mason jar crafts, download a copy of <u>10 Mason Jar Crafts: DIY</u>

Home Decor and Handmade Gifts in a Jar!



Patriotic DIY Chair Cover

By: <u>iLovetoCreate</u>

What better way to watch the fireworks this July than from your own handmade folding chair? Add some American spirit to your viewing station with this fun and festive Fourth of July Craft. The Patriotic DIY Chair Cover is a great way to spend some time during the relaxing summer season that is sure to pay off. Make a set for the family and bring some seasonal style to your normal fireworks viewing spot. These chair covers are not just perfect for the Fourth of July; their American cheer will bring pride to your yard all summer long.



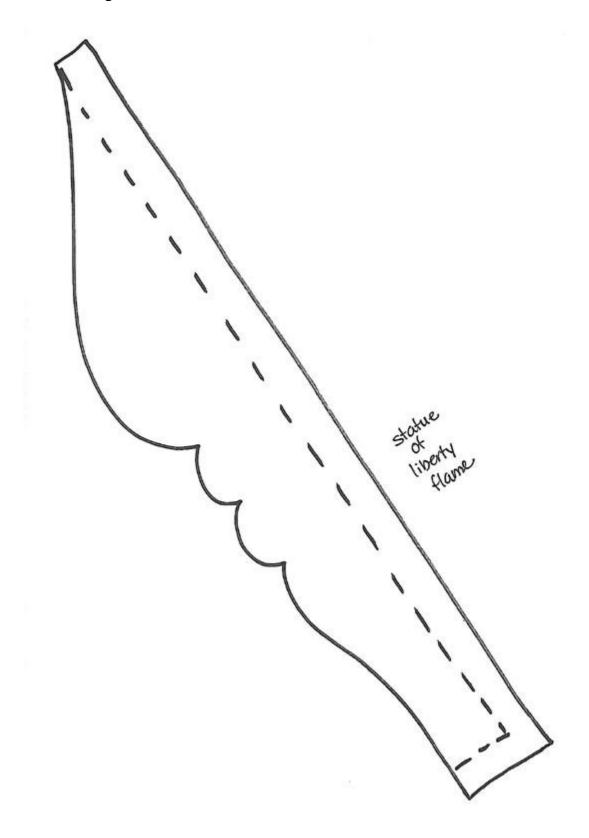
- Aleene's Tacky Packs: Fabric Tacky Pack
- Aleene's Crystal Clear Acid-Free Tacky Spray
- Newspapers
- Low tack masking tape
- Ribbon, 1" wide red and blue grosgrain
- Freezer paper
- Paper towels
- Iron
- Foil

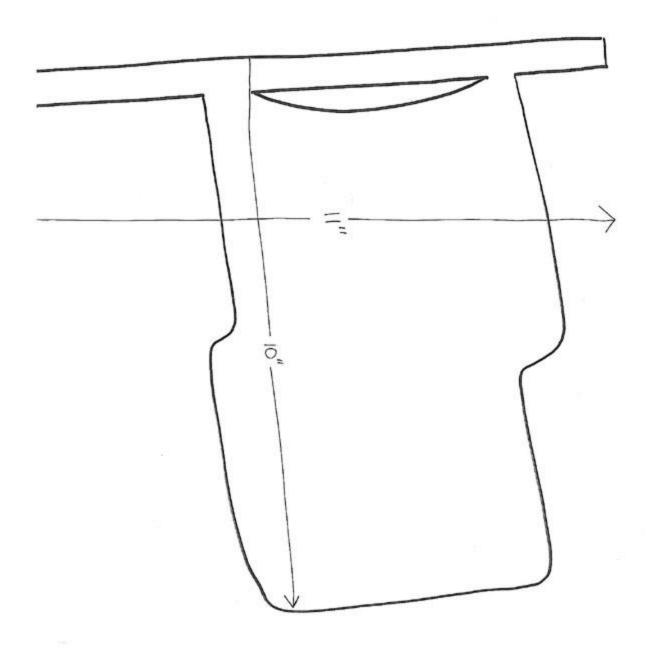
- Ruler
- Acrylic gems, 30mm round crystal
- Small paintbrush
- Fabric: ½ yard per cover red, blue and ¼ yard white
- Scissors
- Crayon
- Pencil
- White chalk

Instruction:

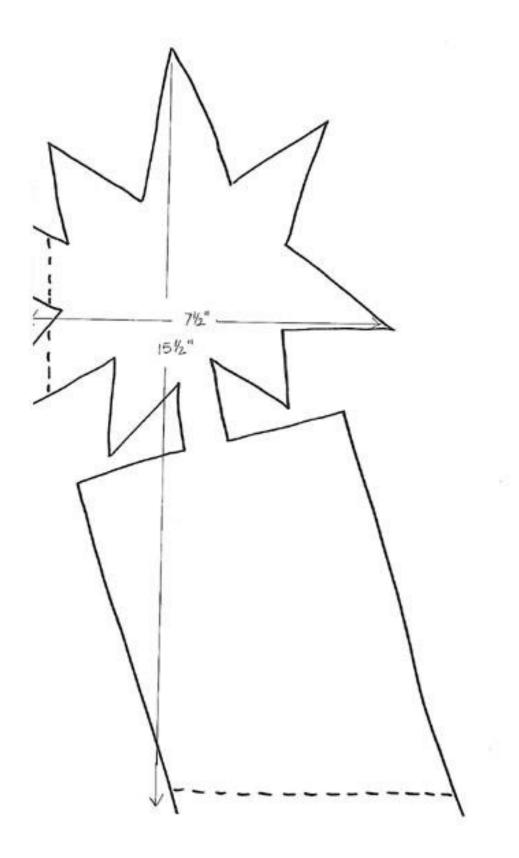
- 1. Iron fabric smooth. Measure and cut a 37" x 16" rectangle for each chair cover desired.
- 2. To finish edges, fold over and iron $\frac{1}{4}$ " then $\frac{1}{4}$ " again on long sides. Iron $\frac{1}{4}$ " on short ends. Measure and fold up another 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 3. Squeeze a small puddle of No Sew Fabric Glue from Tacky Pack on foil. Working in short sections at a time, dip brush into glue and apply a thin even layer along inside of folded edge. Press in place. Complete all edges and let dry.
- 4. Enlarge patterns to size indicated on patterns. Place a sheet of freezer paper with shiny side down onto pattern. Trace design with pencil.
- 5. Place coordinating fabric on ironing board and place freezer paper shiny side down on right side of fabric. Iron in place until freezer paper adheres.
- 6. Use scissors to carefully cut out all designs.
- 7. Cover work area with newspaper to protect surface laying a paper towel in center. Place cutout design fabric side up on paper towel. Following label instructions, spray a thin, even layer of Tacky Spray to fabric covering entire surface.
- 8. Carefully position glue side in place on right side of chair cover and press in place. Carefully remove freezer paper and press fabric again to secure all edges. Fold excess fabric at sides and ends to back and press in place.
- 9. Repeat step with patterns for white areas and place where shown.
- 10. Use chalk to lightly draw on lettering for words. Working in short sections at a time, squeeze small equally spaced dots of Jewel-It Glue from Tacky Pack. Press crayon on top of gem and press into glue. The crayon will hold gem just long enough for easy placement. Continue with remainder of word and let dry.
- 11. Cut 12" strips from ribbon, creating four for each cover. Apply a bead of Fabric Fusion, from Tacky Pack, onto one end of ribbon pressing in place to inside corners. Hold ribbon with small pieces of low tack masking tape until glue dries.

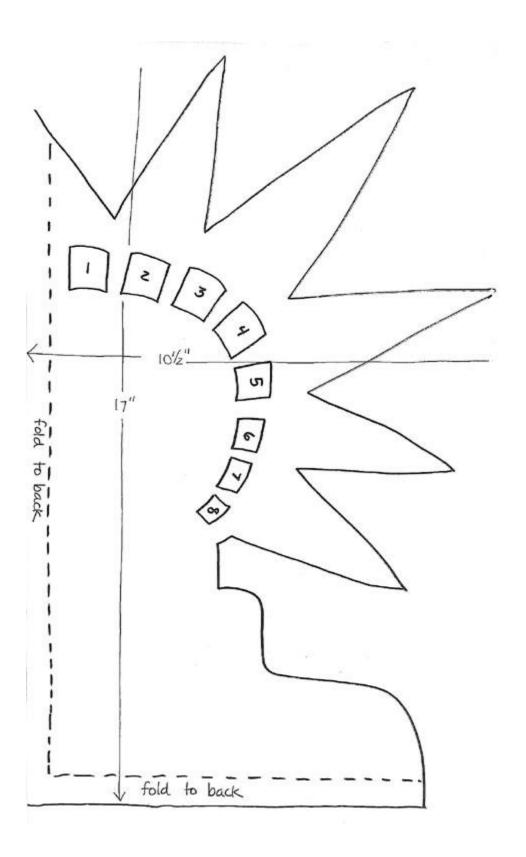
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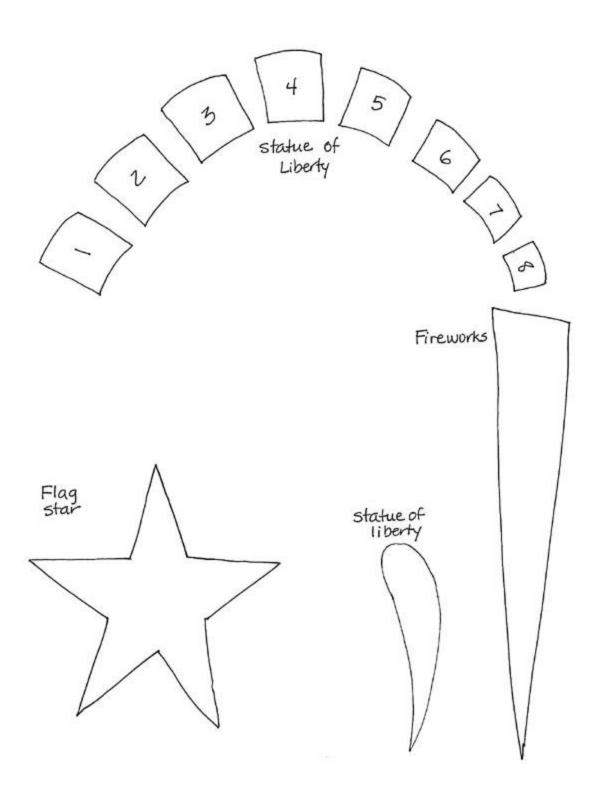




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Patriotic Paper Pinwheel

By: <u>iLovetoCreate</u>

Patriotic Paper Pinwheels are simple to make and look great for July 4th festivities. These fun and festive 4th of July decorations are a quick tutorial that will totally transform your holiday party this July. With beginner skills and a passion for paper, this Fourth of July craft can be finished in no time at all. Celebrate your love for creativity and Independence Day with this handy tutorial.



- Aleene's Original Tacky Glue
- Craft knife
- Red felt pen
- Red, white, blue tissue paper
- 1" star punch
- White craft foam 1 sheet
- Red & white polka dot ribbon 1 yard
- Scissors
- White poster paper 20" circle

Instructions

- 1. Cut blue tissue paper 20" wide. Cut white tissue paper 12" wide. Cut red tissue paper 5" wide.
- 2. Layer paper with blue on bottom, white in middle and red on top. Fan-fold in 1" intervals.
- 3. Hold the fan-folded paper in the center and pull edges around to meet each other to form a circle.
- 4. Use Aleene's Original Tacky Glue to glue the center of the folds together by adding dots of glue on the back.
- 5. While holding the medallion open, add small dots of glue to adhere edges together.
- 6. Punch out white craft foam stars with star punch. Glue stars to medallion in a circle on the blue band of paper. Color one white star with red felt pen and glue to center. Set aside.
- 7. Cut slits in the 20" circle of foam board, 10" apart on one edge of circle. Push ribbon through slits to form a hanger.
- 8. Glue 20" circle of white poster paper on the ribbon side of the foam board.
- 9. Glue medallion onto poster paper circle.
- 10. Tie ribbon into a bow at the top to hang.

For even more homemade card ideas, visit our friends at <u>AllFreePaperCrafts</u>!



Fourth of July Wreath

By: Angie from **The Country Cottage Chic**

Give your home some American holiday spirit with this fun and flashy Fourth of July Wreath. It's so easy to make, you won't believe how quickly it's ready to be hung up. For just five dollars, your house will have a special touch of patriotic pizzazz. Make one for each of your doorways and host a backyard BBQ so your friends can oooh and ahhh. You won't regret taking a few minutes out of your day to get into the Fourth of July spirit!



- Pool Noodle
- Fourth of July Garland
- Red Duck Tape
- Popsicle Sticks
- Glue
- Red, white, and blue paint
- Paper or cardstock

Instructions:

1. Make your pool noodle into a circle and tape the ends together with Duck Tape.



2. Wrap the garlands around the wreath, tucking in the ends when you come to them. There is no need to glue; the garlands should stay without the help of adhesive.



- 3. Create a mini American flag:
 - a. Stack 7 sticks then cut two more off to make a surface to glue to.



b. Paint an American flag onto the other side.



- c. Adhere to the wreath using hot glue.
- 4. Trace a large number 4 onto paper or cardstock (you could also use cardboard), and cut it out.



5. Use hot glue to secure the four to the middle of the wreath.

Fourth of July Romper

By: Amy from Peek-a-Boo Pattern Shop



What will your baby wear to the Fourth of July parade? Look no further than this adorable Fourth of July Romper. This red, white, and blue romper is as American as apple pie, and cute as a button. It features fabric flowers as a lovely accent for a little girl. Your baby will look so sweet when watching the parade go by. The bonus of this romper is that it has easy diaper access and will keep your baby cool in the hot July sun.

Materials:

- Halter top tank top
- Elastic

Instructions:

1. Cut a half circle out of the bottom middle to form the leg holes. Turn the edges back and stitch down (you may want to reinforce with some additional fabric) and then add some hammer-on snaps.





2. Tack the center of the halter down to the back to form your straps. Then sew a length of elastic across the back, so it fits nice and snug- just stretch the elastic as you sew and use a zig zag stitch.



3. Finish it off with a quick belt and some fabric flowers.



All-American Quilt

By: Julie from **Crafting a Green World**

You won't be able to wait to celebrate your American pride when you have this All-American Quilt. This patriotic craft idea is perfect for spring evening and summer picnics. Plus, it's made from a recycled material that you will be happy to re-purpose, your old blue jeans. Go green for America this year and make this recycled quilt to celebrate your patriotism and crafty spirit.



- Several old pairs of blue jeans (the exact number depends on the size of quilt you'll be sewing)
- Cardboard for a cutting template
- Marking pen
- Sewing machine with a jeans needle inserted
- Matching thread

Instructions:

- 1. Calculate the size of quilt you want to make, and the size of quilt block you want to use.
- 2. Carefully measure and cut out for yourself a cutting template out of cardboard. It can be square or rectangular, but add 1/2" to both the length and the width of your template to allow for a 1/4" seam allowance on all sides.
- 3. Cut your jeans open so that all the denim will lie flat and in one layer.
- 4. Using your marker and cardboard template, trace out quilt blocks from your denim.
- 5. Cut out all the blocks you'll need for your entire quilt before you begin to sew—this will keep the variety even throughout the quilt.
- 6. Once you have all the blocks you'll need, in all their various shades, you can arrange them into a particular pattern.
- 7. Be sure to calculate how many blocks you will need for each row and column. The easiest method for a one-block quilt like this one is to sew together the blocks that make each column, then to sew your columns together in their long strips. Sewing the blocks together in a long strip to make your columns is easy though a little tedious, but sewing the columns together in their long strips can be tricky because you want all your seams to line up.
- 8. To make your seams line up when you come to them, lock them together. Fold one seam down one way, fold the other seam down the other way, and push the two together.
- 9. After you've sewn all the columns together, you will have a finished quilt top.

For even more quilting patterns, visit our friends at FaveQuilts!



Burlap Americana Bunting

By: Sugar Tot Designs

Celebrate your favorite patriotic holidays by decorating your home with this festive Burlap Americana Bunting! Using red and blue patterned fabric, plus some patriotic yarn and rustic burlap makes this homemade 4th of July decoration truly unique! Find out how to create your own bunting by following this sewing tutorial.



- 1/3 yard of red fabric (more or less depending on the size of your flags)
- 1/3 yard of blue fabric (more or less depending on the size of your flags)
- 1/3 yard of burlap
- Yarn or string
- 3 different circles to trace (big, medium, small)
- Fabric scissors
- Marker and pencil
- Thread
- Sewing machine

Instructions

1. Put 2 little marks on the back of your plates, or whatever you are using to trace, on either side so the flags would be bigger than a half circle.



2. Cut out 3 of the large red flags; 3 large blue flags; 6 medium burlap flags; 3 small red flags; 3 small blue flags. Cut twelve 12" pieces of string/yarn in red. Cut twelve 12" pieces of string/yarn in white.



3. Sew a zigzag stitch all around the edges of all the large flag pieces with white thread, sewing the strings on either end as you go.



4. Sew the medium burlap flags on top of the large flags using a zigzag stitch. Then sew the small flags on top of that with a zigzag stitch.



- 5. Finished off the flags by sewing a zigzag stitch across the top.
- 6. Tie the flags together and hang.

Faded Flag Art

By: Arin from A Piece of Life's Pie

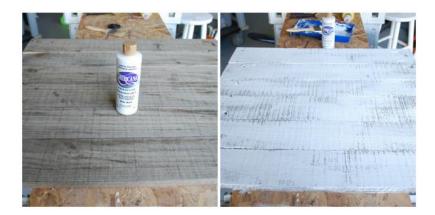
Freedom never fades, but the charm of Americana is in its age. Make this Faded Flag Art to show your love for American tradition. This Fourth of July decoration would be a great accent for your party or BBQ. Show everyone how you're proud to be an American with this easy hand-painted work of art. Learn how to make a piece of art look aged with simple painting techniques. You'll love the retro look of this iconic art, which pays homage to the old stars and stripes.



- Vinyl letters and stars
- "Americana White Wash"
- Wooden palette
- Red, brown, and white paint
- Sandpaper
- Electric sander
- Wood glue
- Nail
- Hammer
- Sealer

Instructions

1. After breaking down an old pallet and cutting to the desired size, paint each board with "Americana White Wash".



2. Once dry, cut and burnish vinyl images onto the pallet and peel away transfer tape (leave the stars in place). Then paint each pallet red or white.



3. Once stripes are dry, pull off transfer tape around the stars and paint. Then using a rag, dab "chocolate brown" in random spots along with over the sentiments that are on the white boards.



4. Once fully dry, pull off all vinyl and sand down using both a hand and electric sander to add more of a "distressed" feeling.



5. To set and secure the finished pallets use wood glue and nail two strips of wood to secure each pallet into place. Finish the project by sealing it with a sealer.



Little Lady Liberty Tutu

By: Samantha from Fearlessly Creative Mammas

Was your little girl born on the Fourth of July? She'll look like a true American gal wearing this Little Lady Liberty Tutu. Learn how to make a tutu with real pizzazz. This no sew tutu is easy to make, and adorable on any little girl. She'll stand out in the Fourth of July parade wearing this bold red, white, and blue skirt. The layers of tulle will make her feel like an American princess! She'll love twirling around as the fireworks explode. Make this year's Fourth of July an experience she'll never forget.



- Tulle
- Fabric scissors
- Ribbon
- Elastic
- Glitter spray
- A piece of cardboard
- Self-adhesive rhinestones
- Glue gun
- Sewing machine

Instructions:

1. Cut your tulle into strips. Make them about 2" wide. Determine the length by measuring how long you want it to be, multiplied by 2, and add 2".



- 2. Measure the waist of the little girl you are making this for, add about an inch and then sew the two ends together to make a circle.
- 3. Wrapping your elastic around the cardboard to hold it in place while you add the tulle.



4. Add the self-adhesive rhinestones randomly on just the blue tulle.



5. Add the tulle to the elastic: Fold your strip of tulle in half, making a loop at the top. Put the loop on the back side of the elastic. Put the end of the tulle through the loop. Pull tight, but not too tight. For half the tutu, follow the pattern: two red, two white. Add the blue tulle to the other half.











- 6. Spray with glitter spray, on just the blue.
- 7. Add a drop of glue, on either side, where the blue and red/white meet.



8. Glue a ribbon bow on the tutu.

Red White and Buttons Earrings

By: Olivia from **Hopeful Honey**

Show your American pride by wearing Red White and Button Earrings this Independence Day. Button earrings are a trendy, resourceful Fourth of July craft idea. These are great for a last minute project before you head out to the fair or to see the fireworks. These easy-to-make earrings are the perfect accessory to your red, white, and blue outfit on the Fourth of July. They'll add a special, homemade touch to your ensemble. Follow this easy tutorial and you'll have earrings you can wear year after year.



- Chain Nose Pliers
- 2x 1cm White Buttons
- 2x 1.5cm Red Buttons
- 2x 2cm Blue Buttons
- 2x Silver Earring Hooks
- 2x 5mm Silver Jump Rings
- 2x 10mm Silver Jump Rings
- 2x 12mm Silver Jump Rings

Instructions:

1. Gather all your supplies together before you start jewelry making.



- 2. Taking your chain nose pliers open both of your 5mm jump rings up. Then take your white buttons and string one onto each jump ring. Then string one earring hook onto each jump ring before closing the jump rings back up again.
- 3. Taking your chain nose pliers open both of your 10mm jump rings up. Then take your red buttons and string one onto each jump ring. Then string your white buttons onto your 10mm jump ring also before closing the jump rings back up again.
- 4. Taking your chain nose pliers open both of your 12mm jump rings up. Then take your blue buttons and string one onto each jump ring. Then string your red buttons onto your 12mm jump ring also before closing the jump rings back up again.

DIY Patriotic Button Ring

By: Olivia from **Hopeful Honey**



If you're looking for unique Fourth of July jewelry, try this DIY Patriotic Button Ring. Wear this Fourth of July craft with your other red, white, and blue gear. This easy-to-make ring is cute as a button. It only takes ten minutes to put this funky ring together. Show off your American spirit with a retro accessory. You can wear this ring for the whole celebration.

Materials:

- 1 Silver 8mm Pad Adjustable Flat Ring
- 1cm White Button
- 1.5cm Red Button
- 2.5cm Blue Button
- Glue Gun

Instructions:

- 1. Start of by gathering all your supplies together.
- 2. Heat up your glue gun. Once it's warm, place a small dot of hot glue on the flat part of your silver ring and place your blue button on it.
- 3. Taking your glue gun again place a small dot of hot glue right in the middle of the big blue button and place your red button on it. Then last but not least place a small dot of glue in the middle of the red button and place your white button on it.

Ruffle Diaper Tutorial

By: Daydream Believers

There really is not a material out there that is cuter than ruffles, and they become even more adorable when a baby is wearing them! Grab your favorite red and blue fabric scraps and get started on this fun summer craft for the Fourth of July. This little diaper cover will give that little grandchild you love the perfect amount of patriotism all summer long. If you love to sew for your country and your grand-kids, this is the perfect project for you!



- One Plain Diaper Cover
- Three Strips of Fabric (Cut 2 inches wide x 20 inches long)
- Sewing Supplies

Instructions:

1. Finish the edges of each long side using a serger. Alternatively, you could finish the edges with a tight zigzag stitch or you could hem each piece with a narrow hem. If hemming, you may wish to increase the width of your strips from 2 inches to 3 inches.



- 2. Sew a gathering stitch along the top edge of each strip. Gather each strip of fabric until it is the same width as the back of your cover.
- 3. Place and pin your first strip of ruffles across the back of your cover. Be sure to tuck your ends under at the beginning and end of the strip. Since you are work from the bottom up, so look at the leg opening of your cover, and place your first strip just above this point.



- 4. Using a straight stitch, sew your ruffle strip onto the cover.
- 5. Position your second strip of ruffles so that the bottom edge of the ruffle sits around the middle of the row beneath it. Pin and sew the strip on to the cover using a straight stitch. Repeat with the third and final strip.

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