12 Fun Crafts for Spring

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Letter from the Editor

Hello Holiday Crafters,

Kiss winter goodbye with a few fun crafts that will surely brighten up your season. There's nothing like creating simple projects that will give your home a breath of fresh springtime air. After all, if allergies and rainstorms are keeping you in the house, you can still enjoy all the beauty that spring has to offer by adding splashes of florals and pastels into your living space.

In this free eBook, you'll find some awesome crafts that you can make and enjoy all season long. You can even print out this eBook, bring it outside, and knock out a few projects while sitting on the deck enjoying the weather. If you're looking for gifts for Mother's Day or a spring birthday, you can bring to life some Embroidered Floral Napkins found on page 25, or you can embrace the spirit of Earth Day by making Popsicle Stick Raindrop Earrings found on page 18. No matter what you may be up to this spring, our eBook will have you inspired all season long!

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Happy crafting!

Sincerely,

The Editors of AllFreeHolidayCrafts.com

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DIY Spring Decor

Garden Flag Door Hanger By: Kim from Exquisitely Unremarkable



Have a tight spot between your storm and front door but want to add something decorative to welcome the season? How about a garden flag hanger? Just slide a small piece of wood into the pocket, attach a ribbon and bow, and voila! Fabulous!

- Garden flag
- Thick ribbon
- Thin wooden stick
- Glue gun
- 1 glue stick

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Instructions:

1. In order to hang the flag and ensure that it will not buckle or wrinkle, you need to add a straight support. Grab a lightweight, flat wooden stick and slide it into the pocket at the top of the flag. Choose a very thin piece of wood so you will be able to cut it with your scissors.



2. Now make the ribbon hanger. Start with a length of ribbon and fold the center into a triangle so it will hang flat on your front door. Add a little bit of glue to make sure that your fold will stay put.



3. Then, hot glue the ends to your flag and cut off any extra. When you're done, make a really big bow.



Spring Fever Party DIY Light By: Benetta Strydom for AllFreeHolidayCrafts



Celebrate the arrival of spring with these spring decorating ideas that will have your heart glowing with seasonal warmth. Use decoupage and paint techniques to turn an ordinary clear glass jar into this stunning Spring Fever Party DIY Light. Displayed with fairy lights and lemons, these lamp ideas will make eye-catching centerpieces. This lamp DIY project is a great way to turn trash into treasure! Who would have thought that a simple jar could yield one of the loveliest spring crafts of all time?

- Empty clear glass mayonnaise jar with a capacity of 3 liters
- Napkin with a suitable floral design in yellow
- 30" of matching ribbon
- Jute string
- Frosted glass sandblast spray paint
- 2-3 alcohol pads
- Mod Podge
- Kaisercraft bronze ink glimmer mist

- Rolkem super gold dusting powder
- Quick-drying clear matte spray varnish
- Standard scissors
- 2 paintbrushes
- Hairdryer
- Small plastic bowl
- Battery-operated string of pure white LED fairy lights
- A few lemons

Instructions:

1. Remove the label, wash the jar, and allow it to dry upside down overnight.

Tip: If necessary, use mineral turpentine to remove any glue residue from where the label was stuck.

2. Clean the jar on the outside with alcohol pads and allow it to dry.

3. Spray the jar with the frosted glass sandblast spray paint and allow it to dry thoroughly.

4. Cut the design from the napkin. Remove the bottom layers from the design cut from the napkin and position the design on the jar.

5. Paint Mod Podge over the napkin design. It is best to start painting from the middle of the design towards the sides, working in small triangles. Use your index finger to gently rub out any air bubbles from the back of the design. Rub from the inside towards the outside and be careful not to tear the design. Use the hairdryer to dry the jar but do not use the highest heat setting on the hairdryer, as the jar might become too hot to handle.

6. Paint a layer of Mod Podge over the outside of the jar. The Mod Podge will protect the design and give the product a smoother finish. Dry the jar thoroughly with the hairdryer.

7. Spray some of the ink mist into the plastic bowl. Use the paintbrush to give the jar an uneven wash with the ink mist and allow it to dry thoroughly.

Note: Do not paint ink mist over the design.

8. Use the second dry paintbrush and the gold dusting powder to add an uneven gold shimmer to the jar, again avoiding painting over the design itself.

9. Spray the jar with the varnish and allow it to dry thoroughly.

10. Tie the jute string and ribbon around the neck of the jar, making neat bows, and cut the ends of the string and ribbon shorter.

11. To display, fill the jar with lemons and a string of fairy lights.

Faux Flower DIY Wreath By: Jelica from A Pretty Fix



If you love making a good flower craft to help celebrate the season of spring, then you will love this floral wreath. You will have just as much fun picking out the perfect flowers to use as you will actually making this Faux Flower DIY Wreath. These flower craft ideas are so lifelike that your friends and neighbors will think that you went to the field and picked the flowers yourself. In fact, these flower projects are so stunning that your guests won't even believe that you made the wreath on your own.

Materials:

- Assorted faux wildflowers
- Grapevine wreath
- Wire clippers

Instructions:

1. The first thing to do is determine the design in advance. Since this wreath uses multiple colors in a color block pattern, simply fan the flowers out to see which order of colors are most pleasing to you. In this case, there are four colors that divide the wreath up into quarters – one for each color used – and in the order shown.



2. Take one of the color groupings and begin cutting the stems so that you are left with about 6-8 inches. In some cases, you will have a few florals attached to a single stem. As it is a wildflower wreath, this variation will add to the beauty of the design.



3. Once you have collected enough clippings, begin inserting the stems between the vines. You will want to have your wreath 'fan' out, so insert on an angle (as pictured) and push about 2-3 inches of stem into the grapevine.



4. Continue making your way upwards until you have covered one fourth of the wreath.



5. Then move on to the next color and repeat by clipping your stems and inserting them into your wreath.



6. Continue this process with each wildflower variety.



7. Once you've covered the face of the wreath, take a step back and determine which gaps you want to fill in. The wreath has been made a bit fuller by partially filling in the interior ring.

8. Since each wildflower selected may have a different degree of fullness, certain areas of the face of the wreath might be sparser than others. If that is the case for you, simply add more wildflowers to those sections as well. Once you have filled in the gaps and covered the sparse areas with more wildflowers, take a second look to be sure you are happy with the results.



Floral DIY Wedding Centerpieces By: <u>Stephanie Hamen for AllFreeHolidayCrafts</u>



Memories of your wedding day last forever. If you're helping someone that you hold dear plan their big day, don't you want their memories to be as perfect as possible? We thought so. These Floral DIY Wedding Centerpieces are one small detail that will have hundreds of big effects. Guests will "ooh" and "ahh" over these stunning DIY wedding centerpieces. In fact, they might not even believe you knew how to make wedding centerpieces this professional looking! Give the bride's event subtle touches that add up into one big decorative effect with an easy wedding craft you'll enjoy making.

Materials:

- Decorative box
- Floral foam
- Wire cutters
- Faux floral pre-made bouquets
- Faux greenery stems

Instructions:

1. Begin cutting apart the floral bouquets and separate the flowers from the greenery.

- 3. Add the foam to the box.
- 4. Begin in the center, working out, adding in the longer pieces of greenery.
- 5. Next add in the largest flowers.

6. Begin adding in the rest of the flowers, largest to smallest. Then, fill in with all remaining greenery, finishing off the piece.

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Shabby Chic Rose Planter By: <u>Plaid Enterprises</u>



We take pride in the beauty of our flowers, so shouldn't they be stored in a pretty planter? Use garden craft ideas to give your plants a lovely place to live. The Shabby Chic Rose Planter is a gorgeous flower pot which will make the perfect home for even the prettiest of flowers. This simple summer craft is a wonderful way to spend some time outdoors enjoying the summer sun while also making garden crafts. Have fun this season and make stunning DIY backyard ideas like this one. You will not regret it.

- FolkArt[®] Outdoor[™] Acrylic Colors Metallic Pure Gold, 2 oz.
- Mod Podge[®] Fabric, 8 oz.
- Foam paintbrush
- Clay pot
- Burlap Fabric
- Floral printed fabric
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Ribbons
- Velvet leaves
- Silk flowers

Instructions:

1. Paint the rim of the clay pot with Pure Gold.

2. Create a template of the base of the pot by wrapping it with paper and tracing off. Cut the burlap fabric using the template. Coat the base of the pot with Mod Podge Fabric, wrap the burlap around the pot, smooth with your fingers, and add more Mod Podge to secure the ends.

3. Hot glue ribbon trim around the top of the burlap.

4. Cut a flower motif from fabric. Coat the back with Mod Podge Fabric, position onto the pot, smooth the pieces and continue adding more cut pieces.

5. Hot glue velvet leaves and a flower to the front of the pot.



Springtime Recycled Crafts

DIY Flower Balloons By: Haeley from Design Improvised



Your party guests will be walking on air when they see your adorable DIY Flower Balloons. DIY party decorations are a budget-friendly option for any occasion, and these flowery balloons would be great for an array of parties. Whether it's a birthday party, baby shower, or Mother's Day party, these lovely feminine decorations would definitely get noticed. Create these conversation starters by following this easy tutorial. You'll have plenty of floral floaters in no time.

Materials:

- 17" latex balloons
- Martha Stewart cupcake wrappers
- Martha Stewart zinnia stickers
- Martha Stewart specialty ribbons
- Double-sided tape

Instructions:

1. Inflate balloons with helium and tie with a pretty string.

2. Flatten the cupcake liners and adhere to the balloon with a small piece of double-sided tape.



3. Add a little flower sticker in the middle of the cupcake wrapper. Repeat with as many flowers as you want to cover the balloon.



4. Tie a length of pretty vine ribbon to the bottom of the balloon.



Popsicle Stick Raindrop Earrings By: Aki from Minted Strawberry



Embrace the rainy season this year--it does offer up spring flowers. These cute DIY earrings are a great way to show your festive support for the rainy day month, and it will cost next to nothing to make these Popsicle Stick Raindrop Earrings. With beginner skills, any crafter can create this spring craft. Don't spend oodles of cash on a new pair of earring for spring; make your own with our handy DIY earring pattern.

- Jumbo popsicle stick
- Metal ruler
- Pencil
- X-acto knife or box cutter
- Sandpaper or rotary tool with sanding band
- Drill with 1/16" bit
- Paint
- Sealer
- Jump rings and earring wire

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Instructions:

1. Mark the center of your popsicle stick (width-wise). Then mark 1.5" from the edge.



2. Mark about 0.8" from the edge and draw a straight line perpendicular to your marked center. After that, draw a diagonal line connecting the 1.5" mark and each 0.8" mark as shown.



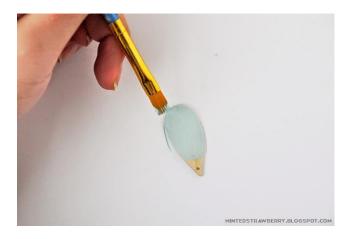
3. Use your diagonal lines as a guide for cutting. Cutting popsicle stick (at an angle or with the grain) is easy - it only takes just about 6-8 swipes with a box cutter.



4. Shape your cuttings into a raindrop shape using sandpaper or a rotary tool with a sanding band. Mark and drill a hole for your jump ring (a 1/16" bit can be used to minimize the popsicle stick breaking).



5. Paint both sides of your pieces with your paint of choice. Afterwards, use a sealer to coat your 'raindrops'.



6. Add your jump rings to finish.



Tipsy Daisy Wine Bottle Upgrade

By: Benetta Strydom for AllFreeHolidayCrafts



You can upcycle old wine bottles into anything! They can become stunning centerpieces that will add a special touch to any occasion. If you and your friends have a special wine that you like to drink, save the bottles and make something sentimental for them like this beautiful wine bottle craft. Recycling glass bottles is so easy, and you'll be surprised at all the things you can do with them. Crafts with wine bottles are so much fun to make; you and the girls can get together to craft something beautiful!

- Clear glass wine bottle (in this case, a 375ml bottle was used)
- 20 small pink scrapbook paper flowers
- Black Artline 703 permanent marker pen
- Acrylic paint in watermelon pink
- Clear-drying wood glue
- Quick-drying clear spray varnish
- Super glue
- Paintbrush
- Small plastic container
- Newspaper to protect the working area

Instructions:

1. Wash the bottle and allow it to dry upside down overnight. If necessary, use mineral turpentine to remove any glue residue from where the label was stuck.

2. In the plastic container, mix wood glue with some of the watermelon pink acrylic paint. Keep adding paint until a rose pink hue has been obtained.

3. Use the paintbrush and add a coat of colored glue to the outside of the wine bottle. Apply glue all the way up to the top lip of the bottle, but do not paint the base of the bottle. Allow to dry thoroughly.



4. Use the black Artline pen to draw twigs around the body, shoulder, and neck of the bottle.



5. Put the bottle upright on a piece of newspaper and spray with a coat of spray varnish. Remember to work in a well ventilated area when using the spray varnish. Allow to dry thoroughly.

6. Use super glue to add the flowers around the bottle.

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Scrapbook Page Flowers By: Kristen Jones for Plaid Enterprises



If you are looking for a way to make pretty paper flowers into a hair accessory, this is the perfect spring craft for you! Make your own Scrapbook Page Flowers and glue them to a simple headband. Find your favorite scrapbook paper, create a layered paper flower, and wear; it's that simple! These hair accessories are the perfect paper flower craft for any diva looking for a DIY project for spring.

- Plaid[®] Hot Glue Gun Helpers
- FolkArt[®] Extreme Glitter[™] Hologram, 5 oz.
- Mod Podge[®] Brushstroke Matte, 8 oz.
- Scrapbook paper scraps
- Wax paper
- Hot glue
- Large gem
- Headband
- Felt circle

Instructions:

1. To make the flower, tear 3 pieces of scrapbook paper into 3 different sized circles.

2. Crinkle the flowers and open flat onto wax paper.

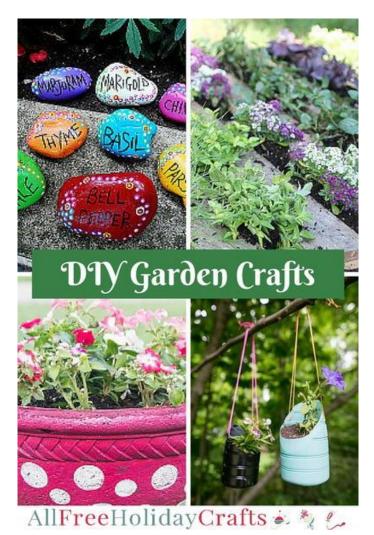
3. Working with Extreme Glitter Hologram, coat each one with either a thick layer of glitter, a dollop of glitter in the center or glitter around the edge. Let dry, then peel from the wax paper.

4. Hot glue the flower circles together in the center. Then, hot glue a large gem in the center of the flower.

5. Attach to the headband using hot glue.

6. Glue a small circle of felt to the underside to finish off the design.

Love flowers? Check out our collection of crafts for the garden!





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DIY Ideas for Spring-Themed Gifts

Embroidered Floral Napkins By: Sallie Dale from The Urban Acres



Enhance your dining experience with these elegantly embroidered cloth napkins. These Embroidered Floral Napkins will have your guests enchanted by your design tastes as well as your embroidery skills. This easy embroidery pattern is a great housewarming or wedding gift or just for your own personal use. The floral embroidery pattern is also a great summer craft that will prep you for a fun summer with friends and family as guests in your home. Hand embroidery designs give the personal touch to your home or to gifts that you wouldn't get from store-bought napkins.

- Fabric (linen or cotton would work)
- Embroidery thread
- Embroidery needle
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Pins
- 4" embroidery hoop
- Sketch paper and pencil
- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Using your rotary cutter and ruler, measure and cut your fabric. If you make your napkins 14" x 10", after sewing they will be 12" x 9".



2. After your desired amount of rectangles has been cut, it's time to fold the edges! Using your iron, fold each edge over 1/4 in. and then fold again. Pins are helpful here too; sometimes those edges come loose as you sew.



3. Using a thread that's close in color to your fabric, sew up all the edges. Be sure to do double stitches on the bulkier corners, so that your napkins hold up and have a nice long life.



4. Decide what you want to embroider on your napkins.



5. Using a pencil (or a felt tip pen), carefully draw your image on your napkin. If using a pen here, stay light with your pressure so the ink doesn't bleed through. You could use carbon paper here and trace over your original drawings or go freestyle.



6. Using your small embroidery hoop, frame your image, thread your needle, and start stitching.



7. Repeat with your other designs. Keep in mind that the best way to make the back of the napkin look nice is to limit the amount of "stops" and "starts" you have. It may take you a few practice runs.

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Sky Blue Crochet Washcloth Pattern By: Jennifer from Niftynnifer's Crochet & Crafts



When you start to see those blue skies of spring, it's wonderful to open up the windows and do some spring cleaning. Make this Sky Blue Crochet Washcloth Pattern to freshen up in style. Use this easy crochet washcloth pattern to make a simple cotton square. Cotton yarn is absorbent and can be used in the bathroom or kitchen. Wipe down counters or bookshelves with your handmade creation, or use it as a bathroom decoration. Leave your washcloth next to the sink as a cute accent. Make a whole stack of these crochet washcloths to replace your old store bought rags.

Materials:

- 4.5mm hook
- Bernat Handicrafter Cotton Yarn
- ½ cup sugar

Pattern:

Dishcloth A: Mixed Stitch Ch 33 Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook. Dc in next st. * Ch 1, Sk next ch. Sc in next st, dc in next st.* Repeat from * to * across. Rows 2+: Ch 1. Turn. *Sc in next dc, dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next ch.* Repeat from * to * across. Repeat Row 2, until project is square. Border: Ch 1, Sc evenly around, placing 2 sc's in corners to help keep from curling. Ss in beg ch 1 to join. Fasten Off. Dishcloth B: Busy Stitch Ch 25 Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook. (Ch 2, sc) in same ch. *Sk next 2 ch's, (2 dc, ch2, sc) all in next ch.* Repeat from * to * across. Rows 2+: Ch 2. Turn. *(2 dc, ch 2, sc) in next ch 2 sp*. Repeat from * to * across. Repeat Row 2 until square. Border: Ch 1. Evenly sc around, placing 2 sc's in corners to help keep from curling. Ss in beg ch 1 to join. Fasten Off.

Nothing says spring like butterflies! Click below to learn how to make a whole flock!



Itty Bitty DIY Party Favor Pots By: <u>Stephanie Hamen for AllFreeHolidayCrafts</u>



Thank your party guests for making your next big event a success with a handmade party favor that they'll actually want to hold on to. These Itty Bitty DIY Party Favor Pots are so adorable, your guests are certain to be grateful for them. With just a few steps, each handmade party favor is quick to make, so you can have a bundle of these cuties done within one evening. Let your creativity shine and perfect your next party with an awesome treat that your friends and family deserve.

- Mini terracotta pots
- Paints
- Hazel and Ruby stencil masks
- Candy
- Foam brush
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Treat bags

Instructions:

- 1. Add one color of paint to the entire pot.
- 2. Dry completely.
- 3. Add stencil letter.
- 4. Add second, contrasting color to the area where the stencil is.
- 5. Remove stencil before the paint dries.
- 6. Finish painting the pot.
- 7. Once dry, add candy or other treats and put it in the bag.
- 8. Tie with ribbon to complete.



Is it time for spring cleaning? Our handy guide has you covered!

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