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 **Laurieann's Note**

Hi Fellow Crafters,

We hope your Summer is full of fun, here are some crafts to play with on those days you can't stay outdoors.

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1. Use a Citronella candle in the candle ring glass and keep the table area bug free.
2. An old CD makes a great hot glue gun 'drip catcher'.
3. Hang a few old CDs in a fruit tree to keep the birds away from the ripening fruit without harming the birds.



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[Julia Camilleri's Blog](#)

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Kezi's  
15th Limited Edition Pattern  
Original Cloth Doll Pattern



*Lillie Ann*

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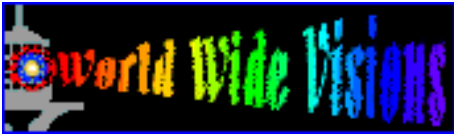
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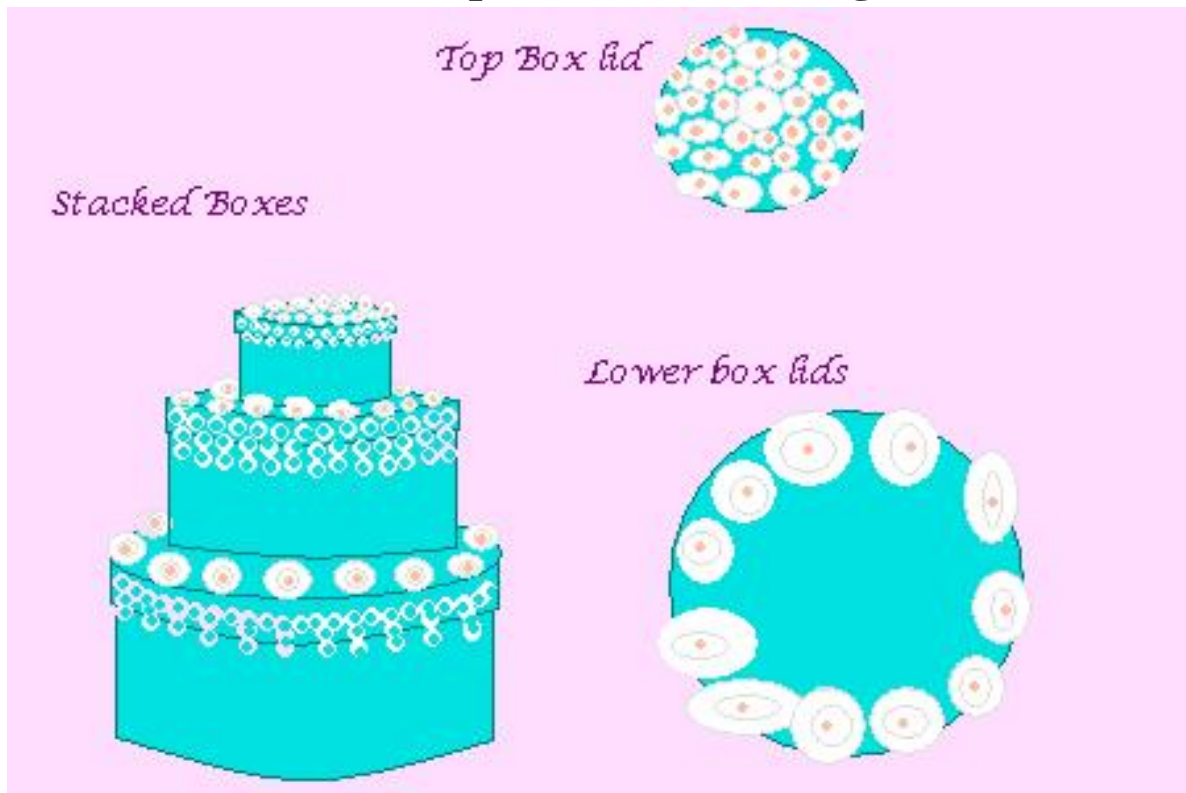
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## Decorated Paper Mache Stacking Boxes



These decorated boxes make great gifts and home decor storage. In the bedroom the large bottom box can hold hair supplies, the middle stores make-up and jewelry will go in the top, smallest box clearing the clutter from the dresser top.

### Materials:

Paper Mache boxes graduated sizes 1 to 3 boxes your choice shape and size

Craft Paint - color of your choice- foam paint brush

Wide lace trim to fit around the cover of each box

Silk flower heads - all plastic parts removed

8mm or larger beads or pearls to replace plastic flower centers

Hot Glue Gun and glue sticks\*

## Instructions:

Paint the outside of each box and lid, allow to dry completely. Glue the lace around the rim of each box top. Place the lid on the box to make it easier to complete the decoration.

Glue the flowers around the box top allowing them to stick out slightly past the edge of the box. Place the largest petal against the box lid, hold in place with a dab of glue. Place another dab of glue in the center of the first petal and add the second petal. Continue until you have completed the flower, glue one or more beads in the center of the flower to replace the plastic flower parts. The number of beads used in each flower will depend on the type flower. With the roses on my box I used one bead just to cover the hole in the petals.

Continue building the flowers to ring the entire box top. On the top box on the stack continue adding flowers to completely cover the box. With the lower boxes in the stack place the next box centered on top and lightly mark the size so you leave space to fit each layer as you add the flowers on the lower boxes.

This is a very versatile project as you can make just one box any size and shape or you can make as many graduated boxes as you want and stack them up.

## Resource:

[ColdHeat Freestyle Cordless Glue Gun](#)

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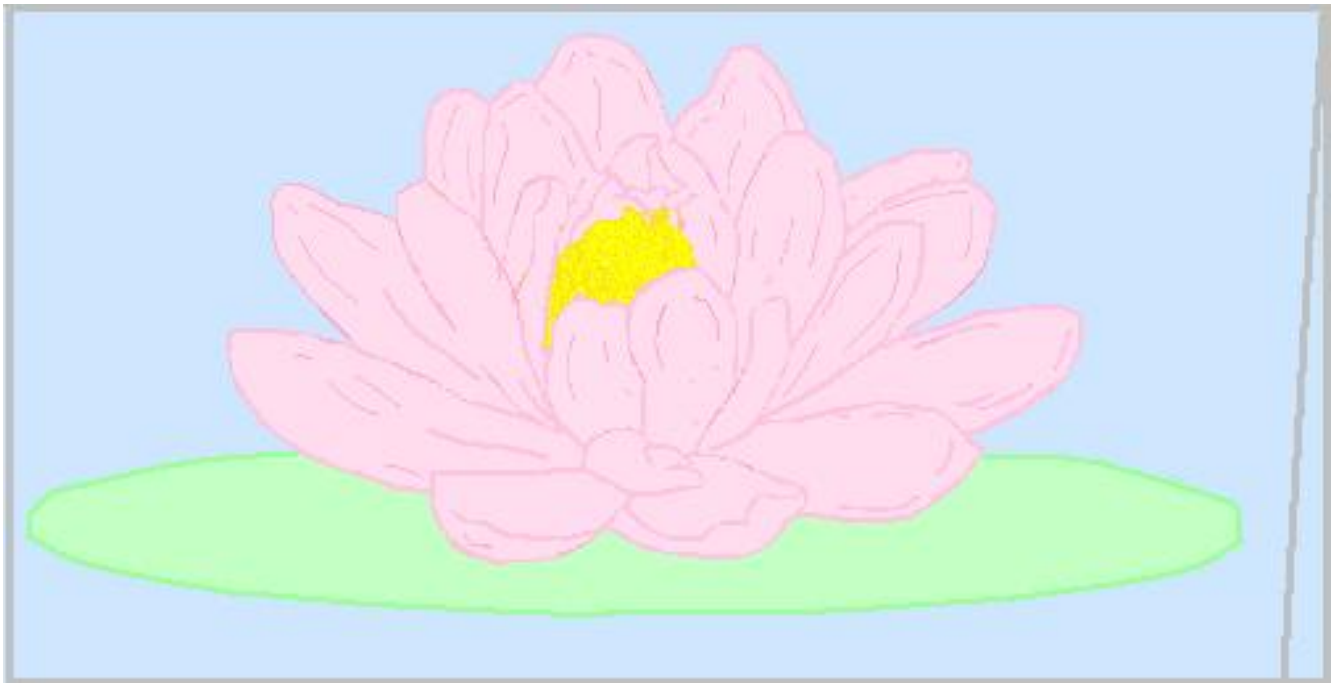
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## Water Lilly Card



### Materials:

Card Stock in a pastel color

Colored chalk in pink, green and yellow

Colored pencils in pale pink, pale green and dark yellow or gold

Tissue Paper for pattern

#2 Pencil

Pad of newspaper

Large needle or pin to punch pattern holes

Hair spray or spray fixative

### Instructions:

Trace the pattern onto the tissue paper using the #2 pencil. Place the tissue paper pattern on a pad of

newspapers and punch holes along all the lines in the pattern. Place the punched pattern on the folded cardstock and trace over the pattern lines with the chalk using pink on the flower, green on the leaves and yellow in the flower center.

Remove the pattern when all lines have been transferred to the cardstock. You can lift the tissue to check that your lines are being transferred. It may be necessary to enlarge the holes to insure a good transfer.

Go over all lines with the colored pencils, using pink for the water lily, green for the lily pad and dark yellow or gold for the flower center. Color in the colored pencil outline using the colored chalk.

When you have finished coloring your card, give it a light spray of hair spray or spray fixative to set the chalk. Allow to dry and the card is ready to give.

Option: Use the water lily cards as a place cards for a Summer luncheon or dinner.



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## Spirit Doll

Nancy Comb

Making the dolls for special people I know I try to capture their "spirit" with the embellishments and charms.



Materials:

18" X 10" strip-pieced fabric for doll

Seed beads, bugle beads and flower beads

Assorted fancy beads

Charms

Trims and embellishments of your choice

Needle and thread  
sewing machine (optional)  
Beading needle  
Beading thread  
Poly-fil for stuffing



[Click here for full sized pattern](#)

#### Instructions:

Strip piece a rectangle of fabric for the doll 18" wide by 10" tall. (I chose a Butterfly print for the faces because I wanted something whimsical and I can't draw faces.) Fold the rectangle in half to 9" by 10" and position the pattern on the folded fabric being careful to place the head of the doll so her face is on the fabric area that gives the desired look. Remember the pattern is a template so add the 1/4" seam allowance.

Stitch around the outer edge of the doll leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. Leave an opening to turn and stuff on one straight edge. Re enforce both ends of the opening. Turn and stuff firmly.

Use 2 beads for the eyes. If you have not used a distinctive fabric in the face area you can draw a face to fit your doll's "spirit". The doll 'hair' is made of seed beads and bugle beads strung in random patterns. Add some flower beads or fancy accent beads near the face to give her even more character.

Add beads and other embellishments to decorate your doll as you wish. The charms that give your doll her "spirit" are attached to the hands by strings of beads.

Make the embellishments fit the person you are making the doll for, show their personality in the charms and trims you select.

**Tip:** It is better to stuff the doll and then embellish. Be sure to clip curves!

Resources:

[Mill Hill Beads](#)

[Fancifuls Brass Charms](#)

[Charm Factory](#) Sterling Silver Charms

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## Friendship Bracelet



### Materials:

Fancy pony beads

Alphabet beads to spell name or message

Stretch cord

### Instructions:

Measure the distance around the wrist and allow some extra to knot. Draw a line the distance of the wrist measurement plus 1/2". Place the alphabet beads toward the center of the line spelling out your message. Add an equal number of pony beads to each side of your message to determine the number of beads you will need.

Thread the pony beads on one side of your message onto the stretch cord, add the beads that form your message being careful to have them all facing the same way so your message can be read.

After the message has been strung continue adding the pony beads. Knot the end tightly and trim the cord. Work the cord knot into the hole of the nearest pony bead.

These would make great friendship trade bracelets.

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## Applique Key Chain



### Materials:

Small applique my horse head is from Wright's  
Piece of leather or suede twice the size of the applique  
Aleenes Leather and Suede Glue  
Beaded key chain

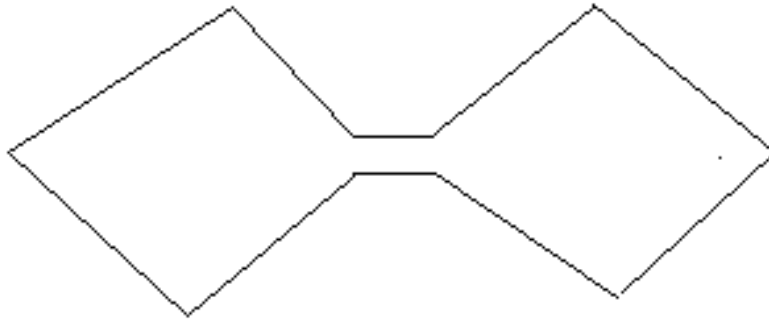
### Instructions:

Place the applique on the wrong side of leather/suede and lightly mark the outline of your applique. Put the applique aside for now.

Fold the leather/suede in half with the applique drawing on the outside. Cut out the shape of your applique leaving a border all around. Leave the leather joined at the top, see picture.

Glue the applique centered on one end of the leather. When dry, fold the leather over the bead chain and glue the two ends together. Place something heavy on top of the keychain until dry to insure it will dry flat.

You may need to trim around the edges if they are not perfectly aligned.



**Your leather will be shaped something like this with the piece between the applique shapes that will fold over the actual chain**

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### Backyard Treat Mix

#### Ingredients:

4 c Any Favorite Cereal

1/2 c Dried fruit pieces

1/2 c Raisins

1/2 c peanuts, cashew nuts or sunflower seeds

1/2 c M & Ms

#### Preparation:

Put into a large ziploc bag and shake to mix. Keep tightly closed until served.

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## Candle Ring



This is a quick and easy table decoration using old CD's and left over flower parts. The flickering candle is reflected in the silver side of the CD and makes a lovely glow on the patio table. Make several and put one at each place.

### Materials:

Throw-away CD

Silk flower heads

Votive candle glass with candle

8mm or larger round beads - one for each flower head

Hot glue gun with glue sticks

### Optional:

Pillar Candle

Paint and brush

Felt

### Instructions:

Place the CD label side down. Center the votive glass covering the hole and glue in place.

Remove the plastic stems and centers from your flower heads. Glue the flower petals, replacing the plastic centers with a single bead, in a ring around the outer edge of the CD.

Optional:

For safety I prefer the glass votive holder type candle but you can use a pillar candle instead. You can either paint the label side of the CD or cut a circle of felt and glue it to cover the label side of the CD.

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Beaded Christmas Ornament

by Julia Camilleri

Materials:

Seed beads size #11 color of your choice

Seed beads any size or color for anchors inside the ornament

Main beads 4 mm color of your choice

Beading thread

Sandpaper

Spray paint gold or color of your choice

Old needle to make holes

Candle

## Drop type beads for the bottom of the plastic container

### Instructions:

I first saw this idea as a tea ball beaded ornament made by a member of one of my online groups. She used the metal tea ball with all the holes in it. There was so much interest in the tea ball, quite a few of my group ladies wanted to make one, but the problem was, these tea balls are as rare as hen's teeth here in Australia. You can buy the stainless steel mesh tea balls, but the holes are so small and close together, they would not be suitable.

While looking for something we could use to replace the metal tea ball I thought: I buy a Loreal Excellence hair colour, and I remember seeing a plastic container for the rubber gloves in the box, I thought maybe I could use that. It's not really the same shape as the tea balls, but it's the next best thing that I could find.\*\*\*



I thought I would try and burn holes in the plastic, and see if that would work. To burn the holes, I used a #18 chenille needle which is now ruined, heated it over a lit tea candle, and used that to pierce the holes. A small nail or ice pick can be used in place of the needle just make sure your hole is smaller than the seed beads you are using.



**Safety Note:** Be sure there is adult supervision for this step.

At first I thought I was doing the holes too close together, so I spaced them out a bit more, but as I started beading the container, I could see they need to be fairly close.

I tried scraping the black burnt marks off the holes, but decided to paint the container instead. I just used gold craft paint, you do need to rough up the plastic with a light sandpaper so the paint will adhere.

Painting the container was a good move, as I noticed the beading threads inside would show through

the plastic. You will need to adjust the number of holes to get good coverage. It is not difficult to add more holes as needed.

Put a hanging cord through the centre top. I just threaded a loop of cord through the hole and tied both cord ends together in an knot on the inside. You can add a dot of glue to the knot and press it against the inside of the top to prevent the loop falling back in.

The inside is not as wide as the tea ball, so it was a little bit more awkward to bead. The best thing I found to use is a long big eye beading needle, it's long, flexible and easier to get right up into the awkward parts. Where a normal needle would not bend as easily.

You may need to put a few more beads around the top, though painting it gold hides the plastic. Use your own judgment whether to leave as is or add more beads.

**Tip:** Make sure you have enough beads, it's hard to judge how many you will need, but it's better to have too many than run out.

### **Beading Instructions:**



Work from the bottom up because this helps keep the beads out of the way as you work the next row. Using a long beading needle, and a long piece of beading thread (approximately meters) start at the hole in the very bottom, knot a seed bead to the thread to secure, and go through the center bottom hole from the inside. Place a drop of glue on this bead to help anchor it firmly in place.

On the outside add a seed bead, then a crystal and another seed bead. Repeat this until you have 4 crystals and 5 seed beads forming the dangle, ending with a seed bead. Go around the bottom seed bead (it will turn on its side) then back up through the bead dangle and through the hole into the tea ball. The final seed bead in each grouping will act as an anchor at the end of each group.

#### **Optional:**

On the bottom of the container replace the final seed bead in each string with a drop bead or dangle for more interest.

BTW, the seed beads on the inside can be any kind, as they don't show. For the next, row do the same thing, except use three crystals instead of four. keep working your way up and around until all the holes are filled. Do the same for the top part of the tea ball.

When it's finished , if you like you can glue a piece of trim around the part where the two pieces screw back together.

[Julia's Blog](http://www.creativeribbons.blogspot.com) <http://www.creativeribbons.blogspot.com>

\*\*\*Here in the States there are machines with small gifts for children, put \$.50 in the machine, crank the handle and get a small gift out through the slot. These little gifts are packed in a plastic container that has a similar shape to the tea ball. You might also use one of the separating plastic Easter eggs.

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