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# 20 Minute CRAFTS

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# Easy Easels with Washi Tape

By [Lisa Rojas](#)

Washi tape is such a fun product to use and the things that you can create with it are endless. These easels are easy to make and the addition of Washi tape makes them extra colorful. They are a great project to make with kids or a Girl Scout troop.

## Materials:

- ◆ Wood dowels
- ◆ Washi tape, various
- ◆ Paper flowers

## Tools:

- ◆ Hand saw
- ◆ Glue gun

## Instructions:

1. Using the hand saw, cut the wood dowels as follows; for large easel cut three 9" long and one 7" long. For medium easel cut three 7" long and one 6" long and for small easel cut three 5" long and one 4" long.
2. Cover each dowel with washi tape.
3. Adhere three dowels of the same size together at the top with glue gun forming a triangle. Next, glue the smaller dowel across the front of two dowels forming an easel.
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# Journal Clips

By [Ann Butler](#)

Journaling is still a HOT trend right now! If you are not journaling, I am sure that you know someone who is. So, why not make some inexpensive journal clips to match your journal or for a friend. These are so quick and easy to do, once you get started you won't be able to stop!

## Materials:

- ◆ Mini clothes pins
- ◆ Mini binder clips
- ◆ Recollections Washi Tape, assorted colors

## Tools:

- ◆ Scissors

## Instructions:

1. Take the mini clothes pins apart.
2. Wrap the washi tape onto the clothes pins from the front to the back.
3. Put the clothes pins back together.
4. For the binder clips, simply apply the washi tape around the binder.

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# Spice Bottles

By [Ann Butler](#)

I love to collect odd shaped glass jars and bottles. Sometime I will buy items at the store, just for the bottle...how sad is that? Not sad at all, because in the end, I always have great glass items to work with in my projects. These bottles, however, I received from my mom. I simply loved the shape and wanted to create something I would be able to have out and use often.

## Materials:

- ◆ Ann Butler Designs 2" Flourish Alphabet Stamp Set
- ◆ Clearsnap Surfacez Ink, Black
- ◆ Bottles (6)

## Tools:

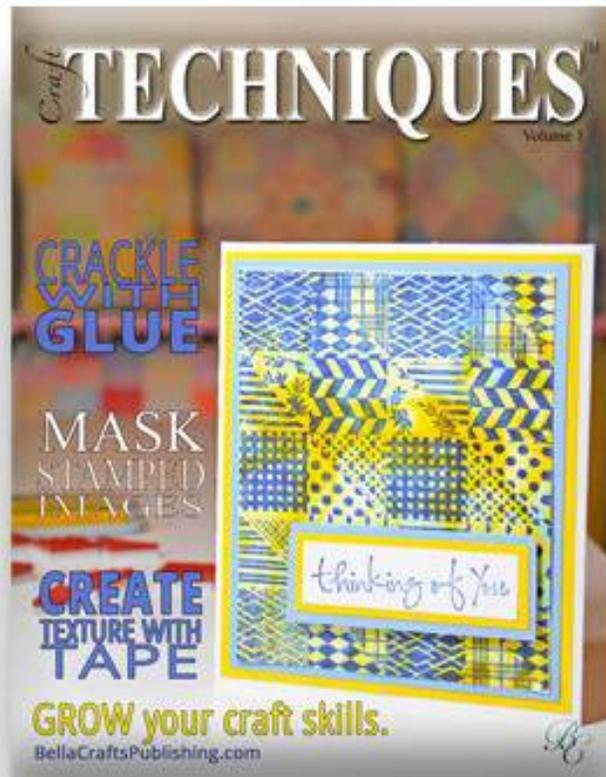
- ◆ Acrylic block (optional)
- ◆ Spices
- ◆ Heat gun

## Instructions:

1. Wash and thoroughly dry the bottles.
2. Stamp one letter onto the center of each bottle to spell out the word "SPICES".
3. Heat set the ink.
4. Fill the bottles with spices of choice.

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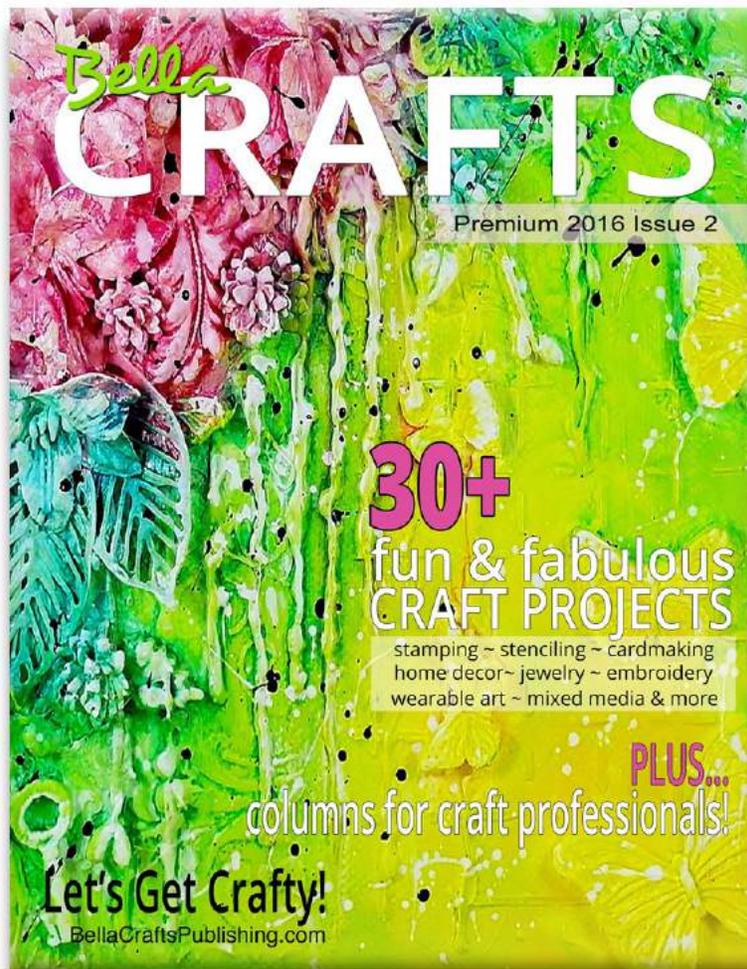
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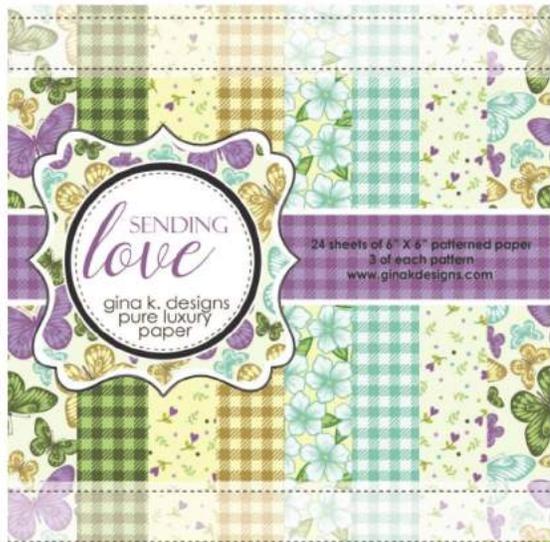


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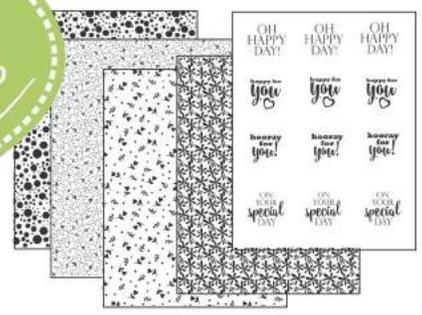
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# Circle Pillar Candle Holder

## Using EnviroTex® EasySculpt®

### Materials:

- ◆ EnviroTex® EasySculpt®
- ◆ Castin' Craft Resin Spray
- ◆ White acrylic paint
- ◆ Krylon Gold Leafing Pen
- ◆ Talcum powder

### Tools:

- ◆ Firm fitting latex gloves
- ◆ Sequin waste, 12"
- ◆ Acrylic roller
- ◆ Teflon craft sheets (2)
- ◆ Postal tube trimmed to 6"
- ◆ Freezer Go-Between
- ◆ Double sided tape
- ◆ Clay blade
- ◆ Paint brush
- ◆ Sheet of copy paper
- ◆ Large popsicle sticks (8)
- ◆ Sellotape
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Pencil
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Spirit level
- ◆ Timer

**Note:** Before beginning, put on your gloves, EasySculpt will be sticky while you are working with it.

### Instructions:

1. Firmly wrap a 6" wide strip of Freezer Go-Between around the postal cylinder and tape in place with the double sided tape. Measure and cut a 1 7/8" strip along the long edge of the copy paper. Place it around the tube and mark where the two pieces overlap. Trim. Trace around the end of the tube onto the copy paper and cut the circle out. Measure and cut out a 3" square. These are the templates for the candle holder.
2. Measure out equal quantities of Parts A and B of the EasySculpt®. To work out how much you need, scoop out about 1/4 of a tub of one part. Roughly flatten it out to approximately 3/16" thick and about half the size of the strip template. Add or remove clay as necessary.

Roll the clay into a ball and then measure out an equal sized ball of the other part.

3. To make it manageable to mix this quantity, divide each part into fourths and roll each piece into a ball. This will also help make sure that you have equal parts of A and B.
4. Take two equal-sized parts, one of A and one of B and mix them together following the package instructions. Repeat with the 3 remaining pairs of clay. Set the timer for 15 minutes to allow the clay to firm up.
5. Take two of these larger balls of clay and mix them together. Set these aside while you mix the remaining two together. Mixing in stages minimizes the amount of heat generated and slows curing down. Set the timer for 5 minutes and then mix the final 2 balls together.

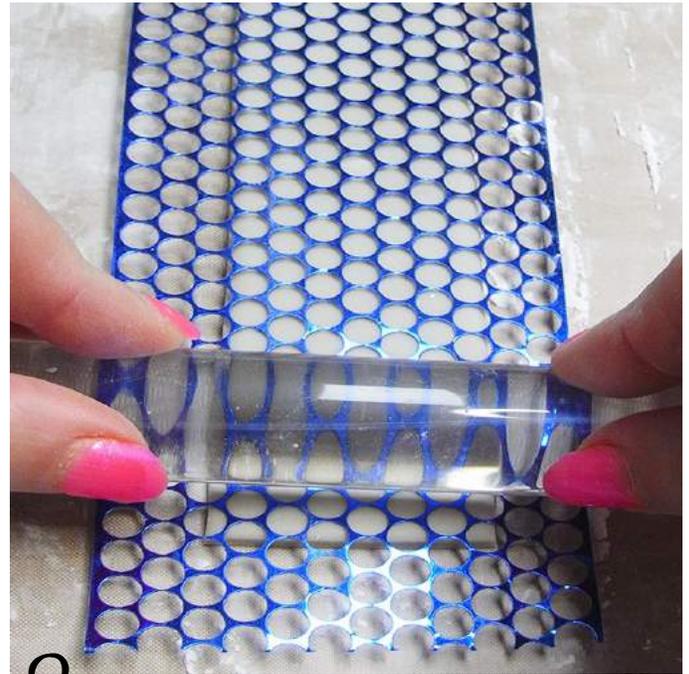


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Tape pairs of the popsicle sticks together. Dust the Teflon sheets with powder. Shape the clay into a log and place on the Teflon. Arrange the popsicle sticks end to end and position them on either side of the log.



**7** Place the second Teflon sheet over the clay. Roll it out to the same thickness as the popsicle sticks. Keep checking as you are rolling that the clay is not sticking to either of the Teflon sheets. If it is, dust both the sheets with powder.



**8** Place the strip template on the clay. Use the clay blade to trim the clay to size. A ruler can help keep your edges straight. Place the strip of sequin waste on the EasySculpt and roll it across the surface.



**9** Wrap the EasySculpt strip around the postal tube. Gently ease the ends together until they meet.



**10** Mix a small amount of EasySculpt and roll it into a snake. Place it between the two ends and push them together. Trim away any excess. Set the ring aside to cure, seam side down. Check it from time to time over the next hour to make sure that it is still sitting firmly around the tube and that it has not stretched.

11. Measure out equal quantities of Parts A and B sufficient to cut the circle. Roll it into a ball and set it aside for 25 minutes.
12. Place the clay between the popsicle sticks, and roll it out as before. Place the circle template on the clay and use the clay blade to scribe around the circle.
13. Remove the template and then bend the clay blade to the curve of the circle and trim away the excess.
14. Scoop out equal parts of A and B sufficient to cut out the square. Roll it into a ball and set it aside for 25 minutes to firm up.
15. Roughly shape the ball into a square and then place it between the popsicle sticks and roll it out as before. Place the square template on the clay and cut it out. Allow all pieces to cure overnight.



- 16** Paint all surfaces evenly with two or three coats of white paint. Once dry, paint gold dots on every alternate embossed spot on the cylinder.

17. Mix two pea-sized pieces of EasySculpt together and roll into two snakes. Place one snake along the middle of the disk. Position the seam of the cylinder on top and press firmly together. Trim away any excess.
18. Place the second snake along the middle of the square. Align the center of the bottom of the cylinder on the snake and press together firmly. Turn the candle holder right way up and place a spirit level on the round disk to check for level. Make any adjustments necessary.
19. If a gloss finish is desired, apply two or three light coats of Resin Spray once the paint has completely dried.



# Beach Babes Mixed Media Page

By [Lisa Marie-Watling for FabScraps](#)



## Materials:

- ◆ Fabscraps C82 009 Beach Umbrellas 2 (spotty side)
- ◆ Fabscraps C82 001 Gone Fishing (life buoys side)
- ◆ Fabscraps C82 002 Sailing boats (boat side)
- ◆ Fabscraps C82 Carders Pack
- ◆ Fabscraps Chippie – Ships Wheel (1)
- ◆ Fabscraps Chippie DC82 003 Beach Babes
- ◆ Fabscraps Chippie DC82 011 Lighthouse
- ◆ Cardstock, bright teal
- ◆ Corrugated cardstock, kraft
- ◆ Assorted paper flowers: red, brown, cream, teal
- ◆ Star shaped gems, white (3)
- ◆ String
- ◆ Surgical gauze
- ◆ Embroidery thread, red
- ◆ Sequins, teal
- ◆ Microbeads: teal, navy
- ◆ Beads, clear
- ◆ Chalk ink: red, brown, pearlish beige
- ◆ Mist, dark brown
- ◆ Heavy gesso, white
- ◆ Acrylic paint, white
- ◆ Stamp, woodgrain
- ◆ Tombow glue
- ◆ Glossy Accents
- ◆ Foam tape

**Tools:** Scissors, needle

## Instructions:

### Chippies:

1. Give your ships wheel chippie at least 3 coats of white acrylic paint. Once totally dry, stamp the entire surface with your woodgrain stamp using brown ink/chalk. Ink/chalk all the edges, also with brown and set aside.
2. Chalk the entire surface of your Beach Babes chippie with red and, once dry, coat with Glossy Accents. Set aside to dry.
3. Coat the lighthouse portion of your “Lighthouse” chippie in red (except for the upper window/light section). Dab on some heavy white gesso to the bottom “ocean” section and, while still wet, sprinkle with a few microbeads. Using the white acrylic paint, paint the “window/light” section of the chippie, as well as the middle stripe of the lighthouse. Once all is entirely dry, coat with Glossy Accents and set aside to dry.

## Base and Layering:

1. The corrugated board is going to be your base page. Chalk / ink the edges in dark brown and apply splats of your mist. Set aside
2. Cut the C82 002 page 10” x 10”. Chalk the edges with brown, distress and set aside.
3. Cut the C82 001 Gone Fishing 9 ¼” x 9 ¼”. Chalk the edges with brown to distress the edges. Stitch a border all around this page using red embroidery silk.
4. Cut the C82 008 Beach Umbrellas 2 8 ¼ “ x 8 ¼”, chalk the edges with brown and distress the edges. Cut a circle from the center measuring more or less 5 ¼” in diameter. Then, adhere to your embroidered page, with Tombow.
5. Adhere strips of foam tape to the back of the cut C82 002 page. Remove the backing of the foam tape and create a border of gauze, cut into long strips, the gauze can be adhere directly to the foam tape. Center and adhere this entire piece to the base corrugated board.
6. Center and adhere C82 001 and C82 008 – page C82 002.
7. Center and adhere the ships wheel to the middle of the layered pages. Using white acrylic paint, paint all around the outside edges of the wheel so that it stands out a little more on your page.
8. Mat your photograph first onto an 8” x8” sheet from the carders pack, then onto bright teal cardstock.
9. Swipe red flowers with pearlish beige.
10. Decide where you want the photograph to go and then work on arranging the flowers, gem star, gauze bow and chippies. Once you are happy, all of these can be adhered with Tombow.



**Finishing Touches:**

1. Adhere the microbeads all around the circles of the ships wheel and top with Glossy Accents.
2. Adhere some clear beads on the petals of the bigger flowers.
3. Adhere some of the sequins around your photograph and the title chippie.
4. Apply swipes of gesso to your flowers, clear beads and gauze bow; as well as to the edges of your corrugated board.
5. Loop and arrange a piece of string at the bottom section of your layout, then adhere with Tombow.



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# Gardening Stakes

By [Ann Butler for Velcro® Brand](#)

Quite a few years ago, we decided to add a small herb garden around one side of our patio. It is great to be able to use fresh herbs all summer and to dry them at the end of the season to use during those cold winter months. I have found it hard at times to keep track of which herbs are which with those little garden tags as they blow away and get lost over the summer months. So, the solution was to make garden stakes with changeable name tags using Velcro® Brand Fasteners. Making them changeable, is perfect as they will be easy to change out if something does not grow, I will be able to just remove the tag and add a new one.

## Materials:

- ◆ Velcro® Brand Sticky Back Fasteners, white
- ◆ Wood stakes, 12"
- ◆ Wood ovals, 3" x 1 1/2"
- ◆ Paint: white, black
- ◆ Marker, black

## Tools:

- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Paintbrush

## Instructions:

1. Paint the stakes black. Let dry.
2. Paint the ovals white. Let dry.
3. Write the plant names on the ovals.
4. Cut the Velcro® Brand Sticky Back Fasteners 1 1/2" for each stake. Place the loop side onto the stake and the hook side onto the back of the ovals.





# Vibrant Wood Serving Tray

By [Kari Parrott for Pure Home Paint & Finishes](#)

With the warmer months on our heels, entertaining is on all our minds. Here is an easy and fun way to add a little color to your next gathering. With Kristi Kuehl Pure Home Paint & Finishes you can take an old boring piece of wood and make it a stunning, food safe serving tray. Our products are all VOC free, 100% non-toxic and safe for all members of your family, making it a crafter's dream.

## Materials:

- ◆ Kristi Kuehl Pure Home Paint & Finishes, Chalk Paint
- ◆ Kristi Kuehl Pure Home Paint & Finishes, Wood Stain
- ◆ Kristi Kuehl Pure Home Paint & Finishes, Glaze Finish
- ◆ Wood circle, 18"
- ◆ Wood runners, 1" x 1" x 15" (2)
- ◆ Handles
- ◆ Screws

## Tools:

- ◆ Screwdriver
- ◆ Saw
- ◆ Paintbrush
- ◆ Drill

## Instructions:

1. Center the runners on the back of the tray.
2. Decide where you want to attach the handles. Mark where the screws go and pre-drill the holes.
3. Because these circles are made from a combination of woods glued together, there are natural lines in the grain. Paint some sections and stain the others.
4. After you achieve the look you want, distress the edges and apply a glaze finish over the whole piece, even the back.
5. Paint the drawer handles and seal them with the glaze finish.
6. After everything is dry, attach the handles.



# Super Hero Writers / Photo Holders

By [Craft Marketing Connections for FloraCraft®](#)

Are you a teacher, group leader, homeschooling parent or just looking for fun, educational projects to create with kids this summer? Visit the new Make It: Fun® Learning Center for free, creative lesson plans for students from early childhood through 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

This Super Hero project is just one of the fun ideas you'll find amongst other Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and Art activities.



## Materials:

- ◆ FloraCraft® Make It: Fun® Foam:
  - Disc: 4"
  - Ball: 1.5"
- ◆ Acrylic paint, skin color
- ◆ Felt: red, blue
- ◆ Cardstock, black
- ◆ Chenille stems: blue, red
- ◆ Yarn: hair color (black, brown, yellow, etc)
- ◆ Wiggle eyes
- ◆ Pony bead: beige or brown (nose)

## Tools:

- ◆ Make It: Fun® Foam Cutter or serrated knife
- ◆ Wire cutters
- ◆ Low-temp glue gun
- ◆ Thick white tacky glue
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Paintbrush
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Large paper clip
- ◆ Toothpick
- ◆ [Pattern](#) (for mask)

## Instructions:

1. Cut foam ball in half using the serrated knife to make two hands. Paint all foam parts to match skin color and set aside to dry.
2. For the cape, cut a 9"x12" piece of red or blue felt. Fold over 1" along one long edge and cut 1/4" long snips every inch along the fold. (After snipping, let it unfold.) Weave a 12" chenille stem in and out of the slits in the felt. Gather the cape felt to the middle of the chenille stem and bring together the two ends. Before twisting, make sure that you can get three fingers into the gathered area, then twist the chenille stem. Trim the end of the stem with wire cutters leaving about 1-1/2" and bend the twist up (to insert into the foam disc).
3. For the arms, cut a 4-1/2" x 12" piece of blue felt. Place a 12" blue chenille stem onto the felt, running the long way. Then roll the felt with the chenille stem inside. (The roll should be about 1 1/2" diameter and the chenille stem should be even with the felt ends.) In the middle of the length, push the paper clip onto it to hold. Then run a line of tacky glue under the edge of the felt on each side of the paper clip. Let dry, without bending it. Remove paperclip.

4. Place the middle area of the sleeve against the back of the gathered cape and push the paperclip down onto both of them to secure. (Use glue gun if necessary.)
5. Using the [pattern](#), trace and cut out the mask from black cardstock. Wrap the mask around the disc and hot glue the overlap on the back. (Be sure the mask tabs on back are not angled up or down.) Bend a 1-3/4" red chenille stem into a smile and then bend back both ends about 1/4" to insert into the disc for the mouth. Push the edge of the pony bead into the foam for the nose and use tacky glue to hold. Use the same glue to attach the eyes inside the mask holes.
6. For short hair and bangs, cut 1" – 2" yarn lengths. Fold the lengths in half and use a toothpick to push the yarn into the foam. (No glue is needed.) For ponytail (or two pigtails) align five 18" lengths of yarn on one end. Then fold into thirds on the table. Pinch all together the fifteen strands at one end and use another length to tightly tie and knot to hold about 1 1/2" from the end of all the lengths. Then wrap each tie around the area several times and knot to hold. Cut the loops on the other end. Hot glue hair onto the head disc.
7. To attach the head, push the toothpick into the bottom of the disc to make a starter hole. Then press the head onto the twisted chenille stem of the cape. Adjust the cape gathers to nestle around the head. (Hot glue if necessary.)
8. To attach the hands, push the arm chenille stem into the edge of one painted half ball. Repeat with the other hand. Fold arm unit to create elbows so that hands can extend onto small sheet of paper or photo. Pin schoolwork, writing projects or photos to the hands to display.

Tip: Hot glue a magnet to the back of the super hero head to display on the fridge – or – hot glue a length of yarn to the back of the super hero head and hang from the ceiling with painter's tape like they're flying!



Friendship  
isn't a big thing, it's a  
million little  
things

Friends

# Friendship Gift Box

By [Suzanne Cannon for Quietfire Design](#)

Summertime brings out some of nature's most beautiful flowers. More importantly, summer also brings visits from good friends. Why not create a small garden treasure box, topped with a sweet reminder of your special friendship? Fill it with gifts or precious reminders of a cherished time together.

## Materials:

- ◆ Quietfire Design rubber stamp, Friendship Isn't A Big Thing
- ◆ Imagine Crafts VersaMagic stamp ink, Midnight Black
- ◆ Elizabeth Craft Designs A Way With Words die, Friends
- ◆ Elizabeth Craft Designs Stitched Ovals dies
- ◆ Elizabeth Craft Designs Garden Notes Hydrangea dies
- ◆ Elizabeth Craft Designs Garden Notes Rose 2 dies
- ◆ Ranger Distress Ink, Peeled Paint, Shabby Shutters, Faded Jeans, Abandoned Coral
- ◆ Graphic 45 Staples 3.5" x 4.5" Black Book Box
- ◆ Graphic 45 Gilded Lily 6" x 6" Patterns and Solids pad
- ◆ Mohawk Via Black 80lb cardstock
- ◆ Tombow Mono Adhesive Dots
- ◆ Beacon Kids Choice Glue!

## Tools:

- ◆ Die cutting machine
- ◆ Ranger Ink blending tool
- ◆ Molding pad
- ◆ Tweezers
- ◆ Ball stylus
- ◆ Scissors or paper cutter

## Instructions:

1. Cut two rectangles measuring 3" x 1 ½" from patterned paper. Cut two mats, measuring 1/16" larger on all sides, from black cardstock. Cut two more mats, measuring approximately ¼" larger on all sides, from coordinating patterned paper.
2. Adhere together to create a mat stack and then adhere the stack to the front and back edge of box. Create two more mat stacks for the short sides of the box, beginning with 2" x 1 ½" pieces of patterned papers. Adhere to the box.
3. Die cut two Friends, one from light blue and one from dark. Sponge the darker diecut with Faded Jeans Distress Ink. Adhere the light blue diecut behind, slightly offset, creating a drop shadow effect to give the impression of dimension.
4. Die cut three sets of Hydrangea petals from coordinating blue patterned papers. Die cut petals for two rose buds from peach lightly-patterned paper. Die cut leaves from pale cardstock.
5. Stamp *Friendship Isn't A Big Thing* with VersaMagic on lightly-patterned pale blue paper. Allow to dry. Die cut sentiment with stitched oval and adhere to box top.
6. Sponge leaves with green Distress Inks. Sponge roses with Abandoned Coral Distress Ink. Adhere Friends to box top as shown. Shape leaves and petals with tools as per manufacturer's instructions and glue to the box lid in a pleasing arrangement.
7. Add some treats or a small gift and give it to a special friend!



# Summer Flower and Dragonfly Cupcake Toppers

By [Laura Kelly Walters for Tombow](#)

These adorable paper crafted cupcake toppers are a fabulous way to decorate for a summer party. They are versatile and would work great on all paper crafting projects including handmade cards and scrapbooking.

## Materials:

- ◆ Watercolor paper
- ◆ Tombow Dual Brush Pens, assorted
- ◆ Tombow Blender Pen
- ◆ Tombow Adhesive Dots
- ◆ Baking sticks (or straws)

## Tools:

- ◆ Sizzix machine
- ◆ Laura Kelly Dies for Sizzix: Forest Mask, Pet Shop Bugs
- ◆ Blending palette
- ◆ Paintbrush

## Instructions:

1. Distribute like colors of ink from the Tombow Dual Brush Pens onto a blending palette.
2. Mix the colors with the Tombow Blender Pen and brush onto watercolor paper.
3. Use a paintbrush and water to mix the colors around. Let dry completely.
4. Using a Sizzix machine and Laura Kelly dies (Forest Mask and Pet Shop Bugs), cut your shapes.
5. Adhere the shapes together and then to the sticks with Tombow Adhesive Dots.



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# Adorable Girl

By [Donna Salazar for Donna Salazar Designs](#)

I made this layout with one of my favorite pictures of my daughter. The sun was hitting her just right so that she had this rainbow of light around her to match her colorful hair. I wanted the layout to match her personality; quirky, fun, colorful, etc... I used some of my new products from both Spellbinders® and Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L® that work well for creating a Girlie Grunge mixed media layout like this.

## Materials:

- ◆ Donna Salazar Designs® with Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L®:
  - Girlie Grunge Art Medium
  - Girlie Grunge Twine
  - Pigment Powder: Blue, Brown, Pink
  - Dodz™XL
  - Lace Ribbons
  - Canvas Ribbons
  - Texture Ribbons
- ◆ Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L®:
  - 3D Foam Squares Black
  - Dodz™3D
  - Crafty Power Tape
  - E-Z Runner® Ultra
  - Premium Double Sided Tape 1"
- ◆ Donna Salazar Designs® Mix'd Media Inx CHOX from Clearsnap®: Sparrow, Petals, Bluejay
- ◆ Cardstock, white
- ◆ Pattern paper
- ◆ Flower stamens
- ◆ Crocheted flowers
- ◆ Ribbon flowers
- ◆ Cabochons
- ◆ Acrylic paint, white
- ◆ Cardboard

## Tools:

- ◆ Donna Salazar Designs® die sets with Spellbinders®: Bitty Blossoms, Big Blossoms, Rose Creations, Jumbo Rose
- ◆ Donna Salazar Designs® with Spellbinders® Journal Words Stamps
- ◆ Paper trimmer
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Paintbrush
- ◆ Small spray bottle
- ◆ Alcohol

## Instructions:

1. Cut a 8.5" x 11" white card stock to 8" x10" for the background.
2. Mix 5 Tbsp alcohol with 3/4 tsp of Pigment Powder in a small spray bottle (create as many colors as you'd like.)
3. Use Girlie Grunge Art Medium to paint a random shape on the background. While still damp, spray the various Pigment Powder mixtures onto paper and dry with a heat gun.
4. Everywhere that you sprayed your mixture that isn't on the Girlie Grunge Art Medium will blend into a soft glittery background but will stay in splatters and drips on the Girlie Grunge Art Medium (set background aside).
5. Die cut 4 of the large rose and 4 of the small rose from ivory pattern paper using the Jumbo Rose Steel Rule Die (designed to work with Rose Creations Die Set).
6. Die cut 6 of the largest die in the Rose Creations Die Set from blue pattern paper.
7. Die cut 2 of the #3 rose in the Rose Creations Die Set from Canvas Ribbon.
8. Die cut 2 of the Big Blossom Die (designed to work with Bitty Blossoms Die Set) from brown pattern paper.
9. Die cut 3 of the largest die in the Bitty Blossoms Die Set from brown pattern paper.
10. Use an embossing stylus to cup the petals of ALL the flower die cuts.
11. Fold 3 flower stamens in half and wrap base with Crafty Power Tape (repeat for 2nd flower) and make 4 more flower stamen bundles using only 2 flower stamens.
12. Place one of the 3 flower stamen bundles on the inside of the pointed end of one of the Bitty Blossom die cuts and use the stamen bundle to roll the flower. When you get to

- the center trim the stamens, add a Dodz™3D to the base and fold the tab over the adhesive. (Repeat for a 2nd flower then use a 2 stamen bundle on the last Bitty Blossom).
13. Use a stylus or paper piercer to curl petals of the 2 larger flowers outward.
  14. Place the pointed end of the Big Blossom die cut into the adhesive at the base of the Bitty Blossom and wrap around. Use a Dodz™XL to adhere the tab of the die cut to bottom of flower (Repeat for 2nd flower).
  15. Cut 1 piece of loopy lace to 4" and 2 pieces to 6" then wrap each piece around the remaining 3 stamen bundles. Trim the stamens then use a Dodz™3D to hold lace in place.
  16. Adhere 2 layers of the large Jumbo Rose die cuts together with Dodz™XL (repeat for a second flower).
  17. Adhere 2 layers of the small Jumbo Rose die cuts together with Dodz™XL (repeat for a second flower).
  18. Adhere 2 layers of the largest Rose Creations die cuts together with Dodz™XL (repeat for 2 more flowers).
  19. Adhere 2 layers of the canvas Rose Creations die cuts together with Dodz™3D. Use Dodz™XL to adhere one of each size of the Jumbo Rose layers together with one of the blue Rose Creations die cuts then adhere one of the large Bitty Blossom flowers in the center (repeat for 2nd flower).
  20. Adhere the canvas Rose Creations die cuts in the center of the blue Rose Creations with the last Bitty Blossom flower in the center using Dodz™3D.
  21. Cut a couple pieces of pattern paper slightly larger than your photo. Adhere layers so they are offset then adhere photo with 3D Foam Squares.
  22. Distress and roll the edges of the 8" x 10" card stock and ink edges with Bluejay Mix'd Media Inx CHOX.
  23. Adhere paper to a piece of cardboard that is 8.5" x 10.5" using Premium Double Sided Tape 1".
  24. Wrap a small piece of lace around the top left edge of layout and staple in place then add a small scrap of lace on the bottom right and staple.
  25. Cut butterfly shapes from the organza ribbon in the Texture Ribbons pack. Adhere with a piece of lace scrap across the middle and a flower stamen for antennae (you can use a heat gun on the organza to make it wonky).
  26. Add white acrylic paint to the edges of the layout and background.
  27. Stamp your words on a scrap piece of the white card stock using the Journal Words Stamps and Mix'd Media Inx CHOX in Sparrow, then cut the words into individual strips add small 3D Foam Squares and set aside.
  28. Adhere the embellishments to the layout as shown using Dodz™3D, Dodz™XL, Premium Double Sided Tape and 3D Foam Squares.
  29. Cut small pieces of Girlie Grunge Twine, make small loops and adhere to layout to bring focus to the words... you should add a 3rd loop so that your layout looks balanced.



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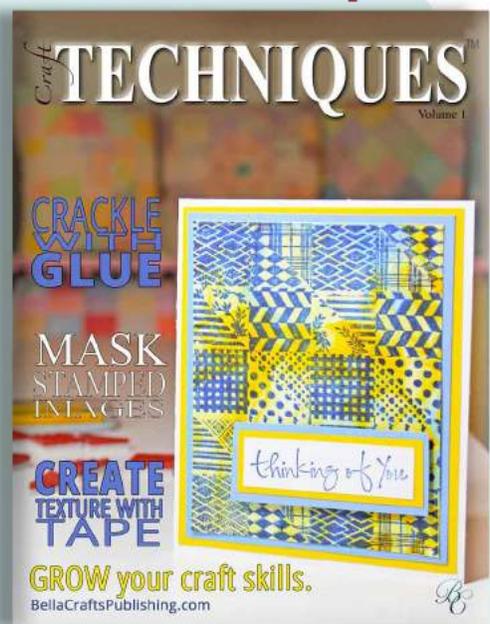
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# Book of Dreams

By [Seth Apter for Seth Apter](#)

I am constantly seeing cool notebooks in every kind of design imaginable and if I were to buy every one that caught my eye, I would probably fill my home. Most of the ones I do buy sit on a shelf untouched. These days, when I actually need a notebook, I buy a simple and inexpensive one and create my own cover. They are more fun and more likely to actually be used. Book of Dreams is one example.

## Materials:

- ◆ Spiral notebook, 4" x 5.75"
- ◆ Spellbinders® Splatter Proof die set
- ◆ Impression Obsession® Dreams rubber stamp
- ◆ Watercolor [aper
- ◆ PaperArtsy® Fresco Finish Chalk Acrylic paint: South Pacific, Captain Peacock, Mermaid, Autumn Fire, Sherbet, London Bus, Cherry Red
- ◆ Liquitex Professional white gesso
- ◆ Uni-ball® Signo white and black gel pens
- ◆ Tsukineko® VersaMark Watermark stamp pad
- ◆ Imagine Crafts® StazOn Midnight Blue ink pad
- ◆ Ranger® Turquoise Antiquities embossing powder
- ◆ Lineco® PVA adhesive

## Tools:

- ◆ Spellbinders® Platinum Die Cutting and Embossing Machine
- ◆ Paintbrushes
- ◆ Heat gun
- ◆ Scissors

## Instructions:

1. Paint the cover of the notebook in layers of gesso and acrylic paint until you achieve the look you want.
2. Paint several small sheets of watercolor paper in layers of color that will contrast with the colors of the cover. This will be the paper you die cut with.
3. Run the painted watercolor paper through the Platinum Machine using the largest die in the Splatter Proof set. Use the Splatty Border from one of the painted papers and the center circle from the other.
4. Using the watermark stamp pad, stamp the image from the Dream stamp onto the die cut circle. Sprinkle the embossing powder onto the stamped image, shake off the excess powder and use the heat gun to melt the powder and make it permanent.
5. Glue both die cuts in your choice of position on the cover. Outline with a black gel pen.
6. Cut a strip of painted watercolor paper and glue that on the cover so that it anchors the circular die cut to the base of the book cover. Outline the strip with a black gel pen.
7. Add doodles and/or borders to the book cover using the white gel pen.
8. Edge the book cover with the Midnight Blue stamp pad to add a subtle, framed border to the book cover.



# 3D Flowers

By [Eileen Hull for Eileen Hull Design](#)

Making 3D flowers is so easy when you use dies to cut layers of stacking petals! Whether it is making a felt flower headband for your daughter, creating a bridal bouquet or using paper flowers to make handmade cards, the choices of materials, colors and textures are a never ending delight! I am so excited to share the Romance flower, one of my new flower dies from Sizzix. Use the coordinating Twist & Style tool to create stems and beautiful centers for your flowers too!

## Materials:

- ◆ Sizzix Die 661110 Romance Flower by Eileen Hull
- ◆ Sizzix Die 661111 Spring Leaves by Eileen Hull
- ◆ 661113 Sizzix Twist & Style Craft Tool inspired by Eileen Hull
- ◆ Tissue paper- two sheets of coordinating colors
- ◆ Pearl bead
- ◆ Wire- 1 yard of 22 gauge
- ◆ Button
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Floral tape

## Tools:

- ◆ Big Shot

## Instructions:

1. Lay two pieces of contrasting color tissue paper on top of each other. Fold both pieces together until they are about 6" x 6".
2. Die cut flower from tissue paper stack. Thread petals smallest to largest onto a pipe cleaner so it is easy to keep all of the centers together. Start to squish the flower petals into the center. If you go petal by petal, your flower will be more dimensional. When all petals have been folded into the center, fluff them out.
3. To make the stem, place a bead on a piece of wire and bend in the middle, keeping the bead in the center. Following instructions for the Twist & Style tool, place wire in the tool and twist until you have the desired tension of twist. Remove flower stem from tool and trim ends.
4. Remove the flower from the pipe cleaner and thread them through the wire stem. The bead in the center will be your flower center.
5. To keep the flower from falling off the stem, place another bead or button under the flower and glue in place.
6. Die cut leaves from green fabric or felt. Twist more wire- this time without a bead in the middle. Glue the leaves to the wire and cover with floral tape to hide joins.
7. Place in a vase and enjoy!



# Caribbean Boho Necklace

By [Lisa Marie Jimenez](#)

Summer is the time of lighter clothing and vibrant colors and this Caribbean Boho Necklace is perfect for your summer wardrobe. One of my favorite styles of clothing to wear is bohemian and this necklace has quickly become one of my favorite accessories. Utilizing an up-cycled button or brooch, along with pre-made beaded chain, makes this project easy and fun to make.

## Materials:

- ◆ White filigree stamping
- ◆ Upcycled button/brooch
- ◆ Beaded chain, 17 Inches
- ◆ Oval link chain, 15 Inches
- ◆ Fairy Ribbon, Coral
- ◆ Small tassel
- ◆ Metal connector, 2-1 strand (2)
- ◆ Headpins (3)
- ◆ Jumpings (8)
- ◆ Lobster clasp, 10mm
- ◆ Glue

## Tools:

- ◆ Flat nose pliers (2 sets)
- ◆ Round nose pliers
- ◆ Cutters
- ◆ Chain nose pliers
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Metal file

## Instructions:

1. Remove the shank from the back of the button using the cutters. If you are using a brooch, remove the clasp from the back. Use a metal file, to file away any rough edges so that the piece will sit flat on top of the white filigree stamping. Glue the button to the center of the filigree and then set aside to dry.
2. Open a jumping and connect the end loop of the beaded chain to outer ring on the metal connector. Repeat step for opposite side.
3. Open a jumping and connect the end link of the chain to the inside ring on the metal connector. Repeat step for the opposite

side.

4. Connect the lobster clasp to the top ring of the metal connector using a jumping. Add a jumping to top link on the metal connector on the opposite side.
5. Weave the fairy ribbon through the chain, skipping links of chain in between weaves. Secure the ribbon to the end links of the chain, by tying a knot.
6. Open a jumping and run it through the top of the tassel and then connect it to the bottom of the white filigree. Open a second jumping and connect the top of the white filigree to the center link of the beaded chain.

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