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Laurieann's Note

Hi Fellow Crafters,

Summer and summer camp are just around the corner. This issue of the newsletter has projects for home or camp.

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Sincerely,

Laurieann™

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of Fun Foam to prevent them rolling away.

2. Tissue Paper, Crepe Paper or Paper Twist can usually be used interchangeably in most projects.

3. Contact Paper can be used to protect paper or card stock when you don't have a laminator. You can use clear on the front and a patterned Contact Paper on the back.



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Trinket Box or Favor



Materials:

Paper Mache Box - Sample is heart shaped with removable center in top

Heart shape doily or lace cutout

Paint of your choice sample - Delta Ceramcoat Pearls in Violet Pearl

Gathered lace trim to circle the box Sample - has satin ribbon with pearls and lace ruffle

Foam brush

Old paint brush or cotton swabs to spread glue

5 or 6 Small ribbon roses

White craft glue

Instructions:

These small trinket boxes make lovely gifts or favors for special occasions. The sample box has a removable center to the top which can be set aside and the box filled with potpourri. Leave the removable center in place and fill with candy. Painted in the brides colors they make pretty place markers and favors.

Paint the box, box top and removable center and set aside to dry.

Spread glue around the top of the box with the center removed. Place the doily on the box top and press into the glue all around edge. Spread glue on the top edge and press the ruffled lace into the glue beginning at the center dip and ending with a tiny fold under in the lace pressed firmly into the dip.

Add an additional ruffle around sides of the bottom of the box. Be sure you leave enough room for the top to fit down before the lace begins. Allow to dry.

Decorate the top of your box with ribbon roses. Sample - roses follow the shape of the doily.

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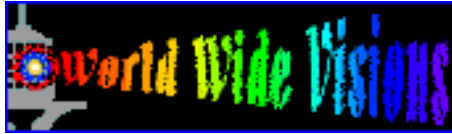
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Straw Hat Card Holder



Materials:

Hat size of your choice

Ribbon for hat band plus 1 yard tails Sample uses 2 colors of ribbon

White craft glue

Hanger

Pins

Instructions:

Use a hat of cap of your choice. Straw or lace hat works well for women, Get Well wishes, Bridal Shower, Birthday, Mothers Day etc. A derby, top hat or baseball cap works well for men's special occasions. Pick the ribbon colors to go with the occasion, bride's colors, school colors for the grad etc.

Wrap the ribbons around the crown of the hat and tie in place add glue along the ribbon to fix it in place.. For the grad a square of black or white heavy cardboard with a covered button in the center will look like a mortarboard, place the ribbons around the button to replace the tassel. With the base ball cap tie your ribbons through the back strap. At Christmas a Santa cap with the ribbons replacing the pom pom, hang the cap upside down with the top gapping slightly. You can also fill the cap with cards.

Attach the hanger to the top back of the hat and hang on a wall or door. Pin greeting cards to the ribbon tails.

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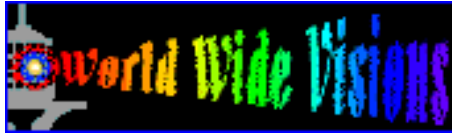
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Ethnic Pin Doll



Materials:

10" X 5" cotton in skin color

Small amount of stuffing

6" double fold bias tape 1/4" wide folded

6" X 8" ethnic print for dress

5" length of 1/8" wide lace or trim for sleeves

Thread to match

Sewing Machine

Black paint

Paint brush

Fine permanent pen in black and red

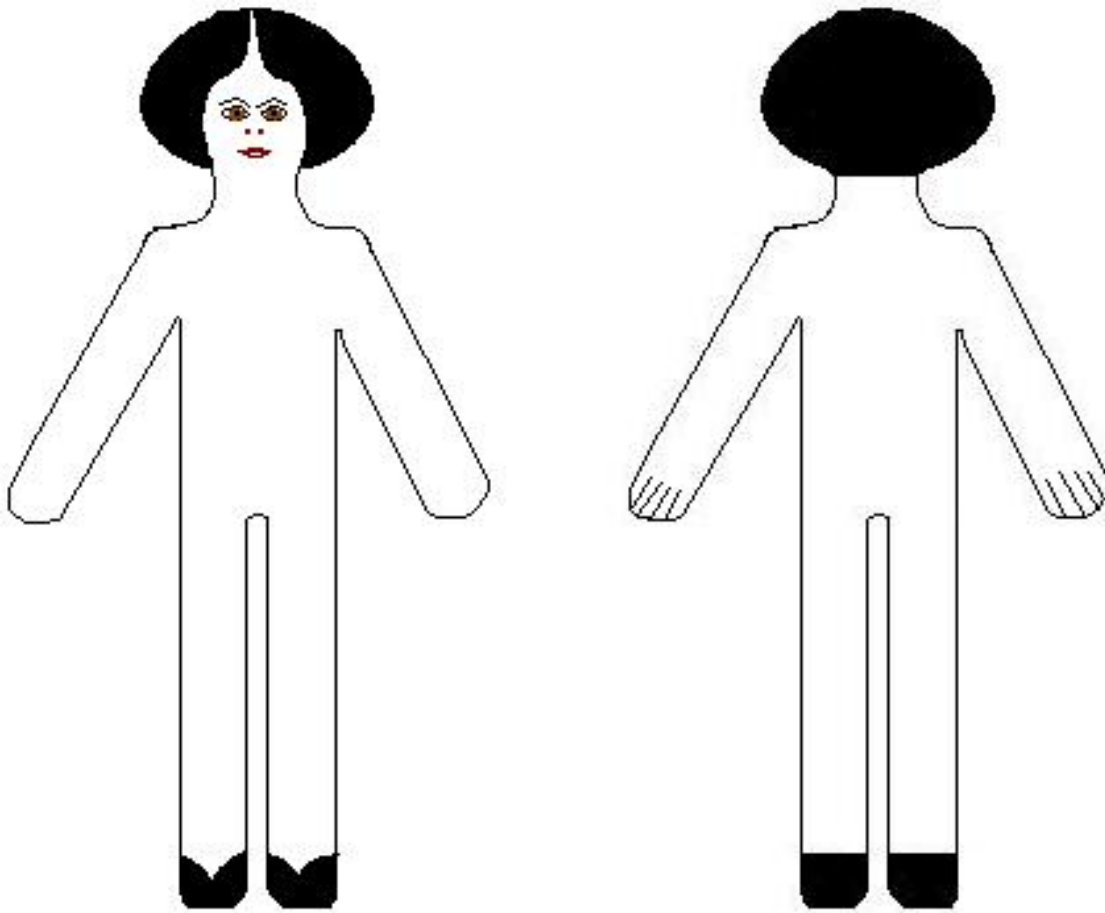
1" bar pin back

Option:

Hand sewing needle or fabric glue

Instructions:

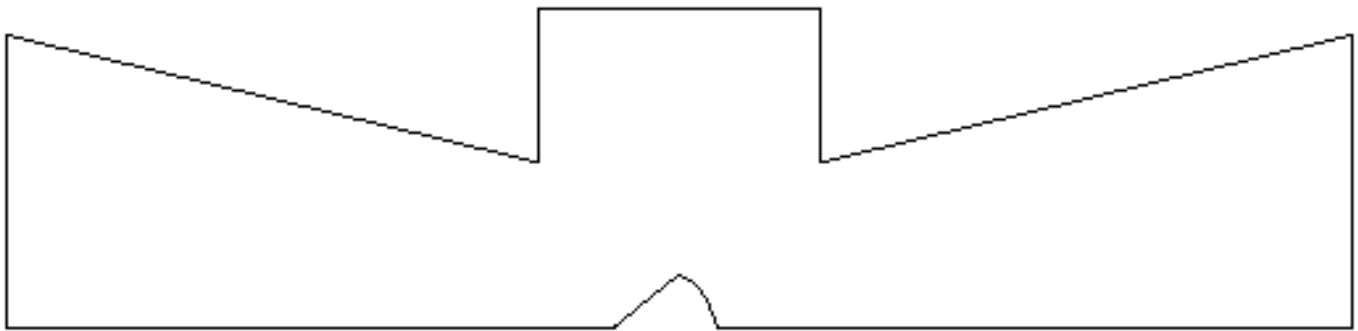
Trace the doll front onto a folded piece of the skin colored fabric. Do not cut out yet. Stitch around the doll on the traced line leaving an opening under one arm to turn. Cut out the doll leaving a narrow seam allowance. Leave a slightly wide allowance at the opening for ease in stitching it closed later.



Turn and stuff firmly. Ladder stitch the opening closed. Draw the features on the doll's face now, if you make an error you can turn her over and draw the face on the back side. The first face can be covered when you paint on her hair.

When your face is finished lightly draw the hair line. Paint the hair on the face side and the shoes, allow to dry. Turn her over and paint the hair and shoes on the back using the drawing as your guide.

You may add fingers if you wish by hand stitching the lines shown on the back doll drawing but a rounded hand without stitched fingers is also alright.



Dress: Fold the dress fabric in a long rectangle, trace the pattern on the fold. Note the neckline is "V-shaped" in front and round in the back. Fold in the end of the bias tape to form a point and stitch it in

place beginning at the point of the "V" in front, back around to the point of the "V" in the front to form her collar. Fold in the second end of the bias tape as you reach the center front so both sides match.

Fold under a narrow hem on the sleeves and stitch the trim to cover the raw edge on the wrong side of the fabric. Be sure a small edge of trim shows from the front. Try the dress on the doll marking the front "V". Remove the dress and stitch both seams from the end of the sleeve to the hem of the skirt. Stitch a narrow hem in the skirt of the dress. Set aside.

Stitch the flat piece of bias to the chest of the doll where you marked the point of the "V". Put the dress on the doll and tack stitch around the neck anchoring the neckline to the doll.

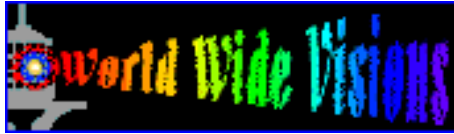
Stitch the pin back to the back of the doll through the doll dress. You can add embellishments such as hat and purse or jewelry to make your doll truly your own.

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Bracelet Key Chain



Materials:

- 2 faceted 10mm beads dark turquoise
- 4 lumpy 14mm beads light turquoise
- 6 medium spacer beads dark turquoise
- 2 decorated barrel beads dark turquoise

2 heart shaped 10mm beads light turquoise
2 decorated pillow beads 12mm dark turquoise
6 medium rice beads light turquoise
2 triangle beads 3/4" long dark turquoise
1 long oval 1 1/2" long light turquoise
1 figure 8 key ring
1 yard beading wire
A piece of Fun Foam or a Terry Cloth towel

Instructions:

Using the picture as your guide, lay out the beads on the foam or towel in the order shown. You will have a circle of beads with the key holder in the center opposite the long oval bead. Check your beads for the one with the largest hole and begin threading the wire through the beads completely around the circle. Go through the first bead again and complete the circle a second time.

When you reach the starting point the second time twist the wire ends together and trim the ends. work the cut ends of the wire into the hole of the bead with the largest hole to conceal the ends and prevent scratching from the cut ends.

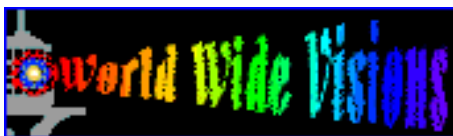
The beads used in the sample were part of a larger package I bought at Wal Mart but you can use any combination of beads you have on hand. The bead with the largest hole in my bracelet are the pillow looking beads with the gold markings but all had holes big enough to take the fine beading wire. You can use beading thread or dental floss but may need to make a third or fourth round for strength.

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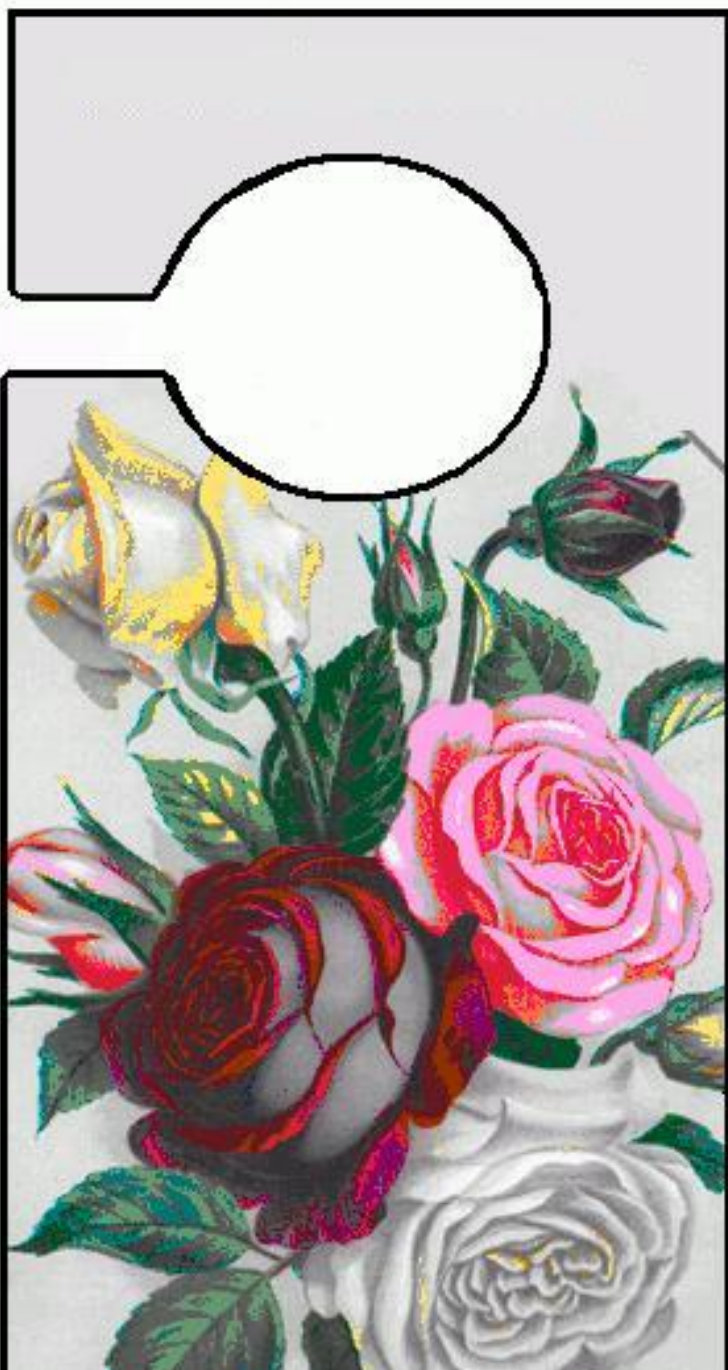
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Printed Door Hanger



Materials:

Card Stock

Clear Contact Paper

Permanent marker color of your choice

Scissors

Color Printer

Instructions:

Print out the picture above or a picture of your choice. Write the name of the room (Jane's Room, Guest Room, etc) in the blank area above the hanger opening or any blank space if using a different picture.

Apply the clear contact paper to both sides of the picture. Using the picture as a template cut out the door hanger shape.

The hanger can be used on any door or sent through the mail as a small gift with the greeting written on the back before you apply the Contact Paper.



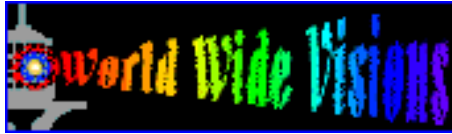
The picture on the door hanger was taken from the "FLORAL Vintage Collection" by [ScrapSMART](#) visit their site for many more image collections on CDs.

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Mild or Spicy Cheese Dip

Ingredients:

1 cup Velveta Cheese cut in 1" cubes

3-4 Tablespoons of Pace Piquante Sauce mild or spicy - your choice

Microwave safe bowl

Tortilla chips

Celery sticks

Instructions:

Place the cubes of Velveta into the bowl, add the sauce and microwave on high for 45 seconds. Remove from the microwave and stir. Taste and add more sauce or cheese if needed.

Return to microwave and cook on high for an additional 30 seconds. Check and repeat until all the cheese is melted and the sauce is blended in to form a smooth thick dipping sauce.

Serve at once on a tray of chips and celery sticks for dipping.

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Tissue Paper Flowers



Materials:

Tissue paper in 4 colors plus green

18 gage wire or bamboo skewers 12" long (1 per flower)

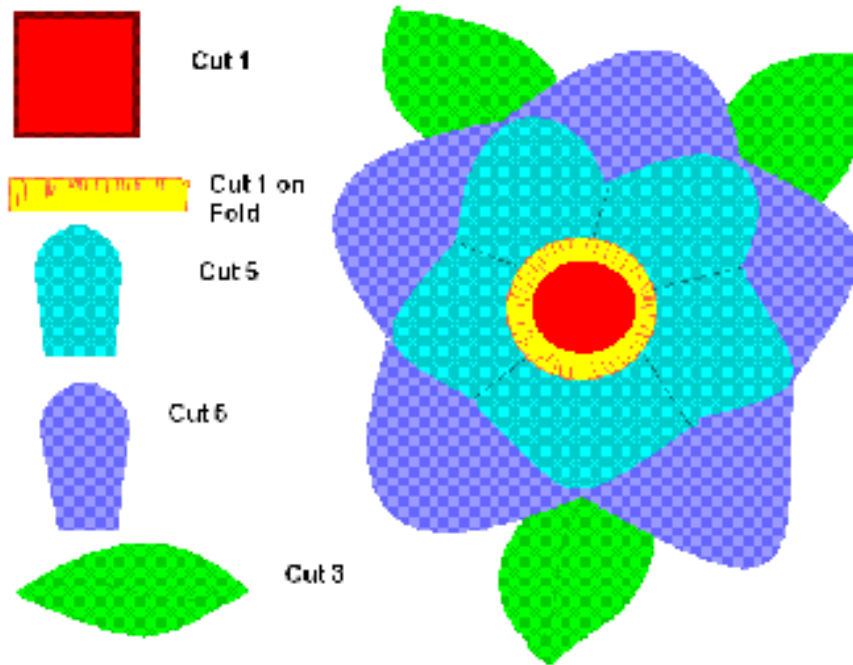
2 Cotton Balls

4 or 5 Pipe cleaner (real pipe cleaners not chenille stems)

White craft glue

Scissors

Optional: green floral tape



Instructions:

Cut the tissue paper as follows;

Center: 5" square,

Fringe around center: 5" by 12" folded and fringed along the cut edge

Smaller petals: cut 5 ([see pattern](#))

Larger petals: cut 5 ([see pattern](#))

Leaves: cut 3 ([see pattern](#))

Cut a strip of green tissue about 3" by 10"

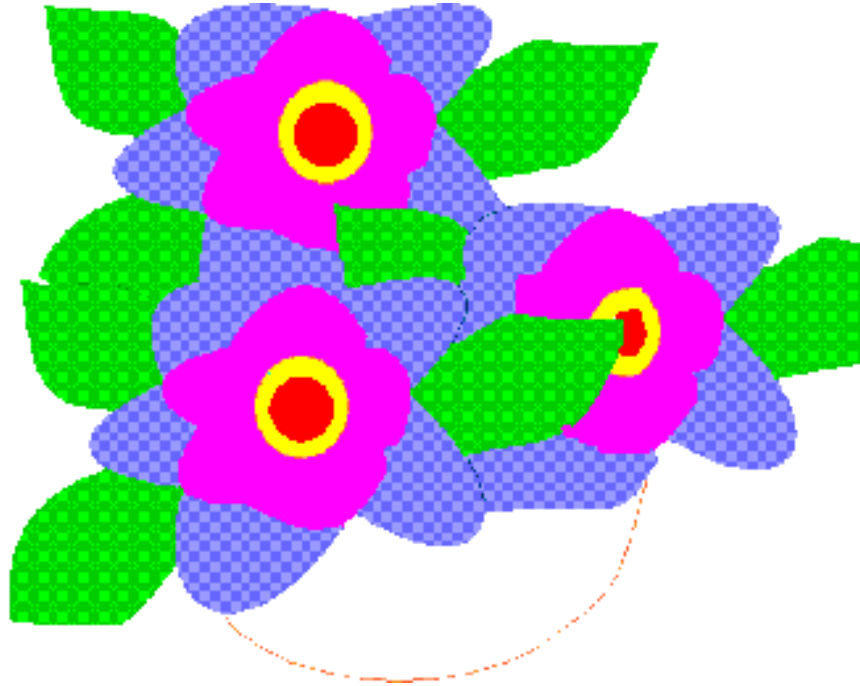
I used bamboo skewers for my stems since I wanted them stiff and not bending. Dip the end of skewer in white craft glue and wrap the cotton balls round it. Place the square (center) piece of tissue paper around the cotton and add glue to the edges to hold them in place.

Gather the folded edge of the fringed tissue on a pipe cleaner and wrap around the center of your flower. Twist the pipe cleaner and fold the ends down along the skewer.

Place the smaller petals in a line overlapping about half the petal. Using a second pipe cleaner wrap the petals around the flower center, twist the pipe cleaner to tighten and fold down the ends along the skewer.

Space the 3 leaves on the next pipe cleaner then add the large petals the same as the smaller above. This completes the flower. Spread glue over the skewer and pipe cleaner ends up to the base of the flower. Take the strip of green tissue and wrap it around the entire stem to cover.

Place 3 or 5 flowers in a bowl as your center piece. You can use another pipe cleaner as the stem, form the stem into a circle and use as napkin rings or place card for a festive table.

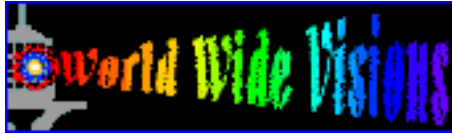


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Painted Light Bulb



Materials:

Used Light bulb

Gesso

Paint in white, blue, black, green, red, silver and brown

Iridescent glitter

Water based non yellowing sealer (either brush on or spray)

Foam paint brush

Medium paint brush

Fine paint brush

Wire for hanger

Masking tape

News paper

Paper plate

Instructions:

Wrap the wire in the threads of the light bulb and form a loop slightly higher than the threads to make your hanger. Hang the light bulb over newspaper or a paper plate to catch the paint drips.

Mix a couple of drops of blue paint into a puddle of Gesso on a paper plate. Mix well until you have a smooth very pale blue. Mask the threads of the bulb with masking tape. Paint the entire glass portion of the light bulb with the pale blue using the foam brush. Allow to dry. The top 2/3 will form the sky.

Using the picture as a guide, Paint the bottom 1/3 of the bulb with white paint building in some texture to look like snow. Allow to dry. Then paint in the tree, snowman and clouds being sure to allow drying between colors. Allow to dry completely.

Seal the light bulb with the water based sealer using either a brush or spray to apply. While still damp sprinkle the snow areas with iridescent glitter and allow to dry completely.

Option: Paint additional bulbs in different shape using Christmas card pictures as you patterns. You can sign the back with the name of the person to receive the gift. Don't forget to add your signature or initials and the year.

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