

17 Flower Crafts, Butterfly Crafts, and More





Spring Crafts for Kids: 17 Flower Crafts, Butterfly Crafts, and More

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Letter from the Editor

Hello "springy" families,

Spring is in the air. Snow is turning to rain; the sun is staying out longer; and there are birds, butterflies, and bees in the air again. It's a wonderful time of year as nature wakes up from its long winter slumber. Celebrate the return of warm weather and flowers by creating your very own colorful decorations to match the natural decorations outside. The awesome crafts in this free eBook will help you create fun flowers, beautiful butterflies, and much more. Kids of all ages (and parents, too!) will love these awesome projects.

Shake off those winter blues by making any one of these awesome crafts in this eBook, *Spring Crafts for Kids: 17 Flower Crafts, Butterfly Crafts, and More*. You'll discover great recycled projects, easy spring crafts, crafts for preschoolers, and paper flower projects. With this eBook, it will be super easy to decorate your home in all the amazing colors of spring. Everyone in the family is sure to love helping create these lovely projects just as much as you'll love decorating your home with them.

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Happy crafting!

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Flower Crafts Fingerprint Bouquet By: Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts

The Fingerprint Bouquet incorporates the beauty and joy of flowers and your own personal touch. Spring crafts for children like this make perfect decorations or presents. No matter what they're used for, they're a blast to make, they're simple, and they're sure to put a smile on your face. This fun flower craft would also make an adorable gift for a teacher. Bring the joy of spring wherever you go when you craft springtime paper crafts for kids.



Materials:

- Patterned scrapbook paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 4 green pipe cleaners
- Clay pot or paper cup
- Small piece of floral foam
- 4 buttons
- Craft paint: pink, light blue, purple, yellow
- Flower pattern (page 9)



Instructions:

1.) Fold scrapbook paper in half and glue together to make the paper two sided.



2.) Use the pattern on the next page to cut out the flower shape from scrapbook paper.

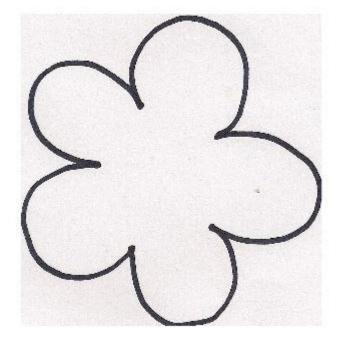


3.) Dip finger in paint and press on to each petal. Use one color for the petals and a contrasting color for the center.



- 4.) Glue a button to the center of each flower.
- 5.) Fold pipe cleaners in half and twist together. Glue to the back of the flower.
- 6.) Insert floral foam into clay pot or cup and push the pipe cleaners into the foam.







Spring Thumbprint Hyacinth By: Jill from Meet the Dubiens

For a breath of fresh air, bring spring into your home with the cutest kids' spring crafts. Any craft that uses your prints makes an instant keepsake, so the Spring Thumbprint Hyacinth will be displayed during the warm months for years to come. In fact, this flower craft may take a permanent spot on your picture wall to remind you all year long of the warmth of spring. This kids' craft is one of the best because it is doable for absolutely any age. Guide the littlest thumbs or give the bigger artists' free reign to make this spring craft for kids perfect.



Materials:

- Canvas or paper
- Purple paint or you could use pink, blue, etc.
- Green marker
- Green craft foam
- Scissors
- Glue
- A thumb

Instructions:

1.) Using your green marker, draw a straight line in the middle of your paper or canvas – this will be the hyacinths stem

2.) Dip your child's thumb in the paint and have them stamp their thumb up one side and down the other of the green line, only doing this on the top half

3.) Cut two leaves out of your green craft foam and glue them on the bottom of the stem.



Downy Blooming Spring Flowers By: <u>Jill from Meet the Dubiens</u>

Spring into crafting with the beautiful, blossoming Downy Blooming Spring Flowers. You may not believe it, but these darling spring crafts for kids are actually made from recycled materials. The main part of the flower is a laundry lid! Never again will Mom complain about finishing a bottle of detergent because now it means that you will make a bright picture to hang in the house. Free crafts for kids like this are the perfect way to spend a lazy Sunday.



Materials:

- Paper or canvas
- 3 paper cupcake liners
- 3 Downy Fabric Softener bottle lids
- Green marker
- Green craft foam
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- 1.) Flatten out your cupcake liners and glue them to the top of your paper.
- 2.) Put some glue on your downy lid and glue it to the inside of your cupcake liners.
- 3.) Using your green marker, draw some stems on your flowers.
- 4.) Using your scissors, cut some leaves out of your green craft foam. Glue these leaves on your flowers.



Egg Carton Daffodils By: Andreja from Itsy Bitsy Fun

Ready to think spring? Grab your egg cartons! These Egg Carton Daffodils are a must-make for sunny weather. You can turn these recycled crafts into a bouquet for Mom, or you can use a toilet paper roll to as a vase for your Egg Carton Daffodils and set them up for decoration. The best thing about these adorable flower crafts for kids is that you probably have everything you need hiding in your recycle bin, so you can get started on them right away.



Materials:

For the flowers

- 1 egg cartoon
- Green drinking flex straws
- Yellow and orange paint
- Glue (white school glue) and scissors

For the flower holder

- Toilet paper roll
- Colored paper
- Decorative strip



Instructions:

1.) Cut the egg carton so you get 4 (or more) cup parts and 4 peak parts. Punch a hole in each cup part and peak part if they do not already have a hole. You can easily punch a hole with a kitchen knife or scissors.



2.) Paint the different pieces of the daffodils and wait for them to dry.

3.) When the paint is dry, push the straw through the back of the cup part of the egg carton. Apply glue on the bottom of the peak part and attach it to the cup part. Guide the straw through both pieces of the egg carton. Hold the two pieces together for a few moments to make sure the glue will hold.



I Pick You Spring Treat By: Laura Kelly from Laura Kelly Designs

Bring a smile to someone special's face when you hand them the I Pick You Spring Treat. These spring crafts for children are fun and easy to make, and they're sure to brighten up anyone's day. These fun, easy crafts for kids are great gift ideas for teachers from students, or if you change up the wording a bit, they make the cutest kids' crafts for Mother's Day. The options are endless for this adorable craft for kids.



Materials:

- Cardstock (blue and green)
- ModPodge
- Brush
- Large Hershey bar
- Chipboard flower
- Buttons from Buttons Galore and More
- Hot Glue from Adtech
- SmoochGlitz Sparkle Ink
- Tissue Paper

Instructions:

1.) Cut the tissue paper into approximately one inch squares. Spread a layer of ModPodge on your chipboard flower and apply a layer of the tissue squares, overlapping each other. Add a few layers, applying ModPodge before and after each until flower is covered.





2.) While that piece is drying, cut your blue and green paper to wrap around the candy bar. If you want to add a little glam, paint some polka dots on the paper using the SmoochGlitz Sparkle Ink. Wrap your paper tightly around the candy bar and use hot glue to adhere it.



3.) Cut a stem from the card stock that is long enough to reach the length of the candy bar. Glue the stem and a few leaves to the wrapped candy bar using hot glue. Add a row of buttons between the two colors of card stock and a few buttons to the leaves. You can also use the SmoochGlitz Sparkle Ink to decorate the leaves and stem.



4.) When your flower is dry, hot glue it to the wrapped Hershey bar. Add as many buttons as you would like to create the three-dimensional center of the flower. To add the "If teachers were flowers, I'd pick you!" message, you can either use your computer to print the text on green card stock, or you can simple write the message on your cardstock with a Sharpie marker.





Crepe Paper Flowers By: <u>Gina from Willowday</u>

These gorgeous Crepe Paper Flowers are the ideal gifts kids can make for spring holidays like May Day and Mother's Day. Kids can make these paper flowers with ease, and the result is positively beautiful. Create a whole garden of flowers with your little ones and use them to decorate your home for spring.



Materials:

- Crepe paper in green and yellow
- Florist tape (or Craft Paper Packing Tape)
- Scissors
- Wire for binding
- Sticks

Prep the flowers:

1.) Fold yellow crepe paper in an accordion fold, then cut out the rounded petals along the edges (see diagram on page 15). You will need to create a smaller middle section that is approximately 6 inches wide and a larger section that spans the maximum width of your crepe paper.

2.) Cut individual leaves from your green crepe paper. You will need to cut your leaves with long stems to better wrap them around the stick.

Assemble the flowers:

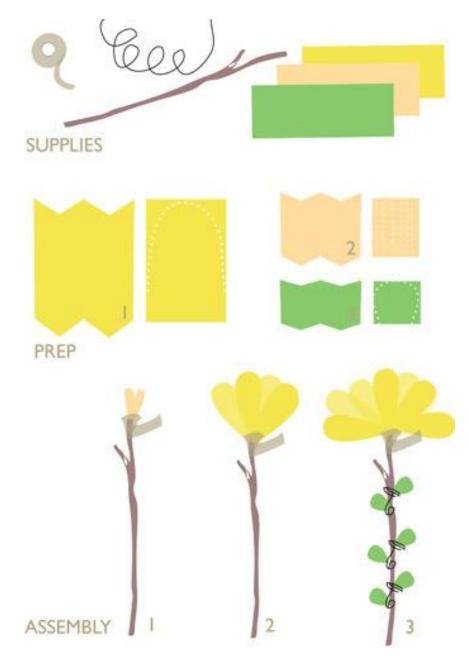
1.) Set the smaller middle crepe paper section on the top of the stick and wrap its base with florist tape to attach it to stick.



2.) Wrap the rest of your yellow crepe paper pieces around the stick, encasing this small center, and attach with the florist tape to the stick. Repeat until all flower petals have been attached.

3.) Wrap the base of the flower with florist tape. You can add wire and more floral tape for extra stability.

4.) Attach leaves one at a time with wire and cover with florist tape.





Tissue Paper Water Lilies By: Jill from Meet the Dubiens

Your little tadpoles will love making these Tissue Paper Water Lilies! Use recycled bottle caps to bring your beautiful tissue paper flowers to life. These simple kids crafts are a fun way to decorate the house for spring or summer.



Materials:

- Tissue paper
- Green craft foam
- Yellow tissue paper
- Bottle caps any size will do, but they do produce different results
- Glue

Instructions:

1.) Put some glue on the bottom and outer sides of your bottle cap, and arrange a layer of tissue paper petals on the outside of the bottle cap. Press it up the sides of the outside of the bottle cap.





2.) Now put some glue in the inside of the bottle cap and arrange another layer of tissue paper petals on the inside.



3.) Put some glue on the bottom of the bottle cap and attach it to your green craft foam lily pads.

4.) Put some glue in the middle of the bottle cap, scrunch up some yellow tissue paper strips and shove them in the middle.





Soda Can Flowers By: <u>Crissy from Crissy's Crafts</u>

This challenging but amazing craft is perfect for the older crafty kids. Help the environment while you make something beautiful when you craft Soda Can Flowers. Kids' crafts for spring are always so uplifting and cheery no matter what it looks like outside. Plus, these thrifty blossoms look so good when they're finished that no one will believe that they came from a soda can!



Materials:

- Soda cans
- Flat nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Paper clips
- Pencil
- 3 1/2" cardboard circle
- 2 1/2" cardboard circle
- Hole making tool or nail
- Hammer
- Sharp scissors
- Knife
- Primer
- Scrapbook brad





Instructions:

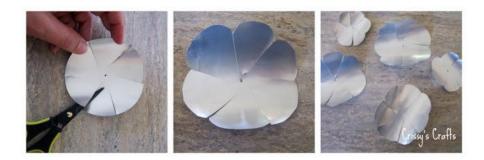
1.) Using the knife, cut the top and bottom off of the soda cans. Make a slit down the side and then roll the can out so that it is just a flat piece of aluminum.



2.) Trace the cardboard circles onto the soda cans. You should have two 2 1/2'' circles and three 3 1/2'' circles. Clip the same-sized circles together using your paper clips and punch a hole through the middle of the stack.



3.) Cut each circle into flower shapes. Trim the ends to give it a rounded look.



4.) Using the pliers, curl the petals of your flowers.





5.) Use a scrapbook brad to secure your flowers together.



6.) Spray with a good layer of primer to finish. Add sticks to the back of the flowers to make stems. Put them in a decorative vase and you're done!



Water Bottle Flower Power By: <u>Crissy from Crissy's Crafts</u>

Spring is in bloom, and so are your water bottles. These flowers are absolutely adorable ways to help save the environment and celebrate spring all in one project. This craft would make a great gift for Mother's Day or a wonderful decoration around the house. This Water Bottle Flower Power project is both beautiful and budget-friendly, which means they just can't be beat.



Materials:

- Styrofoam
- Scissors
- Paint brush
- Recycled can
- Fabric
- Water bottle
- ModPodge
- Glue gun
- 1 stick
- Ribbons.

Instructions:

1.) Cut the top part of the bottle off. Cut five lines going up towards the bottle cap. Bring the "petals" back so they are sticking out to the sides.





2.) Cut five rectangles from fabric. Using ModPodge, glue the fabric to the plastic petals.



3.) Trim the petals so they are rounded. Turn the flower around and apply ModPodge on back and again on the front.





4.) Glue a ribbon around the bottle cap. Glue a piece of fabric to the other bottle cap and glue that cap to the front of the flower.



5.) Wrap a ribbon around the stick and glue the stick to the back bottle cap (the one without the fabric). Glue a piece of fabric on top of the stick, onto the bottle cap.

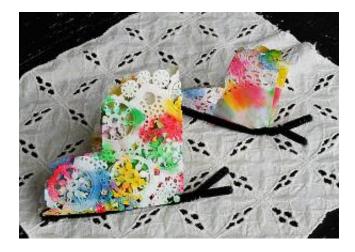


6.) Insert the Styrofoam into the can and then insert the flower into the Styrofoam. Decorate with paper grass.



Butterfly Crafts Watercolor-ful Doily Butterflies By: Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts

Fly into a world of happiness when you make these totally cool crafts for kids. The Watercolor-ful Doily Butterflies are cheerful spring kids' crafts that add a burst of color wherever they're placed. Hang these from the ceiling for a fun, flying effect, or place them around the house as wonderful, bright surprises. This rad technique from Amanda Formaro is a blast, and it's easy enough for the little ones to participate. These flying friends are affordable, allowing you to make tons of pretty pals.



Materials:

- 1 large paper doily
- 1 medium paper doily
- Food coloring or watercolor paints
- Paintbrush
- Water
- 2 black pipe cleaners
- Scissors

Instructions:

1.) Place the doilies onto a towel that you are not concerned about staining. Paint both sides of each doily with water. Be sure to handle them carefully as they are delicate and can tear easily.





2.) Drip food coloring onto the wet doilies and spread it around with a paintbrush dipped in water.



3.) Turn the doilies over so that the towel will soak up the excess moisture. Let the doilies dry completely. Fold doilies in half and then in half again.



4.) Use scissors to cut a simple butterfly shape by cutting a small triangle section out of the center of the doily's side.



5.) Fold a pipe cleaner in half. Run the pipe cleaner up the center of the doily and twist at the "head" of the butterfly to create the antennae. Trim ends.





Beaded Butterfly Beauty By: Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts

Never, when staring at an empty toilet paper roll, did you believe that it could grow into a beautiful butterfly. Well, it's time to start believing, because the Beaded Butterfly Beauty from Amanda Formaro is a tried and true toilet paper roll craft. These fun projects are darling and a bit funny when you think of where they came from. Kids can make these simple butterfly crafts without spending much money, if they spend any money at all, so let the fluttering begin.



Materials:

- Recycled cardboard tube
- Black pipe cleaner
- Pony beads, various colors
- Craft paint
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun

Note: Adults should handle the hot glue gun. White craft glue can be used as an alternative, just keep in mind that it will require drying time.



Instructions:

1.) Flatten the cardboard tube, and then cut it in half. Each cardboard tube can make 4 butterflies.



2.) Paint cardboard tube inside and out and allow to dry.



3.) Bend pipe cleaner in half and thread on 6 pony beads. Trim the end of the pipe cleaner for antennae.



4.) Cut cardboard tubes into 1/2" strips. Bend strips about two-thirds the way down to create a small and large loop. Lay tubes next to each other and glue together.



5.) Glue the beaded body to the top of the cardboard tube wings.



Happy Handprint Butterfly Bag

By: Pattie Donham-Wilkinson and Kristen Thompson for I Love to Create

Bring happiness with you everywhere you go when you craft the Happy Handprint Butterfly Bag. This adorable butterfly craft can be made in an instant, and it is the perfect gift to give for any occasion.



Materials:

- Tulip[®] Dimensional Fabric Paint-Pink (65010)
- Tulip Soft[®] Fabric Paint-Cool Blue (15794), Green Velveteen (15814), Yellow Velveteen (15811)
- Cardboard
- Paper plate
- Sponges (craft or cosmetic)
- White tote
- Baby wipes to clean hands

Instructions:

1.) Place a small piece of cardboard inside tote. Place tote on a flat surface.

2.) Squeeze each color of Soft[®] paint onto a paper plate. Dip sponge into Yellow Soft[®] paint and apply Yellow to index finger on one hand.

4.) Apply finger to the center of the tote and gently press. Slowly remove finger. This will be the center or body of your butterfly.

5.) Dip sponge into Cool Blue Soft paint and apply to fingers and top part of palm on child's hand. Dip another sponge into Green Soft paint and apply to palm of the hand. Colors will touch and blend at the top of the palm.

7.) Angle hand horizontally and apply to side of the body of your butterfly to create a wing. Repeat application for opposite butterfly wing.

8.) Add eyes, mouth and antennae to butterfly body with Pink Slick Dimensional paint.



Preschool Yarn Butterflies By: <u>Tracey from We Made That</u>

Tiny yarn butterflies are one of the most popular kids' crafts, but they're a bit difficult for the younger crafters to do. Fortunately, there's another adorable way to turn yarn into pretty pets. Preschool Yarn Butterflies use budget-friendly craft supplies that are easy for little hands to work with. These kids' yarn crafts let you make the same type of crafts that the older kids make without the frustration. Art for preschoolers doesn't get any cuter.

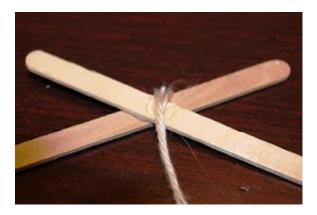


Materials:

- Yarn (any color)
- Buttons (2 big and 2 small for each butterfly)
- Craft sticks (2 per butterfly)
- Pipe cleaner (1 per butterfly)
- Glue Gun

Instructions:

1.) Using your glue gun glue two craft sticks together in an X shape. Glue the end of your yarn to the middle of your X.



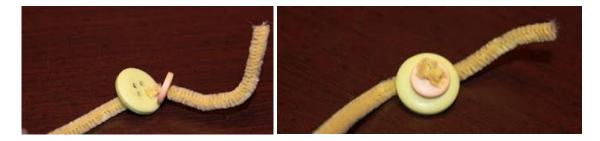


2.) Wrap your yarn around one end of your X and keep wrapping until you get to the end.



4.) Using your glue gun, glue the end of the string to your craft stick. Repeat for the other side of your X.

5.) Slip two buttons onto one end of your pipe cleaner. Feed the pipe cleaner through the smaller button to form the eyes and antennae. Repeat on other end of pipe cleaner.



7.) Wrap your pipe cleaner around the center of your butterfly.



Vases and More Spring Crafts Spring has Sprung Flower Vase By: Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda

You can never have enough flowers in the springtime, so instead of just buying Mom flowers, put the blossoming beauties in a flower-decorated vase. The Spring has Sprung Flower Vase instantly puts a smile on your face, and that's just what you look for in a craft, especially one that you can give as a gift. Present Mom with one of these flower craft vases for Mother's Day and watch her face light up. This beautiful vase is the perfect way to display blooming buds in your home. Kids' crafts ideas don't get any sweeter or more vibrant than this beautiful spring craft for kids.



Materials:

- 9" x 3 1/2" cylindrical glass vase
- Liner brush
- 1 1/4" spouncer
- 3/4" spouncer
- Americana Gloss Enamels:
 - o Citron Green
 - o Baby Pink
 - \circ White
 - o Primary Yellow
 - o Razzle Berry
 - o Lavender
 - Calypso Blue
 - o Festive Green
 - Bright Orange





Instructions:

1.) Starting with the 1 1/4" spouncer, twirl the spouncer sponge head around in the Razzle Berry paint. Use this same motion to apply the paint to the glass vase, creating a circle. Using both sized pouncers and the different colors (except for Festive and Citron Green), create a variety of different circles all over the vase at different heights.



2.) Using the liner brush and Festive Green paint, apply long strokes from the circles downward to the bottom of the vase. Use the liner brush and Citron Green to add small leaves, two per stem.



4.) Dip the handle end of one of the paintbrushes into the white paint. Add a white dot to each colored flower. For white flowers, create the dots in any color you choose.

5.) Allow vase to dry for 48 hours, then place in a cool oven. Heat oven to 325 degrees F and bake for 30 minutes. Turn off oven, prop door oven and allow oven to cool completely before removing vase. Alternatively, you can air cure the paint for 21 days.



Ladybug CDs By: Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts

It's time for spring cleaning, and your parents are sure to have some old CDs laying around. Ask them if you can turn their now useless music carriers into adorable Ladybug CDs. Making these ladybugs is the perfect solution when you're wondering what to do with old CDs. Spring kids' crafts are such lovely ways to brighten up a day no matter the weather. These fun ladybug crafts are easy, budget friendly, and cute to boot.



Materials:

- Recycled CDs or DVDs
- Fine grit sandpaper
- Felt in various colors
- Black craft paint
- Large googly eyes
- Round sponge applicator
- White craft glue
- Scissors

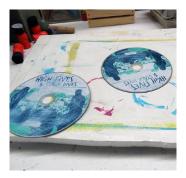
Instructions:

1.) Trace one of your CDs onto a piece of paper and cut out the circle. You will use this as your template.





2.) Sand the surface of each CD/DVD lightly, just enough to remove any gloss coating.



3.) Trace the template onto a piece of felt. Cut the circle out of the felt. Repeat this process for all of the colors that you will be using for your ladybugs.



4.) Draw a curved line on your paper template for the ladybug's head (see photo). The shape will resemble a football. Cut it out and use it as a template to cut however many heads you need for your ladybugs using black felt.





5.) Glue the colored felt circles to the CD/DVDs; then glue the black felt head pieces on top of the colored circles.



6.) Use a round sponge applicator dipped in black paint to add spots to the colored felt on each ladybug.



7.) Glue on googly eyes to the black ladybug heads.



Thanks a Bunch Flower Pot By: Laura Kelly from Laura Kelly Design

Give thanks in a big way with the Thanks a Bunch Flower Pot. These spring crafts for children are bright, floral, and as cute as a button. They make the perfect homemade gift ideas for teachers from students, the ideal present for Mother's Day, or just an adorable springtime decoration. Easy crafts for kids make perfect gifts because they can make them on their own, and that makes them even more meaningful.



Materials:

- Clay flower pot
- Acrylic craft paint in your choice of color, green, and white
- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Rustoleum Crystal Clear Enamel
- Hot glue gun

Instructions:

1.) Paint your flower pot using the color of your choice. Using a sponge and white paint, add clouds around the side of the pot. Add some green grass at the bottom Let dry and spray with a layer of Rustoleum Crystal Clear Enamel.

2.) Create the flowers by glue a piece of ribbon as the stem. Add buttons to the top: five buttons in a circle around one bigger button.

- 3.) Spray the whole pot again with enamel.
- 4.) Add a personal message and sign your creation with Sharpie.



Garden Stakes By: <u>Crissy from Crissy's Crafts</u>

Help mark your family's garden in the cutest way. Garden Stakes are essential, so you might as well make them adorable. Kids' crafts for spring are always cheery because they use bright colors and flowers. Mark your tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, and sprouts in the most colorful way. No one will have to guess which plant is which thanks to your wonderful signs.



Materials:

- One bag of wooden stakes
- Wooden flowers
- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Painters paint markers
- Wood glue
- Clear spray finish

Instructions:

1.) Paint all your wood pieces (no need to paint the long thin stick) with any color you want, let it dry for 30 minutes.





2.) Write the names of your herbs/vegetables with paint markers and decorate all around with small colorful dots. Decorate your flower using the paint markers.



3.) Glue the flowers to the rectangle piece of wood with wood glue. Once the flowers is glued in place, turn it around and glue the long thin stick to the back.



4.) Spray the front and back with clear spray finish. Let it dry for 3 hours.





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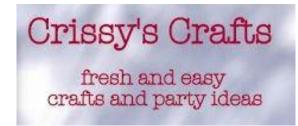
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