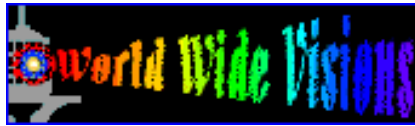


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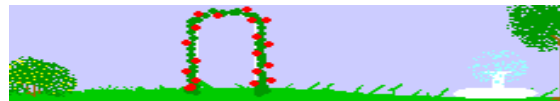
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Laurieann's Note

Hi Fellow Crafters,

Spring is on the way! Time to plan your craft projects for 2006. We have gathered a few here to get you started.

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™

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1. Wrap the paper on crayons with clear packing tape for younger children, it helps keep the crayons from breaking.

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3. To clean dried paint on brushes and preserve the life of your brushes: cut an 'X' in the top of a plastic container, insert the brush from the inside of the lid and allow just the bristles to soak in warm soapy water until the paint softens and can be washed out. replace the brush to hang in an empty container to dry shaping the tip at least once during the drying.



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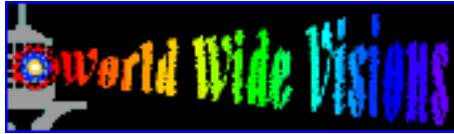
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## Rose Grapevine Wreath



Materials:  
12" Grapevine wreath

3 Roses and 1 rose bud with leaves (Hot Flash Designs Rose/Calla Lily stamp)

6 small Calla Lilies with leaves

1 Dragonfly

Craft Wire

Floral tape

Optional: Purchased Roses, small Calla Lilies and dragonfly or butterfly may also be used.

### Instructions:

Follow the instructions that come with the stamps to make the roses and Calla Lilies as well as the dragon fly.

Place the wreath on the table in front of you. Imagine the numbers on a clock face. Place the largest rose at the six o'clock position working the wire stem into the wreath and anchoring the stem with wire ties.

The smallest rose is added at the seven o'clock position and the medium rose will go in the eight o'clock spot.

A group of 3 Calla Lilies is arranged in a graduated fan shape with the outside flower having the longest stem moving to the shortest stem at the inside of the wreath. Wire them securely in place from six o'clock toward five o'clock.

The second group of 3 Calla Lilies is wire in place from eight o'clock with the longest stem toward the inside of the wreath and the shortest stem on the outside closer to the eight o'clock position. The rose bud is added to the inside of the wreath beside the middle Calla Lily.

The dragonfly/butterfly is attached to a wire and placed between one and two o'clock. Use a piece of the wire to form a hanger loop and add it to the back of the wreath in the twelve o'clock position.



[Hot Flash Designs](#) Carries the stamps and Angelina fiber to make these beautiful Roses.

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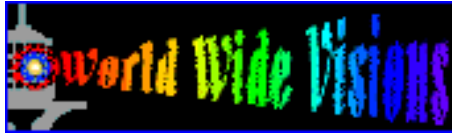
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## Bookmark "In Memory"



This bookmark was made in memory of a special friend. The charms shown were special to that person but you may choose 3 to 5 charms that mean something to the person to receive your bookmark.

Materials:



Brass bookmark # K07-6273FN

3 to 5 Charms of your choice



Rose Quartz Heart # K07-4141FN



Prayer box with angel #K07-7278JW



Gold color oval jump rings #H15-3586FN

Tassel color of your choice

Needle-nosed pliers

#### Instructions:

This bookmark was made using charms that meant something to the recipient of the gift. In the prayer box I placed a small prayer with the name of the person remembered. You may pick charms and small pendants related to the one for whom you are making the bookmark.

Using a jump ring attach the tassel to the loop on the bookmark. make a chain of 2 jump rings for the heart pendant (I removed the bail and attached the rings).

The prayer box has a chain of 4 or 5 jump rings (allowing it to hang free of the other items). You may need more or less rings depending on the charms chosen.

Working with the jump rings: Place the tip of your pliers into the center of the jump ring while closed and gently open the pliers slightly to spread the opening, add the charm or another jump ring, remove the pliers and gently squeeze the ring closed.

To avoid weakening a number of rings, open one and add the charm and a second ring at the same time. When the ring is closed you will have a chain of 2 rings and the charm. Open a second ring and add the chain with the charm on it and another ring. Continue this way until your chain is as long as you need it to be.

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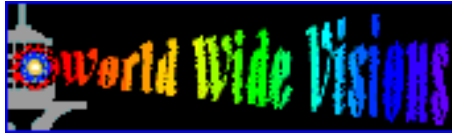
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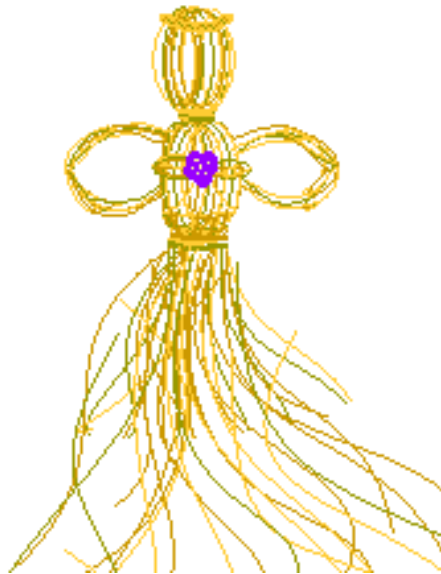
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## Raffia Angel



### Materials:

Bundle of Raffia natural or color of your choice

String or fine wire for ties

Scissors

### Instructions:

Take a handful of raffia strands and fold them in half tying at the center with a strand of raffia. Use a strand of raffia to cover string or wire when used to tie. Tie around the folded bundle 3" down from the top for the angel's neck. Set aside.

Make a bow out of a second smaller bunch of raffia for her wings. Place the wings on the back of the angel and tie in place with raffia strands. Bring the ends of the bow to the front on each side fold the right side back and tie making a loop to form the right hand. Bring the ends to the back and tie into the waist, this will make the angel arm. On the left side bring the raffia strands through the loop of the right

hand and tie to form the left hand, bring the ends to the back and anchor in the waist. Hands will be joined in the center front.

Place a second tie around the angel to make her waist.

Using 3, 6 or 9 strands of raffia form a braid and place it around the forehead of the angel as her halo. Add a hanging loop to the back of the angel head. Embellish the angel as you wish.

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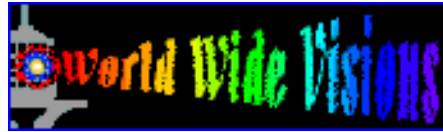
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## Spring Place mat

### Materials:

Piece of cotton or muslin 12" X 17"

Fray-chek or fabric glue

Fabric paint or crayons colors to match your stamp design

Yard stick

Plastic wrap

Freezer Paper

Large foam rubber stamp subject of your choice

Brown paper bags

Black permanent Marker

### Instructions:

Iron the fabric to the shiny side of freezer paper. Cover the work area and the yard stick with plastic wrap. Place the fabric/freezer wrap on the plastic wrap and use the yard stick to draw straight lines 1/4" in from all edges with the fray chek or fabric glue (use the red lines as your guide). Allow to dry.

Apply paint to the stamp the way you want the image to look and stamp the place mat. You can also stamp the outline and then apply the paints directly to the fabric as you wish.

Option: Use a black permanent marker to trace the butterfly in the corner of your fabric. Iron the fabric to freezer paper and paint or color to match the butterfly.

Allow the paint to dry. For crayons after coloring, remove the freezer paper and iron the colored area between 2 pieces of brown paper bag moving the paper and ironing again until no more wax is removed.

When your design is finished and dry, remove the freezer paper and ravel the four sides back to the glue line giving your place mat a fringed edge.



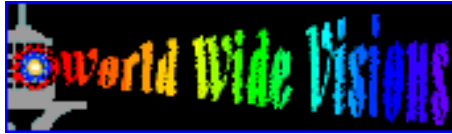
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## Welcome Spring Door Hanger



### Materials:

1 sheet of Cardstock, color of your choice (light colors will print better)

Crayons or paint and brush in light tan, dark tan, brown, black, pink for deer and color of your choice for letters

Scissors

Optional: Laminating sheet or clear Contac

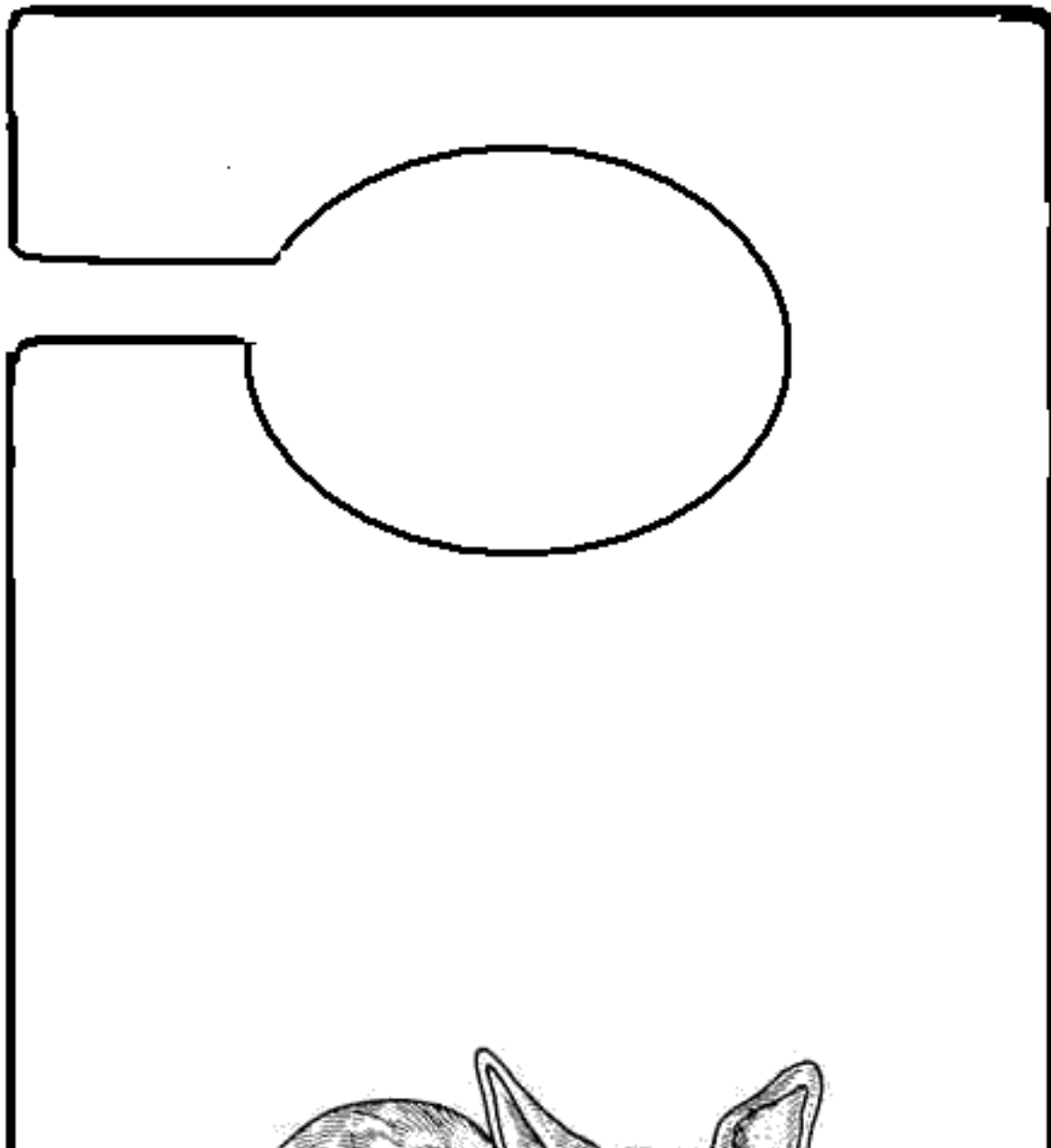
## Instructions:

Print the pattern door hanger on cardstock. Color the deer dark tan with light tan spots, the nose and hooves are black and the eyes are a dark brown. The inside of the ears should be light tan and pink.

The letters on his sign are not very dark so you can color over them with a color you like better. Add grass, trees, clouds and flowers to the hanger as in the picture, if you wish.

After you have finished coloring your doorhanger, cut along the outside of the hanger shape sign your name on the back and it is ready to put on your doorknob or give to someone special.

Optional: If you are going to laminate the doorhanger it should be done before you cut out the hanger. This way you will cut the cardstock and the laminating sheet or Contac paper at the same time.





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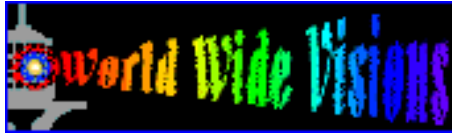
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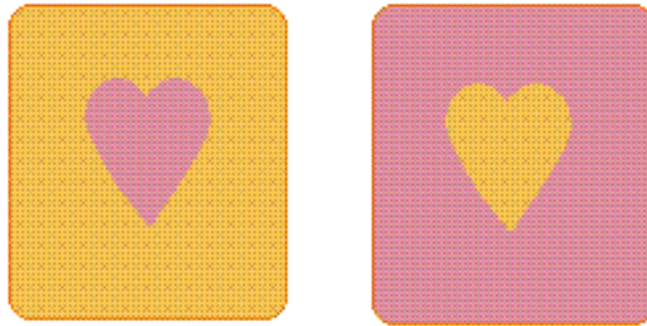
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## Cookie Cutout Sandwiches



### Materials:

2 slices of bread  
Spread of your choice  
1 slice lunch meat  
1 slice cheese  
Cookie cutters shapes of your choice  
Table knife

### Instructions:

Cover each slice of bread to the edges using your choice of spread. Place one slice of cheese on top of the lunch meat and cut out the center with the cookie cutter. Place the meat on one slice of bread replacing the cut out area with the cheese cut out. On the second slice of bread place the cheese with the meat cutout center.

If using small cookie cutters you can cut several shapes and place the cheese into the meat cutouts and the meat into the cheese cutouts.

Options: Spread the bread with strawberry jam or jelly and place the cheese slice with the cutout on top so the jam/jelly shows through the cheese. Reserve the cutout pieces of cheese to top crackers for another time.

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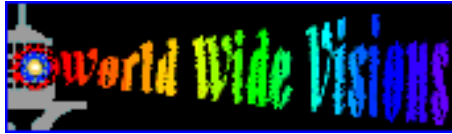
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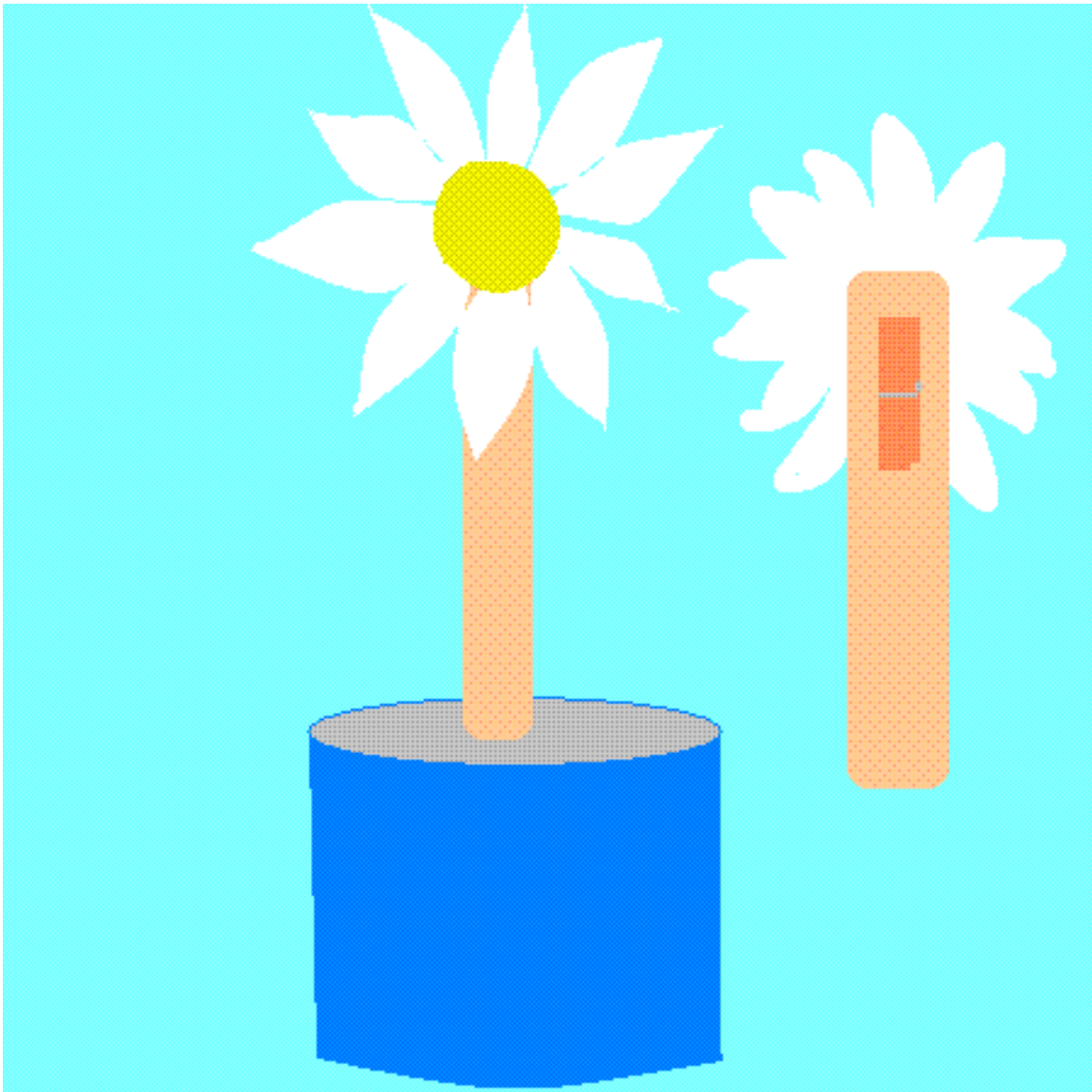
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## Recipe-Note Holder



Materials:

Lid from liquid detergent such as Tide  
Craft Stick  
Mini Clothes pin  
Single flat flower head such as a Daisy or Sunflower  
White craft glue (or hot glue sticks and glue gun with adult help)  
Small amount of Plaster of Paris  
Sandpaper  
Paint color of your choice and brush  
Optional:  
Gravel or small pebbles to fill the lid

**Instructions:**

The detergent lid will be your 'flower pot' you can use it in the original color or scuff the lid with sandpaper, wipe clean and paint to match your kitchen. Allow paint to dry completely.

Pour Plaster of Paris into lid filling almost to the top. Place the craft stick in the center of the lid and allow the plaster to cure and dry overnight.

When dry glue the mini clothes pin at the top of the craft stick with the bottom of the clothes pin facing up 1/4" below the top edge of the craft stick. Allow to dry.

Glue the flower head at the top of the craft stick on the opposite side from the clothes pin.

**Optional:**

If you do not want to use Plaster of Paris fit the lid with small pebbles or gravel, place the craft stick then fill the lid with white craft glue or hot glue. This will cement the filler into the lid and give it some weight. Then proceed as above.

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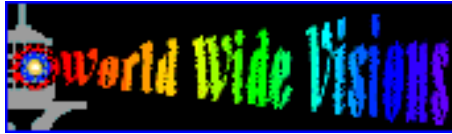
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## Craft Stick Snowman Ornament



### Materials:

A craft stick

Small piece black felt

6 black pom poms 1/4"

4 black pom poms 1/8"

1/4" Ribbon or fabric strip for scarf & hat band

Cord or floss for hanger

White craft glue

White paint and brush

### Instructions:

Paint the craft stick white on all sides, allow to dry. Fold your black felt in half and cut out 2 top hat shapes (see picture for guide). Glue a loop of floss or cord on the craft stick about 1/2" down from the top. Glue the hat shapes over the hanger loop, one on the front and the other on the back of the craft stick, be sure the front and back hat shapes are lined up evenly.

Glue a piece of ribbon around the the hat just above the hat brim tucking the ends under the hat shapes at one side.

Glue the 1/4" pom poms on the craft stick for eyes, nose and buttons using the picture to guide you. Nest glue the 1/8" pom poms in a curved row to look like the snowman's lumps of coal smile.

Wrap the 'scarf' around the snowman's neck just below his smile and glue in place.

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