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Laurieann's Note

Hi Fellow Crafters,

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Sincerely,

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Craft Tips

1. The square canisters that hold baby wipes make good collection boxes for dryer lint in the laundry.
2. Put the dryer lint out for the birds to line their nests.
3. Carry one of the smaller baby wipe packages in the car for quick hand clean up after pumping gas or when kids snacks get messy.



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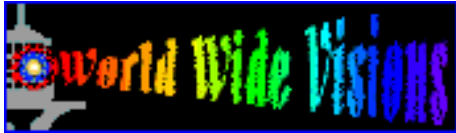


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Rolled Beeswax Pillar Candle



Making hand rolled candles from beeswax sheets is both fun and profitable. They do not require melting the wax, so kids can join in on the fun as well (kids are allowed to make them, but adult supervision is required to burn them – sorry kids). You can make pillars, votives, tapers and shaped novelty candles all from the same sheets. The possibilities are endless and only limited by the candle maker’s imagination. The following project is to help get you started on the basics, but you will find that once you start playing with the sheets, it is amazing to see the unique candles that can be made.

Materials:

Beeswax Sheet
Square Braided Wick

Instructions:

Step 1

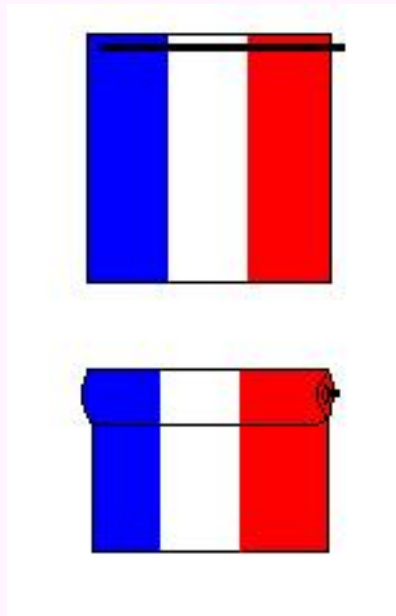
Warm the wax sheet slightly with a hair dryer (if necessary). Warming the wax will make it easier to work with in cooler room temperatures. Just a slight heat is needed – do not melt the wax.

Step 2

Cut sheets long ways so the width of the newly cut sheet will be the height of the finished candle.

Step 3

Place sheet shiny side down, and position wick as shown below. The wick should be offset $\frac{1}{2}$ inch so it extends $\frac{1}{2}$ inch past the top and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the bottom.



Step 4

Carefully fold the wax over the wick trying to keep the edge as round as possible and keep rolling firmly like you would roll a sleeping bag or like how paper towels are rolled around the cardboard tube.

Step 5

Keep the top and bottom of the wax even as you firmly roll the wax. The end result will be a tightly rolled candle with a flat top and bottom that looks sort of like a fire cracker. You can add more sheets to make the diameter of the finished candle as large as you want

butting the ends of each sheet as you go (do not overlap – but them up against each other nice and straight).

Step 6

When the last sheet has been rolled, press the last seam down tightly against the candle with your thumb and it is ready to light.

The possibilities are endless. You can alternate colors, creatively cut the sheets at angles so the outside wrap spirals up the candle, and even use a cookie cutter to cut shapes out of the outer wrap. Some examples of the above project can be seen on our web site by clicking here.

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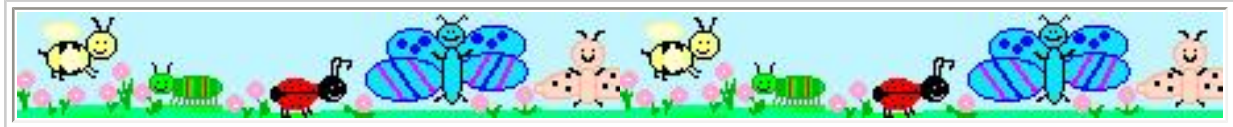
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Tulip Neck Pocket



Materials:

- 2 pieces of felt 4 1/2" X 5 1/2" (I used cream)**
- 2 1/2" square piece of felt for flower (I used red)**
- 3" X 4" green felt**
- 1 1/2" square of pink for heart**
- 3 buttons 1/2" each (mine is green)**
- Pearl cotton or embroidery floss (I used green pearl cotton)**

Sewing thread to match your flower

Ribbon 1/4" wide or cording about 20" long Option: Fusible web

[Tulip, Leaf and Heart Pattern](#)

Instructions:

Trace the pattern pieces on the back of the appropriate color felt. The flower head, leaves and heart are templates, no seam allowance is needed. If using fusible web trace the templates on the fusible web, iron onto the back of the felt. Cut out each piece.

Position the felt flower, leaf and heart on one 4 1/2" X 5 1/2" felt piece using the picture as your guide. Buttonhole or blanket stitch around the flower and the leaves. Attach the heart using one of the buttons. A few tack stitches to hold the edges down may be needed if you are not using iron on fusible web.

Blanket stitch across the top of each pocket piece. Place the 2 pocket pieces wrong sides together and blanket/buttonhole stitch around the other 3 sides forming your pocket.

Stitch the ribbon or cording to the top of the pocket using the remaining 2 buttons stitched to cover the attachment.

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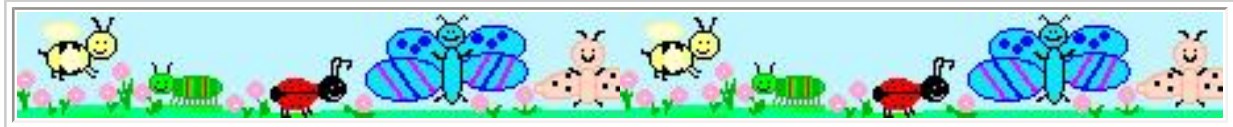
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Fairy Trinket Box



Materials:

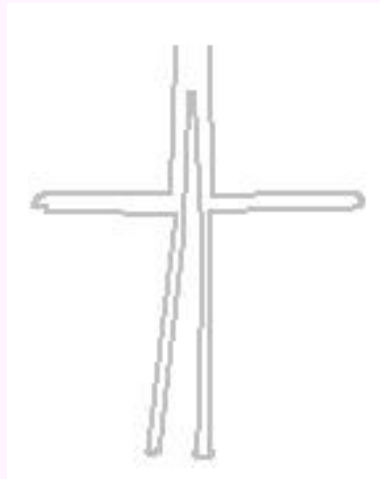
- Whitman's Sampler (4 piece) hinged metal box**
- Handmade or watercolor paper 6" X 12"**
- 3/4" head bead or wooden bead with face drawn on it**
- 12" cloth covered wire**
- Small silk carnation**
- Round filigree finding**
- Small amount doll hair**
- White or off white embroidery floss**

8" piece of green silk ribbon

2 small leaves

White craft glue

Small pint brush



Instructions:

Cut a strip of the paper to fit around the sides of the box from the lid folding over slightly onto the bottom of the box. Clip and trim as needed to get a smooth fit. Cut a second strip to fit the edges of the lid. Trace the top and bottom of the box on the wrong side of the paper and cut the 2 pieces.

Paint the bottom of the metal box up to where the lid fits when closed, with craft glue. position the cut paper around the sides using the craft glue to smooth and hold the paper in place. Glue one of the box shaped pieces to the bottom covering the folded over edges and working it smooth with more of the glue. The handmade paper is textured and wrinkles or folds can be worked almost smooth with glue and you pain brush. Allow to dry completely.

While the bottom of the box is drying make your fairy. Fold the covered wire to form an armature (see diagram). You will wrap the neck, torso, arms, legs and feet with the floss. Beginning with the hand area wrap the single wire for a distance of 1/2" for each hand with the floss using the craft glue to hold the floss to the wire. Repeat for the other hand. Continue on each foot to wrap the toe area. Fold the center of the wrapped area of each hand and foot and then continue to wrap the entire doll. Wrap heavier in the neck and torso to give her more shape. You can use the glue to hold the wraps in place.

Glue the head bead on the neck, add the doll hair and shape her "hairdo".

The box bottom should be dry by now, turn it top side up and cover repeating the instructions for the bottom. Do not cover the raised lip of the top but trim the paper

smooth along it's edge. Glue the 2 leaves positioned to look like wings on the box top. Then glue the round finding to form her crown, gluing the doll shape in place over these elements.

Remove the plastic portions of the carnation and using only the silk petals glue then in place to form the fairy's skirt. The first couple of petals should be glued to the waist and the legs as well as the box leaving the feet sticking out the bottom of the skirt. Fold up the feet now if you did not do it earlier. Trim the top of the petals as needed to form a ruffled skirt as full as you like gluing the top layers only along the top so her skirt "fluffs" up.



Tie the green silk ribbon in a bow around a pencil, slide it off the pencil and arrange it at the waist of the fairy so the back of the belt is placed straight across the top of the skirt petals and the bow is placed just slightly below the straight piece to form a wider belt (see diagram) then glue in place. Allow to dry.

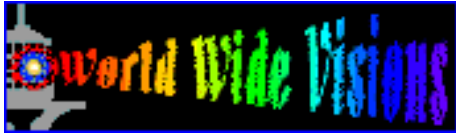
The box can be used to hold small items or a piece of cording can be glued from a tassel at the fairy's feet across the short edge of the box bottom and up both sides to form a long necklace and used as a purse.

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Mini Truck Box



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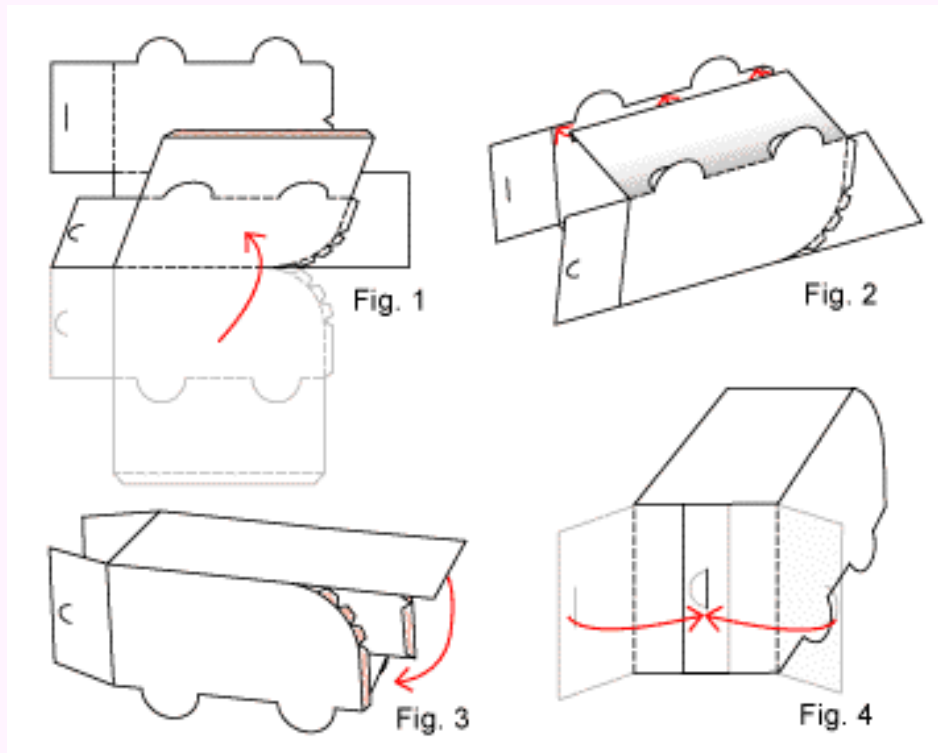
AGE GROUP:

8 and up with adult supervision.

Materials:

-Pattern

- A4 or Letter sized cardboard (color of your choice)
- Glue
- Scissors and craft knife
- Cutting mat
- Crayons or Paints



Instructions:

STEP 1. Print the template on the cardboard stock. Make sure you print on the 'bad' or 'ugly' side of the cardboard so the template will result in the inside of the truck.

STEP 2. Score along the fold lines (dotted lines) for easier folding and cut out the truck shape.

STEP 3. Using a craft knife (Kids, get an adult's help!) cut out the lines indicated in red on the "back" and "base" panels.

STEP 4. Fold along the fold lines and pop out the wheels off the "base" panel by folding the "side" and "base" panels up (see Fig. 1).

STEP 5. Glue the "base" panel to the other "side" panel by applying glue to the strip of the "base" panel (see Fig. 2).

STEP 6. Stand the truck up and glue down the "front" panel to the glue strips of the "side" panels (see Fig. 3).

STEP 7. You can now place a gift inside the truck and close the back doors by sliding the semi-circle into the straight-line cut on the "back" panels. (The truck opens and closes just like a real truck!)

STEP 8. Using color crayon or paints, decorate your Truck Box by adding windows, door handles, lights, license plate and tyres. (You can also paint the name of the recipient on the truck or license plate if using as a gift box!)

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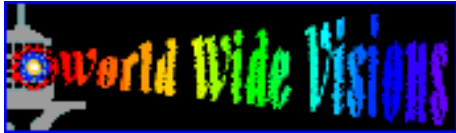
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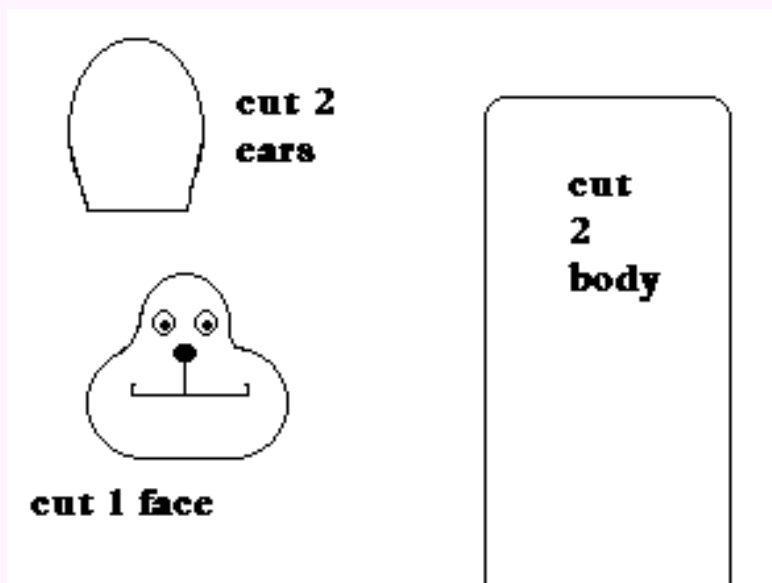


Monkey Pencil Topper



Materials:

Scap of brown felt 3" X 4"
Scrap of tan felt 2" X 3"
Brown chenille stem 4 1/2" long
Black pom pom 1/2"
2 Wiggle eyes 1/4"
6" tan floss or heavey thread
Black permanent marker
White craft glue
Toothpick
Pencil



Instructions:

Trace the pattern pieces on the felt. Two ears and the face on the wrong side of the tan felt. The two body pieces on the wrong side of the brown felt.

Cut out the body, face and ears.

Using the toothpick and white craft glue draw a thin line around both sides and the top of one body piece, position the second body piece on top of the glued piece forming a pocket. Glue the ears to the closed end of the pocket using the picture to help with placement.

Glue the eyes and pom pom to the face using the picture as your guide then glue the face to the top front of the body as shown in the picture. The chenille stem is glued across the lower back just above the opening. Allow to dry.

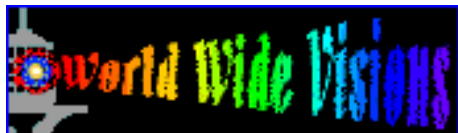
When dry insert the pencil and tightly wrap the colored floss twice around the monkey about 3/4" from the bottom and knot to hold him on the pencil. Trim the ends of the floss.

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Strawberry Lemon Parfait

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tsp. lemon zest
- 1 cup Cool Whip - thawed
- 2 cups fresh Strawberries - sweetened to taste
- 8 Vanilla waffle cookies
- 4 tall dessert glasses

Instructions:

Clean and slice berries, sweeten to taste. Fold lemon zest into thawed Cool Whip. Layer the strawberries and Cool Whip into 4 dessert glasses. Begin with strawberries then Cool Whip and repeat making a total of 4 layers in each glass.

Chill until serving. Place 2 waffle cookies in top of each glass just before serving.

Serves 4

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Spring Napkin Tie



Materials:

- Approx.. 20" or rat tail cord or narrow ribbon color of choice
- 2 decorative beads or buttons (I used butterfly shank buttons)
- 26 pony beads in colors of choice (match groups of 13 for each end)

Folded napkin

Instructions:

Tie a knot in one end of the cord or ribbon. Thread the first decorative bead or button on the cord followed by 13 pony beads. Tie a single knot as close to the last bead as possible.

Thread 13 pony beads in reverse color order then add the second decorative bead or button. Tie a knot in the end of the cord. Tie a single knot in the cord working it to just in front of the first pony bead on the second end of the cord.

Trim the ends of the cord close to the knots on each end. Fold the Napkin and loop the tie around the napkin. You can wrap the silverware in the napkin and then arrange a single knot around the bundle for a buffet table.

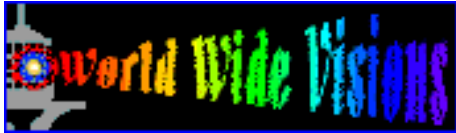
Use heavy decorative beads and these napkin ties work well with paper napkins on an outdoor party.

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Snow Globe



Materials:

- Small jar with lid**
- Several small resin figures**
- Silicone glue**
- Baby oil enough to fill the jar**
- Glitter**
- Metal primer**
- Paint color of your choice**
- Sandpaper**

Paint brush

Instructions:

Lightly sand the outside of the jar lid, wipe with a tack cloth and paint a coat of primer covering the entire outside of the lid. Allow to dry and then paint in the color of your choice.

When dry place a pool of silicone glue in the lid top forming a mound in the center of the lid. Leave a clear ring around the edge of the lid wide enough for the jar to fit. Arrange the resin figures in the silicone glue to form a scene. Sprinkle some glitter onto the glue to look like snow on the ground. Allow to dry.

Fill the jar almost full of baby oil and add glitter to the oil.

Place a shallow ring of silicone glue around the inside edge of the jar lid turn it upside down and screw the lid onto the jar. Allow it to dry at least 24 hours.

After 24 hours, shake your globe and watch the snowfall on your little scene.

Option: Cut a circle of sticky back felt or cork the size of the jar lid and apply it to the top of the jar. When you turn your snow globe over it will have a protective base so it will not scratch the furniture.

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