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Laurieann's Note

Hi Fellow Crafters,

Think warmer weather and new growth as the Winter leaves us. Our Contributors have given us some fun floral crafts to start our 2005, Spring Season.

Don't forget to checkout the Craft Tips below as well as the Classified Ads for great deals of craft items. And please visit our [contributors](#) web sites.

Sincerely,

Laurieann™



Craft Tips

1. Save your photographs, photo copy them and use the copies in your collages.



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2. Clear contact paper can be used to protect your collage.

3. Photocopy your collage and print it on fabric to make a pillow or album cover.



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Craft Village  
News, supplies, patterns  
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## 6th Limited Edition Pattern by Kezi Matthews!



**Elgarose  
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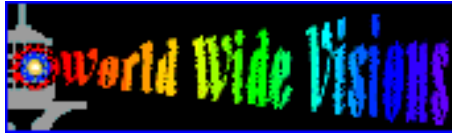
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## Post-it Note Book



### Materials:

Post-it Note pad (mine was 2" square)

Cardboard

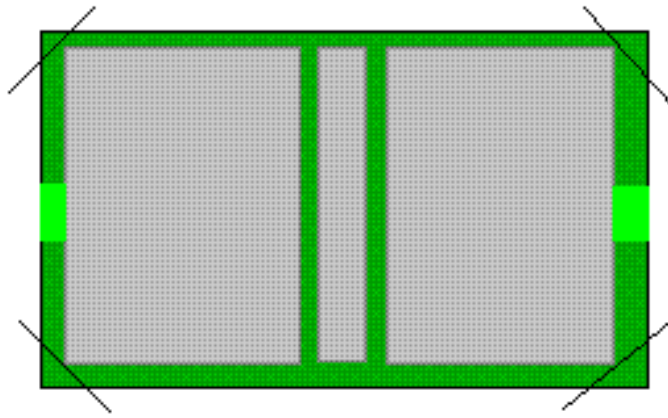
Fabric or handmade paper

Woven braid or fancy ribbon

Charm

White card stock or heavy decorative paper

White craft glue



### Instructions:

Measure your note pad and add 1/4" to 3 sides (2 1/2" X 2 1/4"). Cut 2 pieces of cardboard this size. Cut another piece of cardboard the length of the other 2 pieces and the width of the note pad depth (2 1/2" X 1/4").

Cut the fabric or handmade paper 1/2" larger all around (6 1/4" X 3 1/2") and cut the trim/ribbon 6 1/2" long. Spread a thin even layer of craft glue on the back of the trim/ribbon. Place the trim/ribbon along the center length of the cover.

Using the picture as your guide, glue the three pieces of cardboard in place. Trim the corners and fold the edges in gluing them in place.

Cut the cover lining from decorative paper it should measure 2" wide by 4 1/2" long. Glue it on the inside of the cover being sure to place it over all the raw edges of the cover. Score both sides of the narrow spine. Glue the post-it note pad along the spine and allow to dry.

Close the book and glue the charm on the trim in the center of the front cover.

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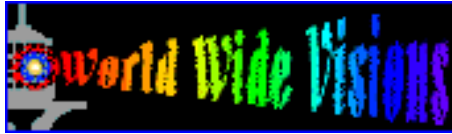
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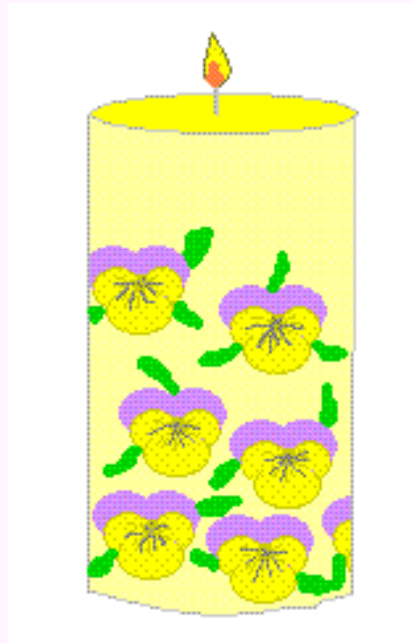
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## Floral Candle



### Materials:

Pressed dried flowers and greenery of your choice

Pillar Candle (scented and color of your choice)

Decoupage medium such as Mod Podge

Paintbrush

Tweezers



Instructions:

Because the dried flowers are fragile, and a lot of handling can damage them, I suggest you cut shapes to mimic the flowers from scratch paper and use the paper shapes to work out your arrangement.

Once you have worked out your arrangement, use the paint brush to paint the decoupage medium on the candle where you want to place the flowers. Gently pick up the first flower with the tweezers and put it on top of the medium. Gently smooth the flower and add any greenery around it. Continue with the remaining flowers and greenery.

Gently paint a cover coat of the medium over the entire candle surface. Allow to dry and paint a second coat over the entire candle to be sure it is

completely sealed.

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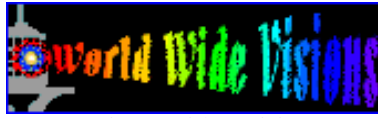
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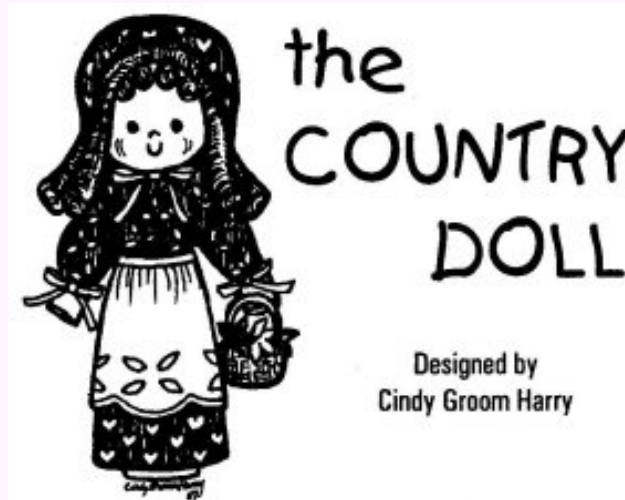
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## The Country Doll

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# the COUNTRY DOLL

## MATERIALS

- 2 Forster® Doll Pins
- Forster® Head Bead
- Forster® Doll Pin Stand
- 3" wide dusty blue print Craft Ribbon, 4" length (top)
- 3" wide dusty blue coordinated print Craft Ribbon, 11" length (dress and bonnet)
- 1/8" wide dusty blue Satin Ribbon, 27" length
- 2" wide gathered white Eyelet Lace, 4 1/2" length (apron)
- Acrylic Paint: black, pink
- Brown Curly Chenille, 31" length
- 1/2" Mini Basket
- Small Silk Flowers: 2 blue, 1 white
- Glue Gun and Glue Sticks
- Paint Brush, fine liner
- Miscellaneous: Scissors, Pencil, Coping Saw

## DIRECTIONS

1. Glue head bead onto top of one doll pin and base onto bottom of doll pin. Use coping saw to cut 1 1/4" off bottom of other doll pin for arms.

2. Use patterns to cut top, dress and bonnet from appropriate blue print ribbon. Note that top and dress patterns are cut on fold with neck opening and one shoulder seam cut afterwards.

3. Wrap dress around neck of doll pin. Slightly overlap and glue open shoulder seam and both side seams leaving top 1/4" side seams open for arm insertion. (See Figure 1)



4. Glue and insert cut ends of doll pin arms into dress shoulder openings. Position arms at downward angle, flat side down. Place ribbon top around neck with cut opening at back and fold at front center so that ribbon lengths extend out over arms. Wrap sides of ribbon around arms, slightly overlapping and gluing ribbon sleeves under arms.

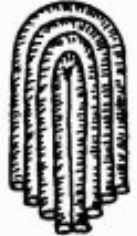
5. For apron, wrap lace around waist, slightly overlapping bottom of ribbon top with lace binding. Overlap and glue lace ends at doll's center back.

6. For hair, cut six 5" lengths curly chenille. Arrange and glue lengths across top of head and down back until last length forms an upside down "U" at center back of head. For bangs, cut 1" into 1/4" lengths and glue on end along forehead. (See Figures 2 and 3)

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7. Glue 1/8" wide, 5 1/2" length satin ribbon to each point of bonnet. Place bonnet on head with flat side to the back and tie with bow under chin.

8. Wrap 1/8" wide, 8" length satin ribbon around each sleeve at wrist and tie in bow at front.

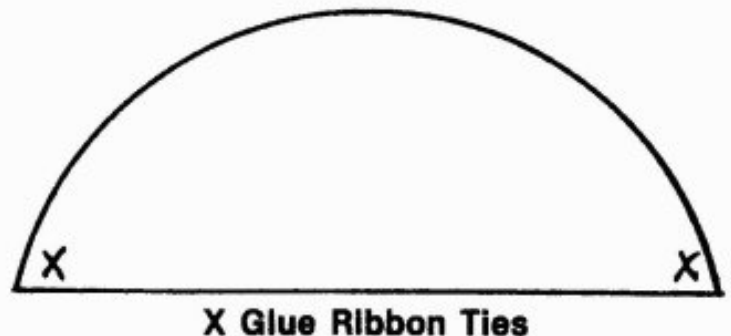
9. Paint face with black features and pink cheeks.

10. Glue basket in one hand. Glue and insert flowers in basket.

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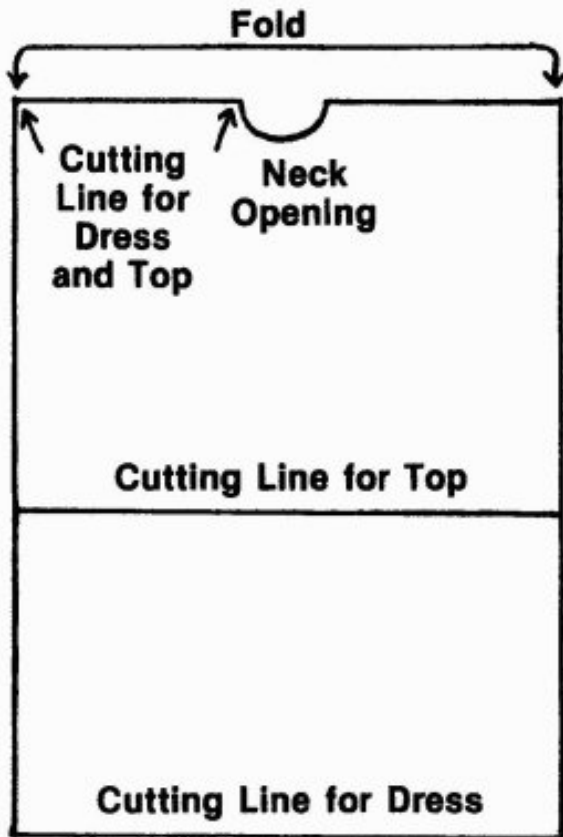
- Doll can hold baby made from remaining top of doll pin. Wrap baby in fabric blanket and glue baby in doll's arms at contact points.
- Other hair styles can be used and a scarf in place of the bonnet.
- 1/2" lace shoulder straps can be added to the apron. Burlap ribbon can be substituted for lace to give a "working girl" look.

## BONNET PATTERN



- Wood can be stained a warm brown for black dolls.
- Dolls can hold miniatures (broom, dishes, novelties, etc.)

## DRESS AND TOP PATTERN



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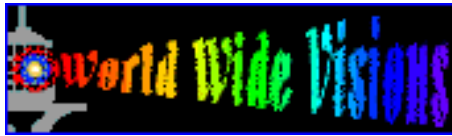
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## Collage Place mats



Materials:

Pictures, saying, or poems printed  
poster board or very thin cardboard

[Place Mat Covers Code: SPLC4](#)

White craft glue

Foam brush

Scissors

## Instructions:

Trim the poster board to fit the protector before you arrange your collage.

Collect a variety of pictures, poems and sayings to use on your place mats. Cut them out and arrange them on the poster board in a pleasing manner.

Use the foam brush to apply a thin layer of white craft glue to the back of the items and smooth them onto the poster board as you like. Allow to dry completely.

When dry place the collage into the protective cover and use.

These place mats can be made for everyday family meals or make them for special occasions. Birthdays with picture of the birthday person through the years. Wedding showers with flowers and pictures of the Bride and groom. New Years showing pictures of the events of the previous year. How many more occasions can you think of to decorate these place mats.

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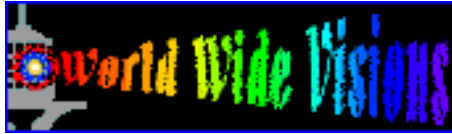
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## Flower Magnets



Materials:

Picture of flower

Card stock or heavy paper

Magnet tape

White craft glue

Water based varnish

Paint brush

Scissors

[Click here](#) for a page of flower pictures to use making the magnets.

Instructions:

Print out the page of [pictures](#) on card stock or heavy paper. Cut the pictures apart.

With a paint brush apply thin layer of white craft glue to the back of each picture. Press a piece of magnet strip on to the back of each picture. Allow to dry.

When dry, paint the picture with water based varnish. Allow to dry then paint a second layer of varnish and let it dry completely.



You can paint the back of the picture except where the magnet strip covers it for additional protection.

These pretty magnets make nice gifts for mom, grandmothers and teachers.

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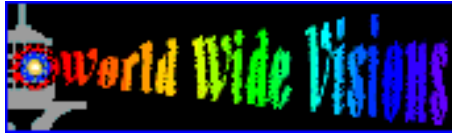
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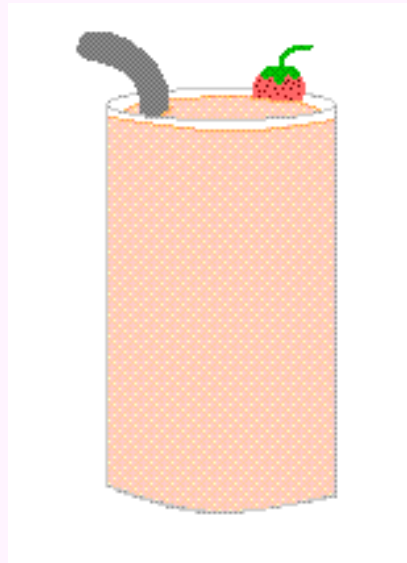
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## Peachberry Smoothie



### Ingredients:

1 Fresh sliced peach  
6 Strawberries  
2 Strawberries with stems left on  
1 large scoop vanilla ice cream  
7 UP  
Blender or food processor  
Chilled tall glasses  
Long handled spoon

### Instructions:

Place the sliced peach, strawberries and ice cream in the blender and pulse until smooth.

Divide between 2 tall glasses and slowly add 7 Up. Serve with the spoon and a stemmed strawberry on top.

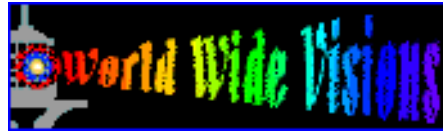
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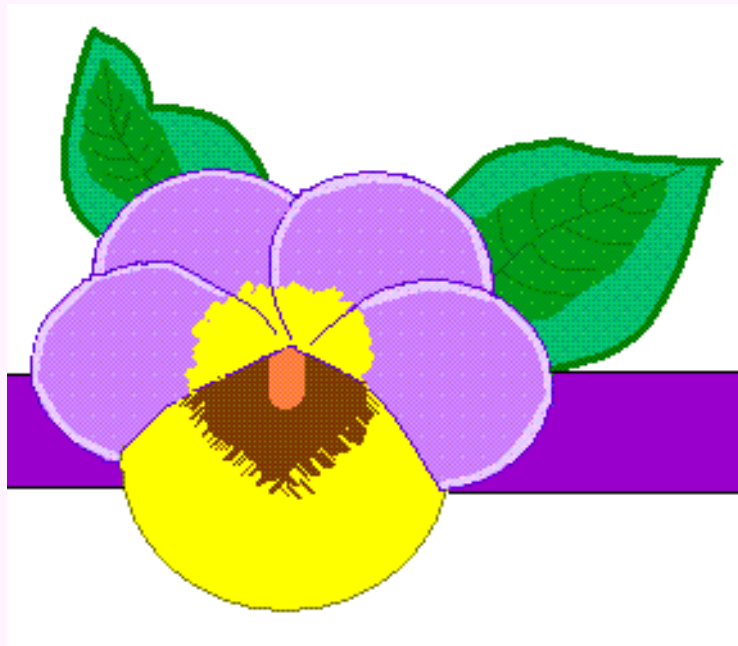
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## Pansy Napkin Ring



### Materials:

6" X 8" Felt of craft foam in purple

4" X 5" felt or craft foam in yellow

5" X 6" felt or craft foam in green

Colored markers in yellow, purple, brown and green to add details

White craft glue

1/2" red or orange pom pom

Cardboard paper towel core

### Instructions:

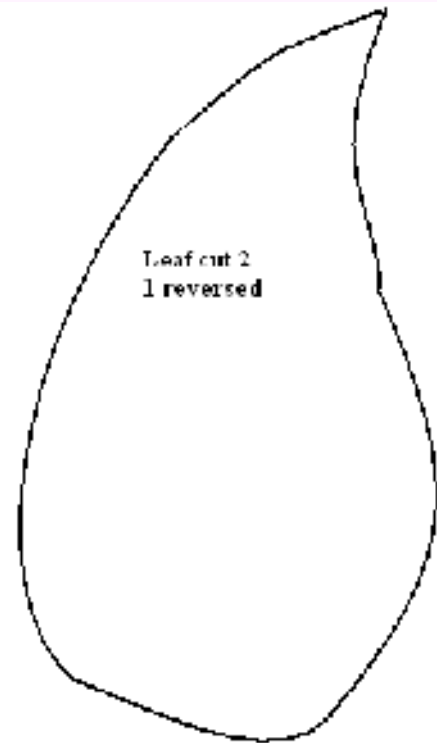
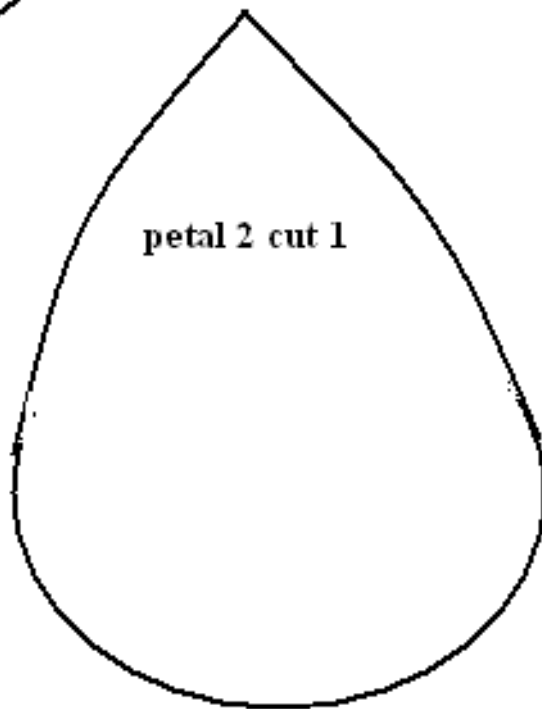
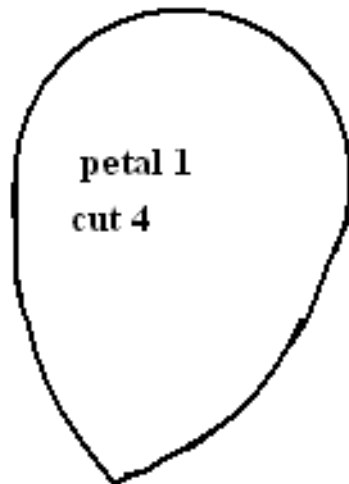
Trace each pattern piece on the felt/foam and cut them out. Cut a single strip of purple felt/foam to form the ring. Wrap the strip around the towel core and join the two ends. Glue in place.

Arrange the 4 small petals in a fan with the 2 center petals to the back and the 2 outer petals in front (use

the picture as a guide). Glue them in place over the joint on the ring. Glue the large petal in place below the 4 small petals.

Draw the detail marks on the yellow large petal with the brown marker and use yellow marker on the purple petals (use the picture as a guide). Glue the pom pom in the center of the pansy.

Draw the veins in the leaves and glue them in place under the petals one on each side.



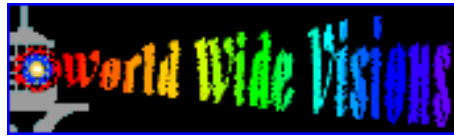
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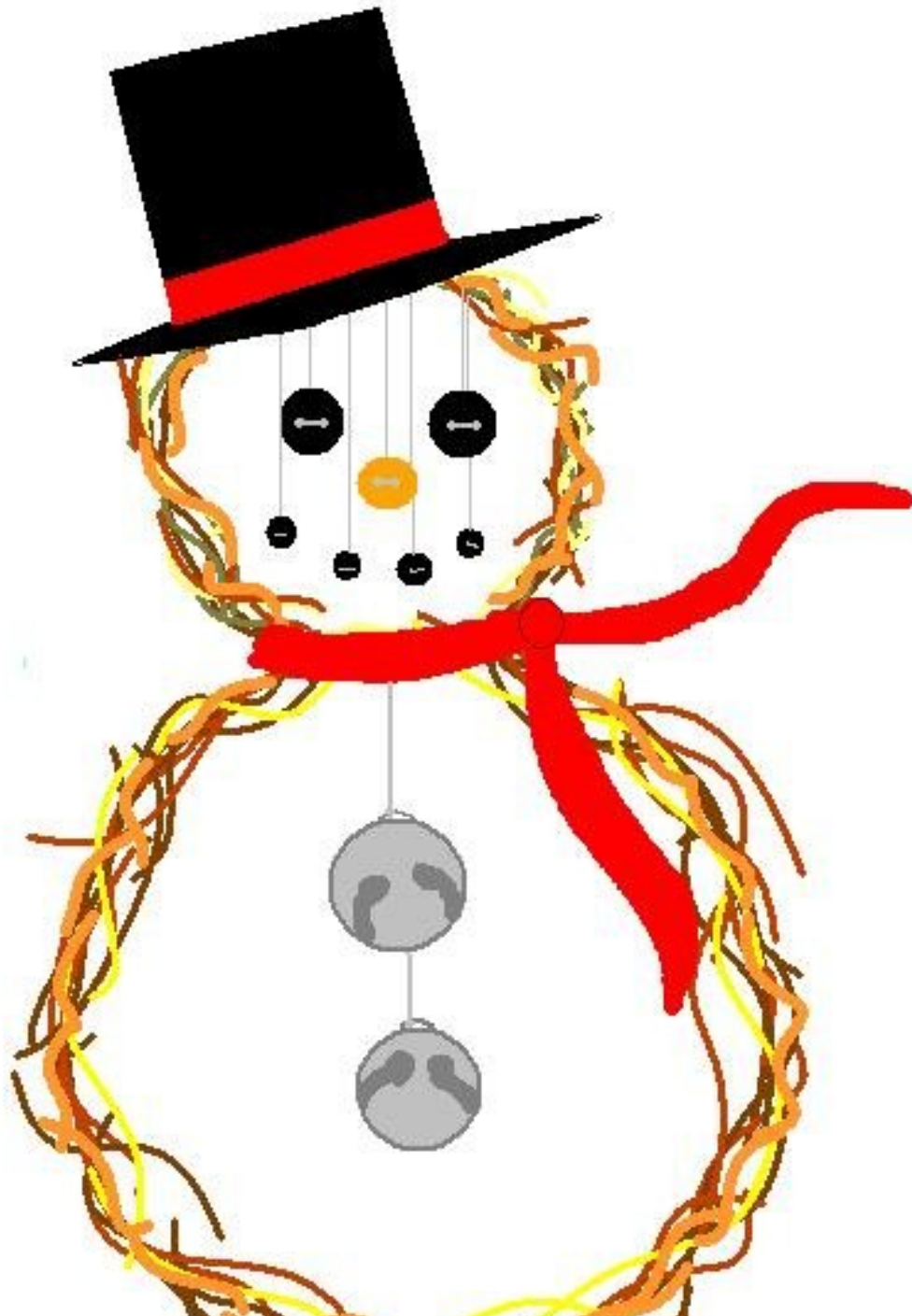
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## Snowman Door Wreath





**Materials:**

- 1 Grapevine wreath 12"
- 1 Grapevine wreath 10"
- 2 sheets of black felt or foam
- Strip of red fabric or old scarf.
- Red ribbon (or color of your choice) for hat band
- 2 large jingle bells for buttons (2")
- 2 black buttons 1" with 2 holes
- 1 orange button 1/2"
- 4 small jingle bells painted black
- Fishing line
- Wire
- White craft glue
- Wire cutter

**Instructions:**

Place the smaller wreath on top of the larger and joint them by wrapping wire around the wreath where they meet. Tie off the wire and clip. Make a hanger on the top back of the smaller wreath.

Cut an oval from one piece of felt/foam. Cut a slit in the center of the oval so it will fit over the top smaller wreath. Glue the oval in place. Wrap the second piece of felt/foam around the top of the small wreath just above the oval to form the crown of the hat. Glue in place. Add the ribbon hat bag and glue in place.

Use the picture to show placement of the bells and buttons. Tie the bells and buttons in place and add some glue to each knot.

Tie the scarf around his neck.

This snowman can welcome people to your front door all winter long.



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