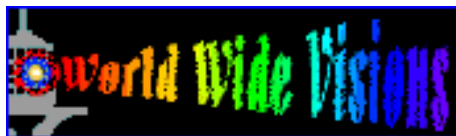


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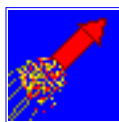


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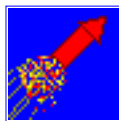


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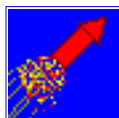
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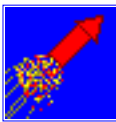
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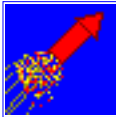
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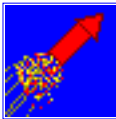
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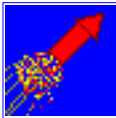
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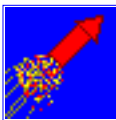
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## **Letter From** *Laurieann*

Hi Fellow Crafters,

I can't believe it is almost the 4th of July in the year 2000!

This is also a fun time for crafts with my favorite colors, red, white and blue! But if you want something different the Bluebonnet Crafters has once again included *Winter Holidays are Coming* craft.

Have a fun July and if you finish all the crafts in this newsletter we have many fun July crafts in past issues which are still available at <http://wwvisions.com/newsletter/> .

**Sincerely,**



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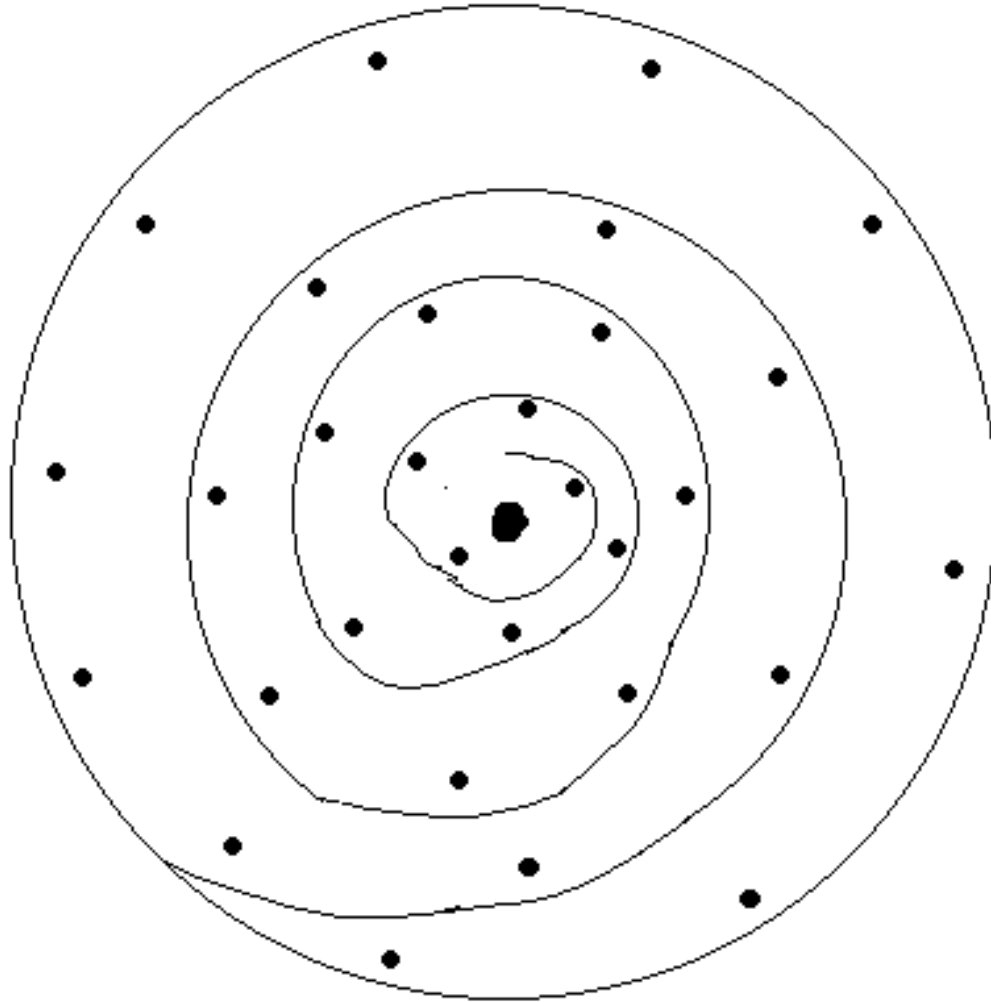
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## Seasonal Crafts

by *Bluebonnet Crafters*

## Shooting Stars Mobile



The pattern for the mobile (above) shows a large number of holes to hang your stars. You can, however, use as few or as many stars as you like. Just be sure you space them evenly along the spiral.

## Materials:

- A flat sheet of clear plastic (Shrink-Art used in the sample)
- Mono filament line or heavy carpet thread
- Scissors
- An awl, ice pick or small hole punch
- Small piece of sandpaper
- Paint, colors of your choice
- Options: You can paint the spiral itself (after light sanding) or paint just the edge of the spiral to match your stars.

## Instructions:

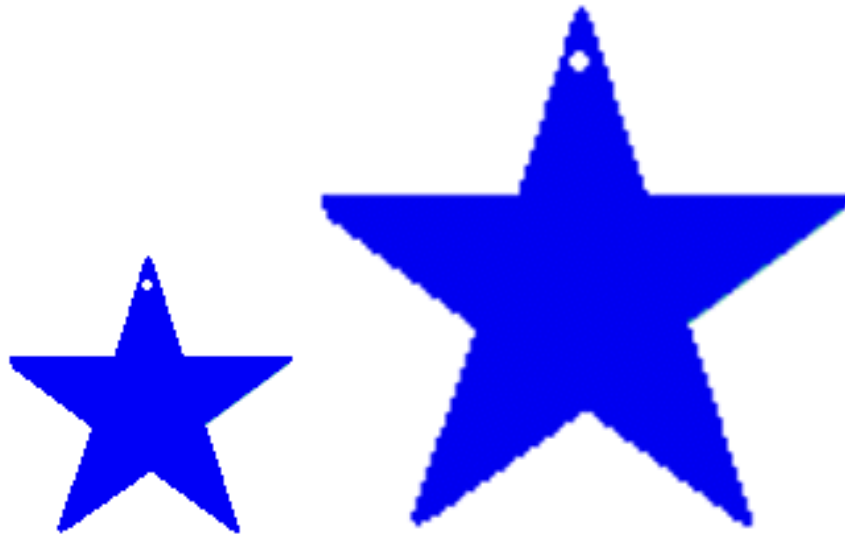
Using the pattern as a guide draw a circle on your clear plastic and a line spiraling from the

edge around into the center leaving an area approximately the size of a quarter intact in the center.

Place a hole in the center piece of plastic and then space holes around the outer edge of your spiral. You can use the number of holes, one for each hanging object. Again, using the pattern cut out one plastic star for each hole you have punched.

Lightly sand the stars on one side and paint in colors of your choice. This looks particularly nice when done with metallic gold or silver. Punch a small hole in each star, thread the first star on your mono filament line or thread and place it through the large hole at the top forming a hanger loop.

Allow the spiral to rest on the first star and string an additional star through each hole in your spiral making the hanging thread of different lengths so the stars graduate in length as the plastic spirals down.

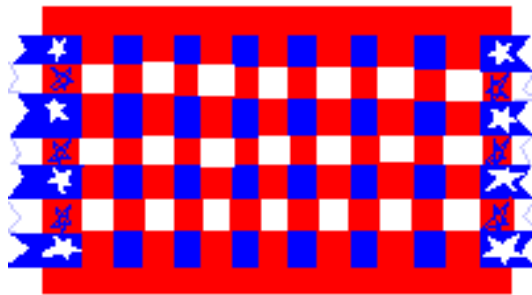




These star patterns can be enlarged or reduced and used as your pattern throughout this Newsletter.



## Woven Mat



## Materials:

- 1 felt square (approx. 9" X 12")
- 4 15" pieces of blue grosgrain ribbon

- 3 15" pieces of white grosgrain ribbon
- 8 white star buttons
- 6 blue star buttons
- Fabric glue
- Scissors



## Instructions:

Cut 14 slits in the felt leaving a half inch border on each side and divide the remaining 12 slits evenly across the width of your felt piece. Your slits will be cut parallel to the short side.

Beginning with the first blue ribbon go over the first bar, under the second, over the third and continue weaving across. The final will be over the outside border. Push the ribbon up against the top opening and place a small drop of glue under each end to anchor it to the border.

The second row, use the first white ribbon and weave under the first bar, over the second space, under and continue across ending under the final border. Snug this ribbon up against the blue making sure you don't leave a space or wrinkle in either ribbon. Place a small drop of glue to anchor each end. Continue with the next three blue and two white ribbons so you have woven the entire slide area of your mat.

Cut each of your ribbons either on an angle or a V cut to prevent raveling on the ends. Glue or sew the white star buttons on the blue ribbon and the blue stars on the white ribbon at each end as decorations.

This mat can be used as a place mat, in place of a doily or as a decorative wall hanging.

Option: You can use felt yardage cut to your specifications to make a table runner.





# Crafty Tips

by Bluebonnet Crafters

- # 1. When doing needlework where you need several fibers or colors, thread each in it's own needle before you begin and they will be ready as you need them.
- # 2. Keep a simple craft project near your computer for those time when sites are slow to load. You will find the wait less annoying and your time more constructively utilized.
- # 3. A quick, easy inexpensive (about \$5) backdrop for photographing your crafts: From the Office Supply buy a "display board". This is a large tri-fold piece of cardboard, painted white. It is about 36 inches tall and with the two sides opened out 48 inches wide. Use a sheet of foam core, poster board or Styrofoam as the "floor" and you have a stage to present your finished craft.

This tip suggested by Rita Keizer, email: [HenHousePatterns@worldnet.att.net](mailto:HenHousePatterns@worldnet.att.net) Hen House Patterns <http://home.att.net/~henhousepatterns>



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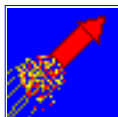
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**Jodi Gadoury ... Our Featured Artist**



## The Gadoury Family

Jodi has worked with her hands from early childhood. She remembers making woven pot holders for her mother as a young girl. Jodi has been self taught and her interest comes from the love of creating things. Creating as a business started with the advent of her children. Wanting to stay home and still have a little extra income she began to make many different items. At first for local craft fairs and then one thing led to another. She has explored every avenue of the crafting business. This included building a business that brought in gross sales of \$250,000 in one year.

In the beginning she was designing all the pieces herself but gradually moved more toward the management end of the business. Jodi claims this was probably where she went wrong. She invested in a color catalog and the cost forced them to close the business. Having gained experience in building one business is what led her into the business she now has which is simple but effective. Looking back now she feels that this was what was meant to be.



Jodi has been designing her own wood products and doing crafts for about 28 years. In the past, both as a wholesaler and a retailer, her products have always sold out.

After obtaining the above information we asked Jodi three additional questions:

1. B.C.: What made you change from selling the actual items to designing patterns for sale?

Jodi: When I did finished products I was blessed to have more work than you could imagine. I think having been good at that made me better as a designer. I am driven for my customers to make things very fast and easy. I have had wonderful stories come back to me saying they do wonderful with my designs. My favorite was when a customer said "thank you, you gave my children the best Christmas they ever had." I even got a

beautiful stitchery made by one of my customers as a gift, she is from London, England. I truly believe that I have a partnership with each of my customers. I could not be doing

what I love so much without them, they seem to feel the same.



2. B.C.: How did you get on the Internet?

I do believe the Internet is the future. The thing I like the most is my connection on a daily basis to stay close to my customers. I look at Internet as having my color catalog at my customers fingertips. I design a new piece every other week, therefore it is impossible to update a catalog. Every eight weeks they can visit my site and see what's new. I have also included a "Bargain Bin" where profit goes to Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network.

3. B.C.: Any advice for new crafters or those that want to make a business of crafting?

Follow your heart. Take each step slowly but listen to your heart. I have been blessed to be doing what has been a driving force in my life, staying home with my two boys. Whatever talent God has given to you, whether it is to make money or just fulfill your heart, follow it. Enjoy the journey and don't worry about the destination.

I have great respect for those of you who are in business. Designing has allowed me to combine my love of designing with a business that still allows me to be home with my family. This has always been the driving force in my life.

With so much experience behind me, my goal is to produce patterns that are fast, easy and profitable for those of you in business making finished the products.

Take a minute to visit and look at all the patterns available, Check out the seasonal designs and be sure to see the newest free pattern.

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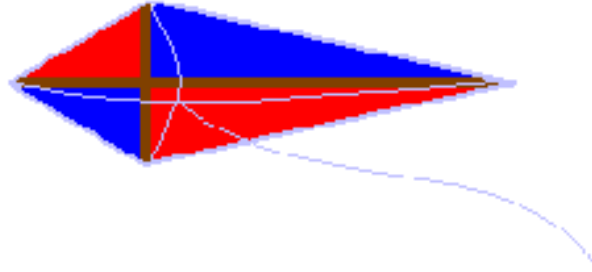
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## Crafty Kids.....

# Red, White and Blue Mini-Kite



### Materials:

- 2 sticks, one half as long as the other
- Red and blue tissue paper
- Wax paper
- White craft glue
- String
- Iron (adult help)
- Scissors

### Instructions:

Cut the blue tissue paper in a rectangle approximately 4" X 6" and a square approximately 4" square. Repeat with the red tissue paper. Place the squares on the wax paper side by side with the red away from you and the blue closest to you. Overlap them slightly in the center and use a small amount of glue to hold them in place.

Place the rectangles, the blue furthest away from you so it slightly overlaps the red square and then place the red rectangle so it slightly overlaps the blue square and the blue rectangle. Again use a very small amount of glue to hold them in place.

Place a second sheet of wax paper over the top. Get your adult helper to iron the entire paper so the wax paper will adhere to the tissue paper on both sides.

Take your two sticks and cross the shorter one on top of the long one about 3" from one end. The short stick should be centered on the long one. Using your string and adult helper wrap the string around the two sticks in a figure 8. Take a second piece of string and center it on the top of the long stick and glue it in place. Bring one piece to the outside edge of the short stick and glue it in place there. The second leg is glued to the other end

of the short stick and the string is brought to the long end of the long stick and both pieces are glued in place. This will make the frame for your kite.

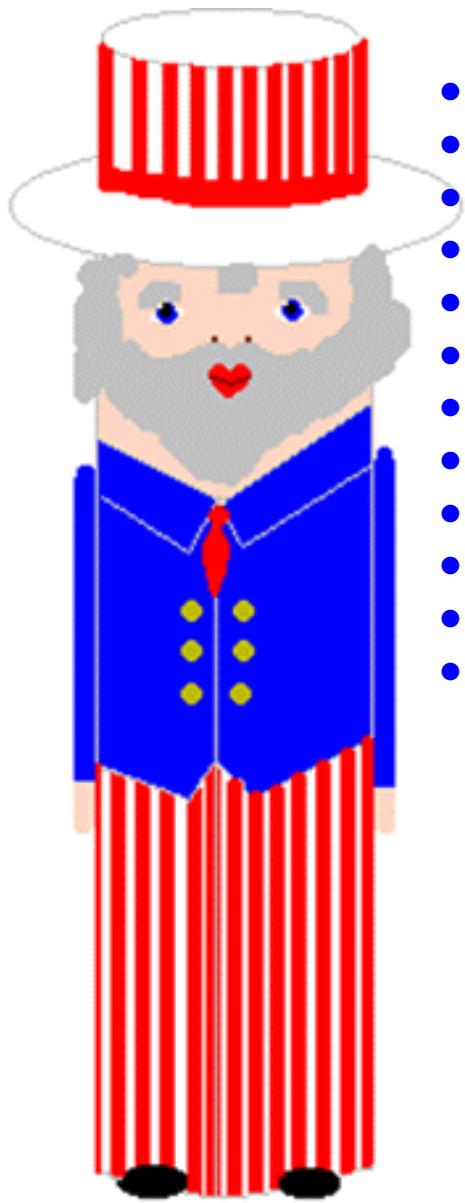
Place the sticks over your wax paper prepared tissue paper. Cut around the stick and string frame leaving at least an inch and a half on all sides. Beginning at the top start folding and gluing your prepared paper over the string all the way around. Allow it to dry. Tie a string from the top of the long stick to the bottom of the long stick and a second one from one end of the short stick to the other end of the short stick. Now tie your lead string catching both of those cross strings. Add a little glue to the knot to be sure it doesn't come undone. Allow it to dry thoroughly and it is ready to fly.

Note: If these kites are made in small sizes they can be flown indoors using electric fans as the wind source. This would require adult help.



## Uncle Sam Canister

You may gently peel off the outside paper before base coating, otherwise it may take more than one coat. If this is a group project you may find it easier using Krylon white base coat spray and have the canisters prepared **before the crafting session.**



## Materials:

- Tall Pringles canister
- 5" square of white cardboard or felt
- White cotton balls or stuffing
- 10" piece of red ribbon
- Paint in flesh, red, white and blue
- 2 craft sticks
- 6 gold sequins, buttons or stickers for buttons
- Paint brush
- Craft glue
- Scissors
- Thin strips of masking tape
- Black Sharpie marker

## Instructions:

Paint the entire Pringles canister with a base coat of white and allow to dry. Cut a felt circle approximately 5" in diameter. Carefully cut a 3" diameter circle out of the center reserving the center circle.

With masking tape mask vertical stripes around the top 1" of the canister spacing them evenly for the hat. Paint the blank spaces between the masking tape strips red. Remove the tape carefully and allow to dry.

Repeat the masking tape strips from the bottom up about 4". Again paint the spaces red. Remove the masking tape carefully and allow to dry. This will form the striped trousers.

Paint flesh in a 2" wide stripe around the canister beginning below the hat portion for the face. and paint the remaining area blue for the jacket.

Looking at the picture you can bring the jacket down onto the top of the trousers in two points at the center front if you like or paint it straight across. Paint the two craft sticks blue with a small area of flesh color for his hands. Paint the eyes and the mouth in place.

With your Sharpie pen draw a line down the center of the jacket and the trousers to make it look like the jacket front and the two legs of the trousers. You can also draw a line to form his collar at the top of the jacket area. Paint a small red tie and glue the buttons in place.

Glue the craft sticks to each side to form his arms and with your Sharpie pen draw two ovals to look like the tips of his shoes at the bottom of the trouser legs.

Glue cotton stuffing or cotton balls top make his hair, mustache, beard and eyebrows.

Remove the lid of the canister. Gently pull the 5" felt circle with the hole in the center down from the top of the canister to rest against the hair to form the hat brim and glue it in place.

Glue the 10" piece of ribbon around the canister just above the hat brim as his hat band. Glue the reserved circle of felt to the top of the plastic lid and replace the plastic lid.



## Kitchen Crafts.....

### Party Potato Salad

#### Ingredients

- 4 c. cubed baked potatoes
- Chopped onion to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped dill pickle
- 3 hard boiled eggs, 2 chopped (reserve the third)
- 1/2 c. mayonnaise
- Prepared mustard to taste
- Small amount of pickle juice to thin
- 1 tart apple, chopped (red with peeling on if you want the color)

#### Instructions:

In large bowl mix your potatoes, onions, pickle, chopped eggs. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and place in refrigerator to cool thoroughly.

#### Dressing:

Mix mayonnaise and mustard and enough of the pickle juice to thin to your taste. Add the chopped apples to the dressing and mix thoroughly. Pour over the potato mixture and mix well. Take the reserved egg and slice it and arrange over the top of the potato salad as garnish. You can add a small amount of paprika to the egg slices if you wish.

Option: Your potatoes can be prepared as you wish. The baked potatoes give a very

distinctive taste to the salad.



## Sparkle Celebration Centerpiece

### Materials:

- 1 dozen fresh flowers (we used red carnations)
- Small amount of live fern or greenery
- Vase
- Floral foam or Oasis
- Sparkler candles\*

### Instructions:

Cut a piece of Oasis or foam to fit the center of your vase. Arrange the flowers, the longest stems toward the center, graduating to the edge of the vase. Intersperse the sparkler candles anchoring them in the foam so they extend above the flowers.

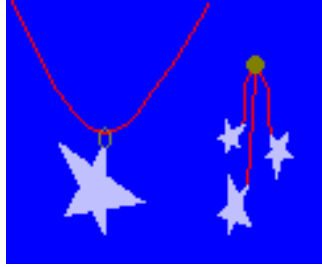
These candles are approximately 7" long. Their length can be extended with bamboo skewers and floral or masking tape. Tape the bottom of the candle to the top of the skewer. Insert the skewer in the Oasis so the candle rises above the flowers. Use a small amount of live greenery to camouflage the bottom of the candles if you have to extend them.

Note: Although we have used the red, white and blue colors for our sample this Celebration Centerpiece can be used for the graduate, wedding, new baby, anniversary or any celebration using the colors suitable for the occasion such as school colors, brides colors, etc.

\*We found our sparkler candles in the bakery department at Walmart. The brand available was "Bakery Crafts".



## Winter Craft



### Holiday Stars

### Materials

- A recipe of Bread Dough, Salt Dough or polymer clay
- Star shaped pattern or cookie cutter
- Paint, colors of your choice
- Rat tail cord
- Embroidery floss (color matching Rat tail cord)
- Jump rings
- Earring findings
- Glue

### Instructions:

Using the material of your choice knead and roll out to approximately 1/8" sheet. Cut stars of different sizes, one large for the necklace pendant and three smaller for each earring. Put a small hole in one point of each star. Air dry or bake according to manufacturers instructions.

When ready paint using metallic or color of your choice. Place a jump ring in the hole of each star. For the pendant thread on a length of rat tail cord long enough to tie and form your necklace.

For the earrings use several strands of embroidery floss to hang the stars in graduated lengths from the earring findings.

The stars can be painted the color of your choice. You might paint the edges with a

metallic or add polymer glitter to give them a little extra sparkle.

Option: You may also cut larger stars and use them as ornaments personalizing them with the name written in glitter across the star.



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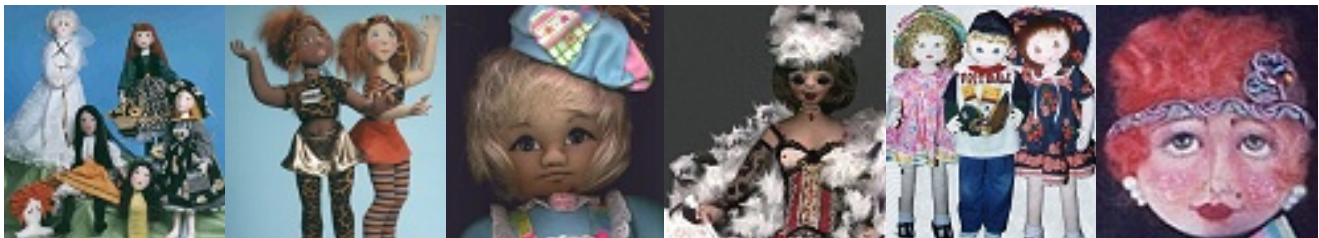
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