

Crafty Ideas for 4-H



How to Read this Guide

Each page will have a title, picture, and level of difficulty. Materials needed, and the procedures are listed on each document.

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Accordion Pocket Memory Books

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

3 – 12X12 Scrapbook Paper in Varying colors, prints, etc.

1- Adhesive in the form of glue sticks or dots.

1- Scissor

1- Assorted stickers, cut outs

1- 6-12inch piece of ribbon

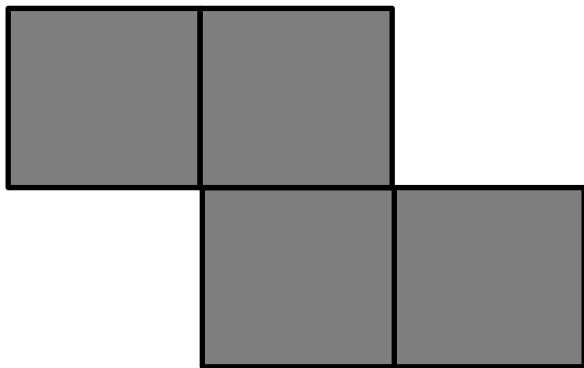
Markers, pens, colored pencils



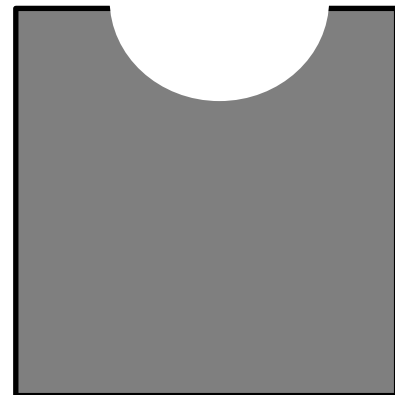
Directions:

1. Cut your three 12X12 papers in half .
2. Fold them in half.
3. Then stagger the pages so they form pockets on the three middle pages.
4. Adhere the pages in the middle three on three of the sides and then take a small half circle punch out of the top.
5. Add scrap paper and decorate as wanted.
6. Secure the memory book with ribbon from the cover.

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Beaded Butterfly Magnet Clothes Pin

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors, hot glue

Materials Needed:

1- Clothes Pin

3- Pipe cleaners

Various beads big enough to fit on pipe cleaners

Craft Paint

Brushes

Small craft magnets or reused refrigerator magnets.

Glitter, stickers, other embellishments (optional)

Hot glue gun with glue stick(s)



Directions:

1. First paint the clothes pin to be the body of the butterfly. Put it aside to dry.
2. Using two of your pipe cleaners, place beads on each one leaving about one inch on each end open.
3. Twist the beaded pipe cleaners into a figure 8 and use the ends that were left open to secure.
4. Cut the third pipe cleaner to make the antenna. Use one or two beads at the end to decorate.
5. Using the hot glue gun put hot glue in the metal part of the pin and push the pipe cleaners into each side.
6. Glue the antenna to the top.
7. Hot glue a small magnet to the back
8. Finish decorating the butterfly as wanted with glitter, stickers, etc. (optional)



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Marker Tie Dye

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

Various colors of Sharpie permanent markers

Rubbing Alcohol

100% cotton white “something to dye”

5-Plastic Cups

5-10- Rubber Bands

1- Dropper

Directions:

1. Start with your item to dye by place the cup underneath it and securing it with a rubber band. With a shirt you can get around 5 of the cups on at one time.
2. Using sharpie markers, decorate each of the circles that have been made by the cup.
3. Using the dropper, add a little rubbing alcohol to the center of each circle. You will not need a lot as it takes little to make the ink spread.
4. Wait until the shirt is dry, and then you can remove the cups.
5. The item will need to be set with heat. If you have no other choice, using an iron will help to set it, or sending the item home with instructions like the ones below in a gallon baggie.
6. Wash the item(s) in very hot water (maybe even try a bucket?) and then dry to set the ink.



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Paper Beads

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

Assorted Papers

Scissors

Guide for cutting paper into beads

Tooth picks

Mod-Podge, white glue

Brushes

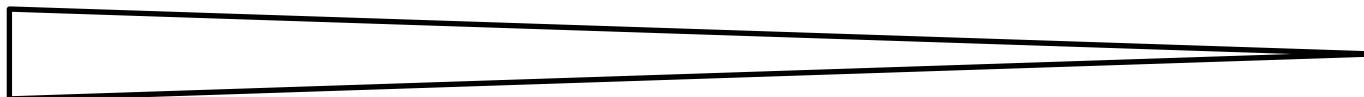
String to put them on when done.



Directions:

1. Cut design out of paper using the template as a guide – designing your own!
2. Start with a the wide end. Dab modge-podge or glue on the inside and outside of the paper and wrap around a toothpick or coffee stirrer.
3. Brush glue on inside of paper and wrap as tightly as you roll the paper.
4. When all rolled up – brush a layer of modge-podge or glue on bead and let dry.

Possible Designs



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Plastic Bottle Cuff Bracelets

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

1- Plastic water bottle, 16 oz

Craft Paints

Adhesive

Scissors

Paint Brushes

Assorted embellishments



Directions:

1. Remove label from water bottle.
2. Cut approximately 2 inches from the middle of the bottle.
3. Paint the INSIDE of the bottle the main color that you have chose.
4. Cut the side so there is an opening to get the cuff on or off. Round off the corners and eliminate any sharp or pointed edges.
5. Adhere embellishments as chosen to the outside surface of the cuff and let dry.



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Paper Wrapper Bracelets

Difficulty Level: Intermediate (Patience is a Factor)

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: None

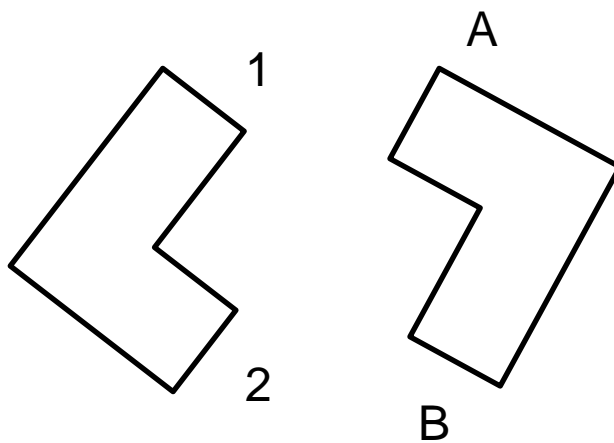
Materials Needed:

30-40 Starburst wrappers



Directions:

1. Lay wrapper flat with inside on top.
2. Fold hot dog to the middle point from the bottom of the wrapper.
3. Fold hot dog to the middle point from the top of the wrapper.
4. Now fold the entire wrapper hot dog so the seam is inside.
5. Fold one more time hot dog.
6. Fold hamburger (the other way)
7. Fold hamburger to the half way point from the top and bottom.
8. This will give you a completed link.
9. Repeat steps 1-8 again.
10. Follow visual directions below.



Insert the points one and two into slots A and B.

To finish, unfold the final hamburger fold, and slid into the link at the beginning to make a full circle.



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Washer Necklace

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

Ribbon, enough for a necklace

1- Washer

Assorted seed beads

Wire

Scissors

Directions:

1. Bead 4 seed beads on the wire and wrap on the front of the washer.
2. Wrap the bare wire around and thread 4 more seed beads.
3. When finished, tie a slip knot at the washer end of the necklace and size for appropriate length.



T- Shirt Scarf

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

2 – Old T-Shirts

Scissors

Directions:

1. Cut an old t-shirt into one inch strips
2. Stretch them gently by pulling.
3. Braid a portion of the scarf and secure in a loop using another part of fabric.



Tin Can Lanterns

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Audience: 10+

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

Empty vegetable pet food or soup cans,
cleaned out and labels removed

Water

Nail

Hammer

Scrap paper

Ruler

Tape

Spray paint (optional)

Battery Operated tea lights or glow sticks



Directions:

1. Pour water into the empty cans and place them in the freezer.
2. While the water is freezing, draw the design you want on the scrap paper. You can also use simple clip art.
3. Once the water in the cans is fully frozen, you can tape your designs to the can.
4. Use the hammer and nail to punch holes along the lines of your pattern.
5. Once finished with your pattern, you can spray paint the cans or leave them unpainted. The last step is to place a candle inside and, voila! you have your first luminary.

Cost Breakdown



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Summer Lightning Bugs

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: 9-13

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

- 1- Plastic spring Easter Egg
- 3 – Pipe Cleaners
- 2- Googly Eyes
- Pony Beads, various colors
- 1- tea light, battery operated
- 1- Hole Punch
- 1- Scissors
- 1- Hot glue gun and sticks

Directions:

1. Using a hole punch put two holes where the antennae should be, two where the wings will go, and four at the bottom of the egg. A smaller hole punch works best.
2. Cut a pipe cleaner in half and thread through the antennae. Secure pony beads at the ends if wanted.
3. Cut another pipe cleaner in half. Thread beads on each half with about an inch to spare. Twist the end and push through the hole. Secure with hot glue.
4. Use half of the pipe cleaner and give the bug legs by threading them through and helping to stabilize the egg.
5. Hot glue two eyes to the front of the egg.
6. Place a battery operated tea light in the end and close.



Pom-Pom Shooter

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

1- 9oz Plastic Cup OR 1- 5inch cut piece of pool noodle with an opening in the middle.

1- Roll of Duct Tape, any color

1- 12" balloon

Assorted Pom Poms or Mini Marshmallows

Targets (whatever you chose)



Directions:

1. Cut the bottom part (1/3 or third) of your plastic cup off **OR** Cut your pool noodle to 5 inches.
2. Tie a knot at the end of your balloon and cut about 1/2 inch from the opposite end.
3. Stretch the balloon over the end of your plastic cup OR your pool noodle.
4. If needed, secure the balloon with duct tape to hold it properly.
5. Place your pom poms or marshmallows in the open end of your shooter and pull back on the balloon – once you release they will fly out of the open end.

Sponge Bombs

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

3- Sponges

1- Scissors

1- Plastic zip tie or cable tie

Directions:

1. Cut each sponge into 3 parts, longwise.
2. Stack all 3 sponges on top of one another.
3. Secure the zip tie in middle and tighten.
4. Fluff the sponges to look like the picture.



Paper Roll Rocket Launcher

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

2- Cardboard tubes – one paper towel and one aluminum foil one works well.

1- Roll of masking tape

Pen

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Craft Paint

Brushes

Aluminum Foil

3 – Rubber bands

Scissors

Hole Punch



Directions:

1. Paint both of your card board tubes.
2. Cover one end of the smaller tube with masking tape.
3. Punch two holes in one end of both of the tubes across from one another. (punch the holes in the open end of the smaller tube).
4. Loop rubber bands through the larger tubes holes.
5. Place the smaller tube inside the larger tube - then string the rubber bands through the smaller tubes holes.
6. Use a third rubber band to tie both rubber bands together.
7. Trim the extra rubber band.

Instructions to Shoot

1. Load the rocket launcher with crumpled up foil balls.
2. Pull back on the smaller tube and let go to shoot the foil balls.



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Clothespin Monster Hanger

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: None

Materials Needed:

- 1- Square wood piece about 5 X 5 in size
- 1- Damp Paper Towel
- 1- Hot glue gun and glue stick
- 1- Sandpaper if needed
- 1- Clothes Pin
- Various craft paints
- Brushes
- Pencil, markers, embellishments and/or stickers



Directions:

1. If needed, gently sand your piece of wood to ensure that it doesn't have any snags or sharp edges. Wipe down with a damp (not wet) paper towel to clean off the dust.
2. Once dry, place the clothes pin on the center of the wood piece with the open side of the pin facing down. Using the pencil, draw an outline of the clothes pin on the wood. Lay the clothes pin aside.
3. Design your monster (or animal, or what ever you decide!) using the pencil, and paint it with the craft paints. Paint your clothes pin to match where it will be located.
4. Once the paint is dry, hot glue the back of the clothes pin to the center where you drew the outline.
5. Hang your creation and use it to hold papers, or other artwork you have done.

Corner Character Bookmarks

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Scissors

Materials Needed:

- 1- Template for Bookmark
- 1- Scrap paper
- Various embellishments
- 1- Scissors
- 1- Adhesive



Directions:

1. Cut out the template and trace on to your paper for the bookmark.
2. Fold both wings to make the pocket at the top.
3. Secure the top of the bookmark.
4. Decorate as you wish.



Tie Blankets & Pillows

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

Fleece, printed at least one yard

Fleece, plain at least one yard

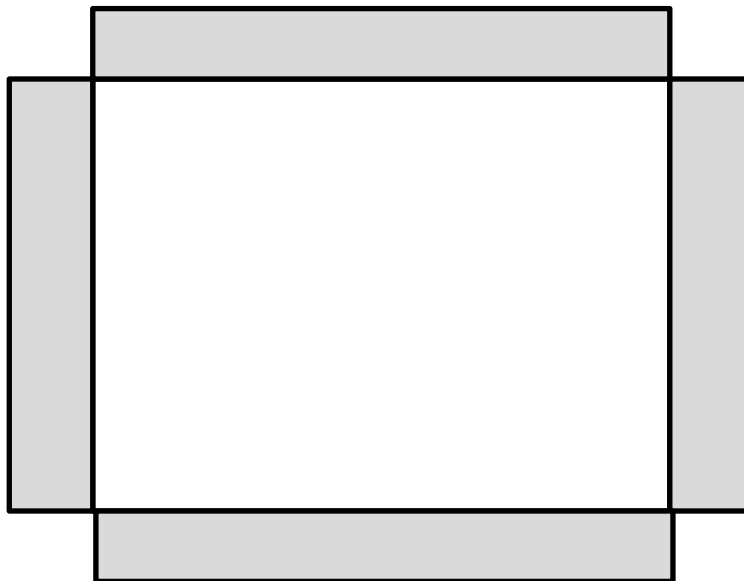
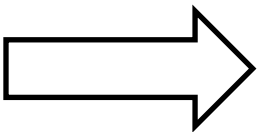
Rotary cutter

Ruler

Directions:

1. Lay both fleece out and ensure that they are the same size. Cut any edges down to make them match.
2. Going around the edge, make 1 inch strips approximately 3 inches into the blanket.
3. At the corners, take a 3 by 3 square out of both sides of the fabric.
4. Begin tying the front and the back with double knots, working from both ends of the blanket to keep it even.

Shaded rectangles should have 1 inch strips



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Dog Toys

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

3 old t-shirts

Rotary cutter

Directions:

1. Cut the torso of the t-shirt and put aside the top and sleeves.
2. Cut one inch strips horizontally through the t-shirt.
3. Stretch the strips with your arms to make them longer.
4. Take three of each color (9 total) and tie them with an overhand knot at the top.
5. Braid three separate braids, then braid each of the braids together.
6. Tie all of the strands together at the end with an overhand knot.
7. If you wish, tie the loose ends with small overhand knots for extra play for the dog.



Cat Toys

Difficulty Level: Easy

Audience: All Ages with Assistance

Safety Concerns: Use of Scissors

Materials Needed:

1- Old t-shirt

1- Milk cap ring

1- Baby or toddler sock

Cat Nip

Assorted feathers

String to tie

Directions:

1. To make the feather cat nip toy, first fill the sock with cat nip. Using the string, tie a knot outside of the sock and secure the feathers.
2. To make the ring spider toy, take small t-shirt strips (about 1/2 inch) and tie them in a slipknot.



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