



## 21 AMERICAN CRAFT PROJECTS

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### Letter from the Editor

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Hello Patriotic Families,

Is there anything better than feeling a cool breeze during a hot summer day, hearing jovial family conversation, seeing children gleefully run about the yard, tasting a perfectly grilled burger smothered in ketchup and mustard, and smelling fresh, green grass beneath your bare feet? This perfect combination of ecstasy for the five senses only occurs when government-declared holidays grace the calendar. These holidays, however, are not just about a day off of work, barbeques, and fun games. The Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and all other patriotic holidays are about just that: patriotism; honoring our country and those who risk their lives daily to protect it.

Celebrate American holidays the right way: with craft projects that help you remember what the United States of America stands for. Flaunt your red, white, and blue to show how proud you are of each and every veteran and active member of our military.

Follow this guide to first-rate American pride and you'll feel like you rightfully honored and celebrated our great country. With the help of this collection, decorate your front door, your backyard, and even yourself to display your complete dedication to celebration.

Don't let another patriotic holiday pass without discussing and remembering why the celebration was declared in the first place. These kids' crafts will help little ones understand the history, sacrifice, and pride bundled in these holidays.

Make these projects as a family and you will have a wonderful time crafting, discussing, remembering, and laughing. Wave your crafted flags high as you cheer on the USA!

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Happy crafting!

*Jaclyn, Editor of AllFreeKidsCrafts*

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## **Bandana Rag Wreath**

By: [Kristin from Homespun With Love](#)

Turn rags into riches when you craft a fun wreath for summer. Use red, white, and blue fabric to make your Bandana Rag Wreath ready for the Fourth of July. Crafts from scraps are great ways for kids to make budget-friendly projects. Even though this DIY wreath is made from scrap fabric, your wreath will look cheery and patriotic – perfect for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Personalize this unique decoration by adding flowers, flags, rhinestones, or chains, and your front door will be walking the crafty runway. This project is so easy that even preschool-aged kids can participate. Knot bad!



### **Materials:**

- Grapevine wreath
- Bandanas or similar fabric
- Buttons
- Hot glue

**Instructions:**

1. Tear the fabric into strips about 1 ½" wide and 20" long. Set aside strips for the rosettes.



2. Start at the top of the wreath. Tie the strips on the wreath one by one.



3. Once you've gone around the wreath, go around a second time to fill in areas that need to be filled to make the wreath look fuller.
4. To make the rosettes, fold your strip in half so that it is ¾" wide.
5. Roll the end of the rosette into a little ball to make the center. There is no exact science here. Hot glue the center so that it stays a ball.
6. Twist the rest of the strip as you circle it around the center. Hot glue the rosette to itself every few twists to secure.



7. Hot glue buttons to the center of the rosettes, and then hot glue the rosettes to the finished wreath.



Paint, glue, beads, and glitter will inevitable get in places you weren't expecting. Check out our tips on [Crafting with Kids: 5 Tips to Keep Messy Projects Clean!](#)



## Crash, Boom, Bang Glitter

By: [Rachel from I Heart Crafty Things](#)

Watching the fireworks is one of the most exciting parts of the day of independence. Replicate those beautiful blasts of color in your home with Crash, Boom, Bang Glitter. Using glitter in any project makes it more fun, but using glitter in 4th of July activities for kids makes the whole day that much better. These shimmering party decorations will brighten up the mood of all party-goers. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is all about food, family, and fun, so show that theme in your crafty creations! Your kids are going to have so much fun making this glitter craft idea.



### **Materials:**

- Paper
- Glue
- Glitter, assorted



**Instructions:**

1. Use glue to draw firework shapes on a black sheet of construction paper.



2. Sprinkle glitter on top of the glue.

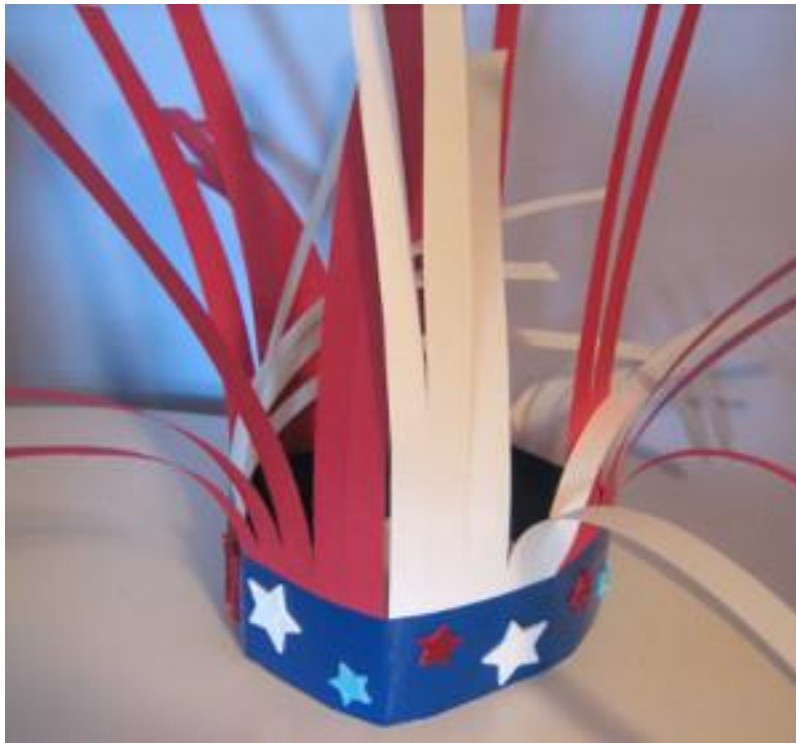


3. Turn the paper upside down to remove the excess glitter and let it dry completely.

## **Firecracker Crown**

By: [Julie from The Happy Home Fairy](#)

Celebrate the 4th of July from your head to your toes when you wear a patriotic Firecracker Crown. This fun headpiece is a perfect Fourth of July craft for kids to make during the family barbeque. You will love running around in the sun with your hat swinging every which way, like the flag it represents. This is the perfect, inexpensive way to celebrate independence. You probably have the construction paper you need in your home already so this patriotic paper crown is basically free! If you're hosting a cookout this July, then all of the kids in attendance will have so much fun running around with these on their heads.



### **Materials:**

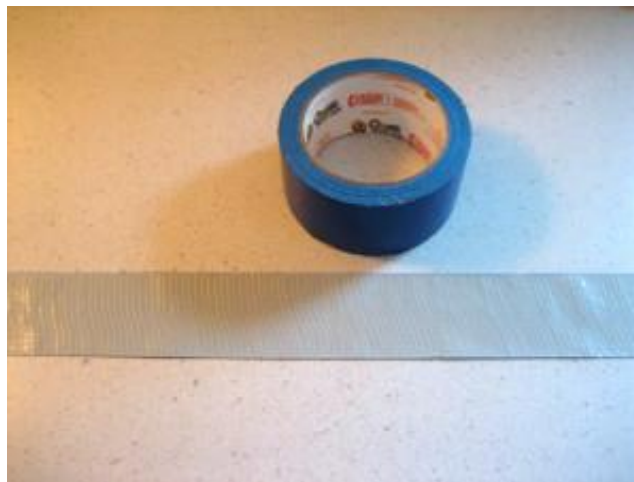
- Red and white paper
- Scissors
- Blue duct tape
- Glitter foam star stickers

**Instructions:**

1. Cut your red and white construction paper into strips.



2. Cut a piece of blue duct tape to fit around your head (leave a little to overlap when you wrap it around). Lay the Duct Tape sticky side up on your work surface.





3. Place your construction paper strips on top of the Duct Tape. (Note the extra duct tape at the end.)



4. Lay another piece of blue duct tape on top of the other piece, covering up the construction paper strips.



5. Decorate with lots of glittery foam star stickers.



6. Cut the construction paper into thin strips – cutting all the way down to the duct tape.



Once you finish the Firecracker Crown, complete the ensemble with a [Patriotic Parade Stick](#)



## **Firecracker Shakers**

By: [Laura from House of Joyful Noise](#)

Celebrate the 4th of July with a crash, boom, bang! Firecracker Shakers will help bring your party to the next level since these red, white, and blue crafts jingle all the way. 4th of July kids' crafts are great for keeping the little ones busy while you barbecue and enjoy the sunshine. Shake your way to independence with this fun craft for kids. You can make these liberty bells easily and affordably with recycled toilet tubes. The kids will have so much fun running around your summer barbecue with their shakers filled with bells.



### **Materials:**

- Toilet paper tube
- Patriotic ribbon
- White paper
- Patriotic stickers
- 10 small jingle bells
- Clear shipping tape
- Scissors
- Glue
- 2 clear acetate sheet protectors



**Instructions:**

1. Grab a sheet of white paper and a tube, and placing the tube's end at the edge of the paper, mark off the width of paper you'll need.



2. Roll the tube in the paper to determine the length of paper you'll need, and mark that side. (Similar to determining how much gift wrap you need to wrap a present.)



3. Cut the paper based on your markings.



4. Put glue at one end of the piece of paper you cut, the end that will run lengthwise with your tube.



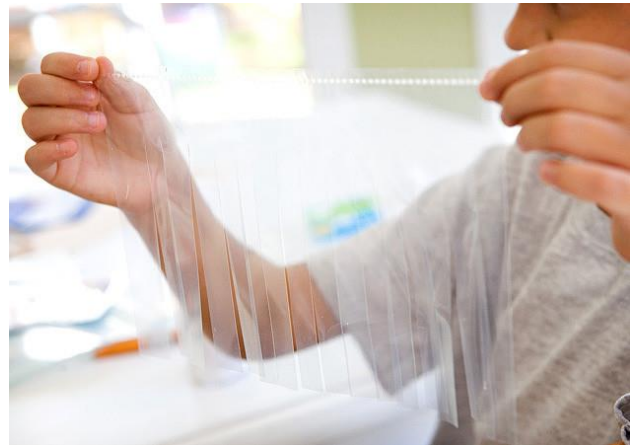
5. Start rolling the paper around your tube.



6. The end of the paper you are rolling should have the glue already to seal it to the tube.



7. Cut circles out of your white paper that are about ½" bigger than the end of your tubes. They do not need to be perfect. You may want to trace the end of the tube as a guide, keeping your pencil tip away from the edge of the tube. Then you can cut some small slits around the edge of your circles toward the center for easier folding. You need to use these circles to close off the end of your tubes (only one end at this point). Place a circle at one end of the tube and fold the cut slits over the tube all the way around. Cut pieces of packing tape and wrap it around to hold the paper closed over the tube end.
8. Count out 10 jingle bells and drop them into the open end of the tube.
9. Now you can close the remaining open end of the tube, following step 7.
10. Next, take an acetate sheet, and cut it in half, using the center ring hole as a marking point.
11. Then cut fringes. You need to stop an inch or so, short of the end! You do NOT want to cut all of the way.



12. You are going to need one full sheet of fringe for EACH END of every tube you are making. Wrap the fringe pieces around the ends of the tube, with the base on the tube, and fringe ends extending off the end. Use clear shipping tape to secure it.



13. Decorate the tubes with stickers as you'd like. To further dress up your shakers, you can use the red, white and blue ribbons in various creative ways. You can cut long pieces of the ribbon and tape them at the ends of the tubes along with the fringes, and/or wrap them around the tubes as bands, again using tape to secure.



## Patriotic Print

By: [Michelle from Muffin Tin Mom](#)

Paint your hand red, white, and blue, and then "wave" the flag of freedom high. Celebrate America with awesome crafts for kids like the Patriotic Print. Give the USA a high five for allowing you to play with whichever toys you want whenever you want. You'll see fireworks as you finish your amazing flag. Let it be painted in print that you love your country. The kids will have so much fun painting their hands and making a flag out of it. They will be waving their DIY American flags while the fireworks boom and sparkle overhead.



### **Materials:**

- Red, white, and blue paint
- Paintbrushes
- Glue
- Cardboard tube
- Blue construction paper
- Popsicle stick
- Scissors
- Thin red and white ribbon
- Star stickers

**Instructions:**

1. Paint your palm blue and the fingers (not the thumb) red and white alternately.

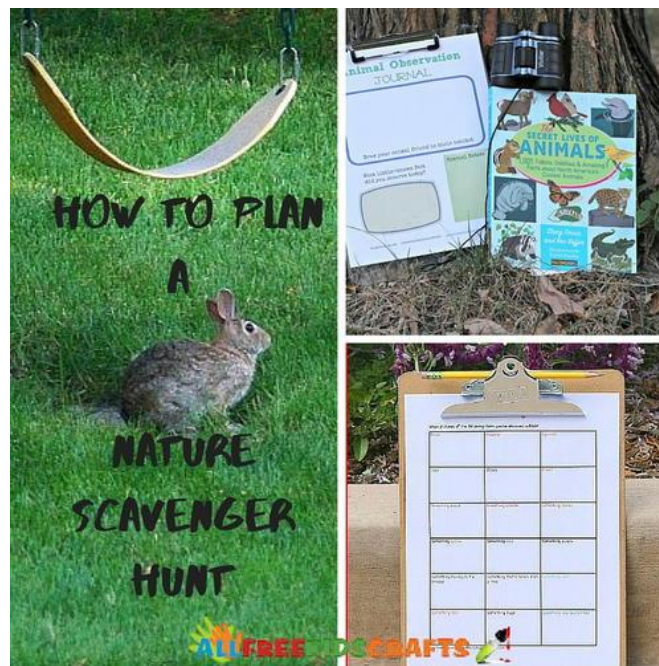


2. Place your hand, palm, and fingers down onto the construction paper and let dry.
3. Apply small star stickers to the palm area of the flag.
4. Using a glue stick, apply glue to the top half of the Popsicle stick (leave room on the bottom of the stick for little hands to grab the flag).





5. Punch a hole in the upper left corner of the flag, and string whatever combination of the thin ribbon you wish. Tie the ribbon off and you are ready to celebrate!



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### Rockets' Red Glare Bracelets

By: [Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts](#)

Don't let holidays go by without showing your patriotism in jewelry form. The Rockets' Red Glare Bracelet is not only cute and fun, but it's also one of the best toilet paper roll crafts for kids to make. Since it's made from recycled materials, this patriotic craft is affordable and can be made by even the littlest Americans. Summer arts and crafts for kids are wonderful ways to spend the long summer days and get ready to celebrate freedom. Themed art projects for children are great ways to introduce topics to kids. Make a craft and then discuss important events, holidays, or issues.



#### **Materials:**

- Cardboard tube
- Scissors
- Patriotic scrapbook paper or red construction paper
- Glue stick
- Star-shaped sequins
- Glitter glue: blue, white, gold
- White craft glue

**Instructions:**

1. Cut cardboard tube in half, so it's about 2 ½”.
2. Cut a piece of scrapbook paper twice the length of the tube and wide enough to go all the way around the tube.



3. Use glue stick to attach the paper to the tube, tucking the excess paper inside the tube. Allow to dry.



4. Cut the tube at the paper seam to create a bracelet.



5. Decorate with glitter glue and sequin stars.





## Shimmering Patriotic Pinecones

By: [Hani from Craftionary](#)

These Shimmering Patriotic Pinecones are the perfect decorative kids' crafts for your Independence Day party. Kids will love making these fun glittery table decorations as Fourth of July crafts for kids, and they make excellent accents for a buffet or dinner table. You will have a blast glitzing up parts of nature and then showing them off to guests. Display them in your backyard alongside beautiful summer plants. You could even use the red pinecones during Christmas and get a double use out of your pine cone craft! Your guests are going to be so impressed with your child's creativity and crafting skills!



### **Materials:**

- Pine cones
- Glitter
- Glue that dries clear
- Paint brush
- Large plastic or paper plate
- Small stones

**Instructions:**

1. Collect pine cones from a nearby park.
2. Brush the pine cones with glue and sprinkle red or blue glitter over them. Shake to remove excess glitter and then let dry.



3. Glue small stones to the outside of a plastic or paper plate.

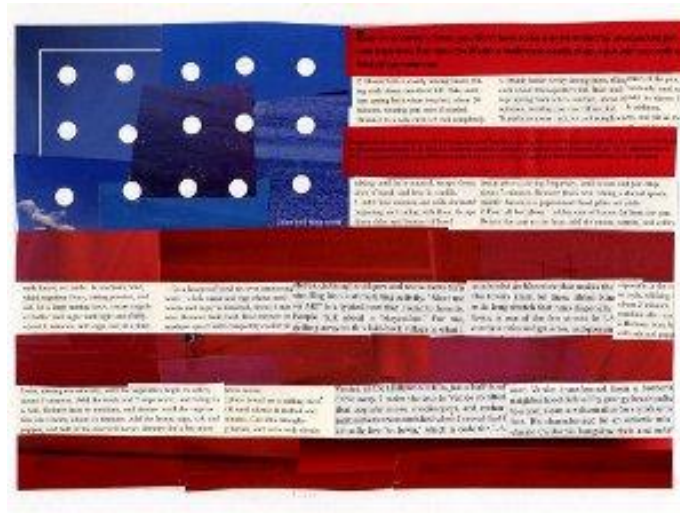


4. Arrange pine cones and more stones on plate. You can add anything else to the plate you see fit, like a potted plant or flower, for instance.

## American Flag Story Collage

By: [Kathy from Art Projects for Kids](#)

An American Flag Story Collage is a unique kids' Fourth of July craft idea. Children can cut up magazines and make an amazing flag-shaped collage as a patriotic decoration to display in the house throughout the year. One of the best things about making this collage, is that you can use old newspaper that you have in your recycling bin and construction paper or cut outs from a magazine to make it. All you need to do is find some paper scraps or recycled paper and glue to make this patriotic collage. Hang it up on the door to greet your guests as they arrive for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July barbecue.



### Materials:

- [Flag template](#)
- White paper
- Cardstock
- Hole punch
- Old magazines
- Glue stick

### Instructions:

1. Print flag template on cardstock.
2. Cut red, white, and blue swatches from the magazines.
3. Fill alternating stripes with the red and white swatches and fill the top left rectangle with the blue swatches, gluing them down.
4. Hole punch the white paper and use the circles as stars in the blue rectangle, gluing them down.

## Patriotic Bracelet for Kids

By: Destri from The Mother Huddle

Make easy Fourth of July kids' crafts like this Patriotic Bracelet for Kids to celebrate the holiday in style. This is the perfect way for toddlers to celebrate freedom because even little kids can create bracelets from simple jewelry making patterns like this. The soft bracelet is so comfortable it will stay on throughout the fireworks without complaint! Get out your scrap ribbons and have your children make these adorable DIY bracelets while they're waiting for the fireworks to start. The time will pass in no time when they're focused on making their own patriotic bracelets.



### Materials:

- Toddler nylons or nylon headband
- Needle and thread
- Ribbon, thick and thin
- Beads (optional)



**Instructions:**

1. Use an old nylon headband or tights and stretch it around your wrist to what feels like a comfortable yet snug fit, and then cut it. I left it flat, overlapping the edges a bit and just used a needle and thread to sew up the ends. If you are using beads you will want to slide them on before you stitch up the ends.



2. Next, just tie some ribbon on. Tie the thinner ribbon into bows, and tie a double knot for the thicker ribbon.



## Coffee Filter Firework Flowers

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)

Coffee Filter Firework Flowers are great homemade decorative crafts for kids to make for the Fourth of July. These pretty patriotic pieces serve as great centerpieces for a backyard party or as fun wands to run around with. Have a blast with faux fireworks. They are so easy for kids of all ages to make to celebrate the red, white, and blue. While the kids are waiting for the firework show to start, you can keep them entertained with this Fourth of July craft that everyone will enjoy. This Independence Day, have fun with your kids and these adorable firework flowers!



### **Materials:**

- Coffee filters
- Chenille stems
- Red and blue watercolor paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- 2 pieces of paper towel
- Paper plate

**Instructions:**

1. Place a coffee filter onto the paper plate and flatten it out.
2. Paint the coffee filter with watercolor paint. Paint some solid red, some solid blue, and others a combination of blue and red, leaving some areas unpainted.
3. Move the coffee filter to the towel and lay flat to dry. Repeat with a second coffee filter.
4. Leaving the center of the filter intact, cut the coffee filter in strips, working your way around the circle.
5. Cut a 1 ½" piece off of one end of a chenille stem and set aside.
6. Take a longer piece of chenille and poke it through the center of the coffee filter. There should be about 2" of chenille poked through.
7. Turn the entire thing upside down and grab the filter with your fingers.
8. Gather it around the chenille and secure by wrapping the extra piece of chenille stem that you cut off earlier. Twist it around the part you are holding and turn the flower back upright.



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## **Star Spangled Wreath**

By: [Jamie from The Creative Imperative](#)

This Star Spangled Wreath is a magnificent way to celebrate patriotic holidays like the Fourth of July. You can make several and you will have Memorial Day crafts, kids' 4<sup>th</sup> of July crafts, Veteran's Day crafts, and great crafts to make with kids during voting week. When your front door is decked out, guests will know that you mean business. Nothing says pride like a front door ready to celebrate. This wreath is extremely simple to make, but it says a whole lot. If you don't have any place to hang a flag, then a DIY wreath that is red, white, and blue is the perfect substitute.



### **Materials:**

- Unwrapped straw wreath
- Red, white, and blue yarn
- White paper
- Matchbox, eraser cardboard cover
- Scissors
- Glue gun



**Instructions:**

1. Begin with an unwrapped straw wreath, and wrap the three different colors of yarn around the wreath as shown. If you ball your yarn the process is much easier.



2. If you have any stray pieces of yarn hanging out, you can just glue them down in the back of the wreath.



3. Cut out stars of varying sizes from the white paper.
4. To raise the stars, cut an end off a matchbox and glue it to the back of the star.



5. Do the same with the pieces of cardboard that goes around an artist's eraser so that the stars are at varying heights. Then hot glue the raised stars onto the wreath.



## Stars and Stripes Cookie Bites

By: [Meaghan from The Decorated Cookie](#)

Stars and Stripes Cookie Bites are delightful edible kids' crafts that will get you ready for 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. These cookies are festive and patriotic kids' crafts for any holiday that celebrates our country. Make these 4<sup>th</sup> of July kids' crafts and snack on them while you watch the spectacular fireworks! If you're hosting a party this July, then these patriotic cookies are the perfect thing to serve the kids after dinner. They are going to love these cookies even more than they love the spectacle of the firework show!



### **Materials:**

- [Cookie dough](#)
- Blue and white frosting color
- [Icing](#)
- Circle cookie cutter
- Light corn syrup
- Disposable frosting bags (can use plastic baggies)
- Pearl sprinkles
- Red licorice lace

### *Optional*

- 2 couplers
- 2 size 3 decorating tips
- Rubber bands

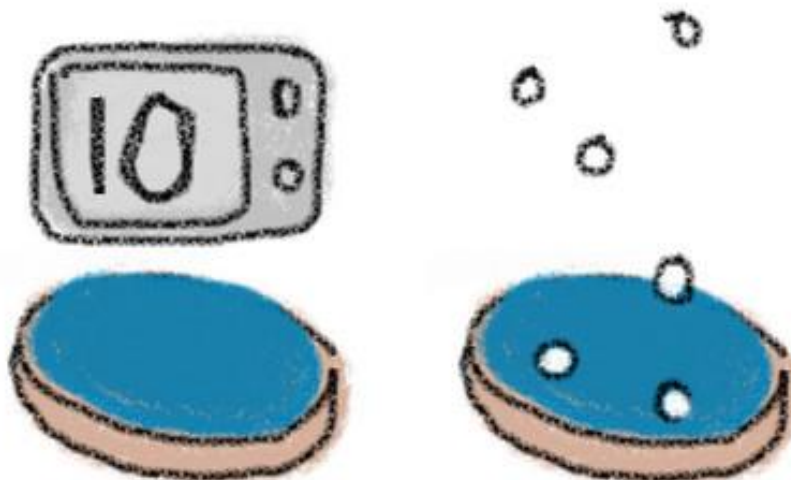
**Instructions:**

1. Bake circle cookies according to recipe. Let cool.
2. Prepare white and blue frosting. Prepare two frosting bags with couplers and size "3" tips. Fill one with half of the white frosting and one with half the blue frosting. Tie closed with a rubber band. Cover reserved frosting. Pipe outlines on the circles (white for the stripes cookies and blue for the stars). Let frosting set about 20 minutes. Thin the reserved frosting with water, a few drops at a time, until it's the consistency of thick glue. Don't make it so thin that it's runny; it should be a bit viscous. With a small spoon, a squeeze bottle, or an empty frosting bag with 1/8" snipped from the corner, spoon or loosely pipe frosting in the center of the cookie. Let frosting spread to piped border, encouraging as needed with the back of a spoon or a butter knife.

\* If you do not have frosting tools, simply use a plastic baggie with 1/8" snipped from the corner or frost with a knife.

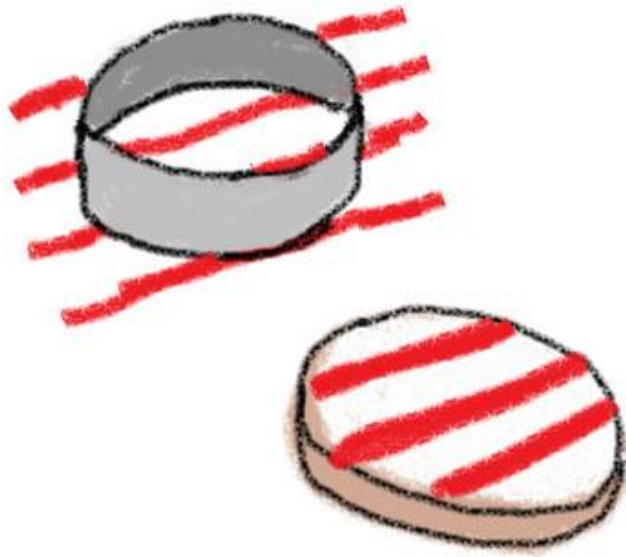


3. For the stars cookies, let the flooded icing set for about ten minutes. Then drop pearl sprinkles spaced on top of the cookies.





4. For the stripes cookies, let set well, several hours, before decorating. Cut licorice lace strips to use as stripes and adhere to cookie with light corn syrup (run alongside with finger). To speed the cutting, you can line up a few rows of licorice on the counter and use the circle cookie cutter to cut pieces.



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## Fourth of July Luminaries

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)

Fourth of July Luminaries will ignite a fine summer evening to help celebrate with patriotic crafts before the fireworks begin. Light up patriotic holidays with Fourth of July kids' crafts that will be used year after year. These patriotic crafts are fun for kids to make, and they'll set the scene for a spectacle of lights. If you make enough of these Mason jar luminaries, you can line the garden or the sidewalk with sparkling lights. You can use tea candles or battery powered tea lights to make it a little bit more kid-friendly. Let the kids take their luminaries home as a keepsake.

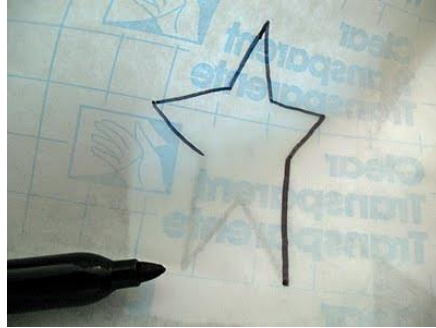


### **Materials:**

- Glass jars
- White paper
- Twine
- Red, white, and blue acrylic paint
- Contact paper
- Black Sharpie
- Paintbrush
- Clear gloss sealer spray

**Instructions:**

1. Draw a star on a piece of paper. Place the drawing underneath a piece of contact paper. Trace the star onto the contact paper, one for each jar.



2. Cut out the star and peel off the backing. Place the star onto the jar and press to make sure that there are no air bubbles and that all corners are pressed down.



3. Paint jar with one coat of acrylic paint and let dry completely.



4. Make sure the paint is dry before peeling the contact paper off. Pipe glitter glue around the star and let dry several hours. Spray with gloss sealer and let dry. Give the jar two more coats of sealer spray, allowing it to dry for 20 minutes between coats. Tie twine around the rim of each jar.





## Patriotic Party Platter

By: [Valerie from Nikitaland](#)

Make your 4th of July party extra special this year when the food is served on something that you made. The Patriotic Platter is one of the easiest and coolest 4th of July craft ideas. It takes no time at all, and as long as an adult takes care of putting it in the oven, even toddlers can participate. This 4th of July craft looks like it came right from a store, which is amazing because it's so inexpensive and simple. Your food display will automatically look put-together and fancy thanks to this easy craft for kids.



### **Materials:**

- Pizza pan
- Red, white, and blue pony beads
- Oven
- Hot glue gun
- Dollar Store glass candlestick

**Instructions:**

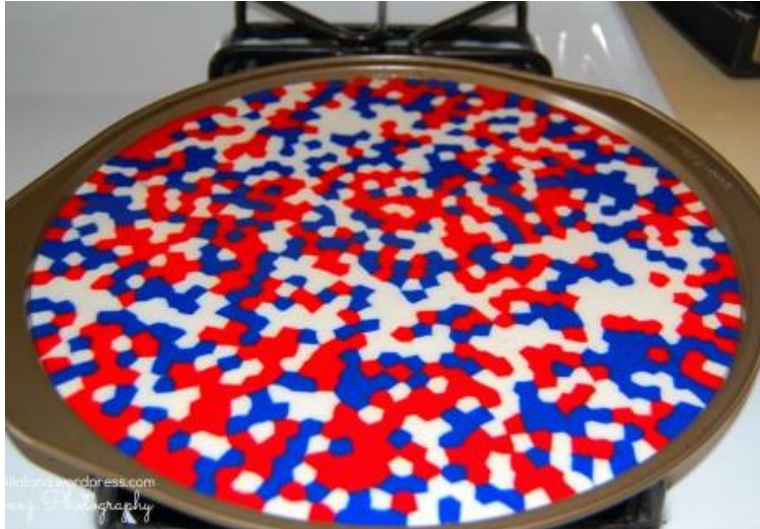
1. Pour the beads onto the pizza pan and make sure you fill up all the holes on the pan so that all of the edges have beads touching them.



2. Once the pizza pan is completed filled (one layer of beads only), place in a preheated oven at 425 degrees. Watch the beads closely, as they will melt quickly. Keep a fan on or open a few windows to let out the light smell from the melting beads. (Note: You can also melt them on your grill outside; just make sure to leave the lid open so as nothing accidentally drops into the plastic while it is melting)



3. You will see the beads starting to melt in the pan. You can tell that your project is completely melted when the top is flat and smooth. If you still see some bead "bumps," then it needs to stay in the oven a little longer. Carefully remove from the oven once the top is completely flat and smooth. Place gently on top of stove to cool. You might hear a slight cracking sound, but that is just the plastic cooling, so do not worry.



4. Once the pan is completely cooled, just turn the pizza pan upside down and the platter will pop out.
5. Now all you need to do is take your glass candlestick that you got at the Dollar Store and hot glue it to the direct center on the bottom of the platter.



## **Patriotic Pom Poms**

By: [Jen Goode from 100 Directions](#)

Decorate for your 4th of July barbecue to make it patriotic and fun. Patriotic Pom Poms are the perfect crafts for kids at home in the days leading up to the celebration of freedom or any other patriotic holiday. 4<sup>th</sup> of July kids' crafts are great ways to build up excitement for the day of red, white, and blue. As you play in the water, eat hot dogs, and run around, your darling patriotic crafts will be decorating the day. These 4<sup>th</sup> of July crafts for kids are really easy to make, so it will only take you a few minutes to pull the whole decoration together.



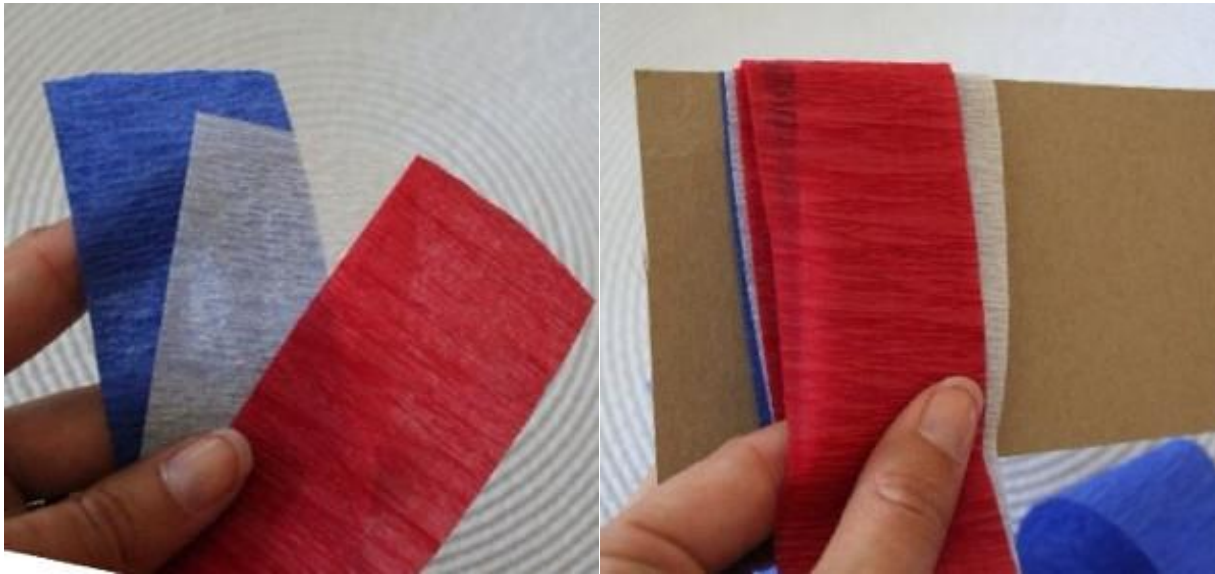
### **Materials:**

- Red, white, and blue crepe paper streamers
- White ribbon
- Cardboard
- Scissors



**Instructions:**

1. Cut cardboard into a rectangle about 3" x 6". The size of the cardboard will be directly proportional to the size of your pom poms.
2. Layer the colors of paper you want to use and wrap around the cardboard at least 7 times. The more you wrap, the thicker your pom pom.



3. Slide the wrapped paper off the cardboard and tie a ribbon around the middle. Be careful not to tie too tightly to prevent tearing the paper. This ribbon can be used to hang your pom poms later, so make it long enough to tie and hang.



4. Cut the edges of the paper; first cut the end of the loop and then cut toward the ribbon in strips.



5. Carefully fluff the pom pom pieces by gently pulling and moving them around until you get the desired look.

## **Spirited American Flag Collage**

By: [Jodi from Meaningful Mama](#)

What better way to reuse old magazines than to create a Spirited American Flag Collage as a fun kids' craft? The whole family can help out with this eco-friendly and budget-friendly 4th of July activity that will bring patriotism straight to your home. Red, white, and blue is the theme of this summer collage craft, and those are the colors of freedom and fun. Once you are done, feel free to hang your masterpiece up around the house for everyone to see. The whole family can participate in this holiday crafts – just craft a pair of scissors and come join in.

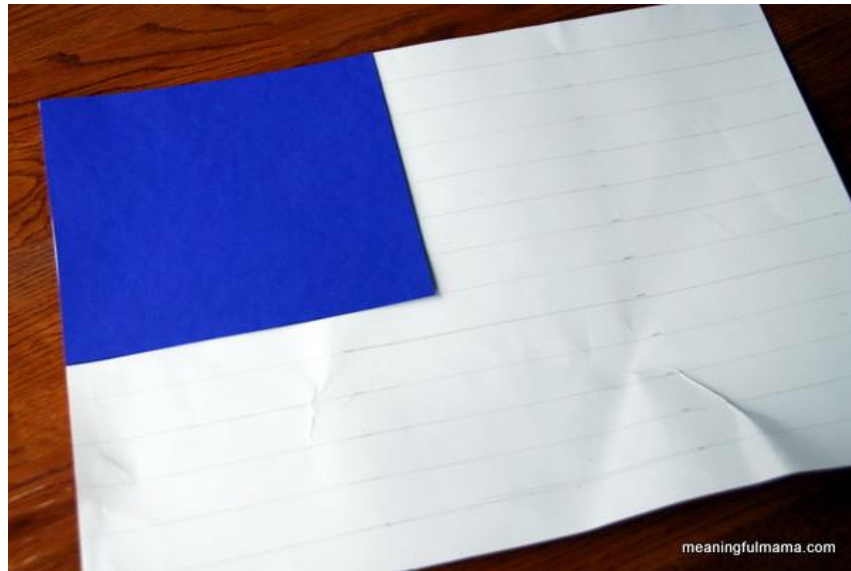


### **Materials:**

- Old magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ruler
- Star punch or star stickers
- Pencil
- Blue paper
- White tag board

**Instructions:**

1. Look through some old magazines and cut out any pictures that have red, white, or blue.
2. Cut out a piece of tag board measuring 18" x 13". Draw stripes on the tag board that are 1" thick.
3. Cut out a blue square that measures 8" x 8".
4. Cut a piece of white paper that measures 18" x 6". The blue paper is just sitting on top in the photo. Do not glue it down yet.



5. Fill the blue square with blue images you cut from the magazines. Glue them down so that they fill the square.





6. Glue all of your red images down on the tag board in the spaces drawn for the red stripes. The images will flow over the edges. Trip the outer edge. Don't worry about the stripes because they will be covered by the white stripes.



7. Create the white collage on the 18" x 6" paper. Once your images are all glued down, cut the piece of paper into six strips 18" x 1". Glue these strips down between the red stripes on the tag board.



8. Punch out 50 stars from white paper or use star stickers. Place or glue them on the blue collaged square.



9. Glue the square down onto the tag board in the top left corner to complete the project.



## Crepe Paper Patriotic Windsock

By: Destri From The Mother Huddle

Hooray for the red, white, and blue! This Crepe Paper Patriotic Windsock is one of the cutest kids' 4th of July crafts you can include in your outdoor yard decorations. You will love watching fun, easy, and inexpensive paper crafts like this patriotically flutter in the breeze. You can hang this DIY windsock from Memorial Day to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and enjoy it for most of the summer. Your neighbors will ask you just where you bought it and won't believe that you made it with your kids!



### Materials:

- Embroidery hoop
- Crepe paper in red, white, and blue
- White cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue
- Tape
- Star shape to trace
- String or yarn to hang

**Instructions:**

1. Cut the red and white crepe paper longer than the blue, to desired length. Then cut the blue to be about 1/3 of that length. Cut eight streamers of each color. (You may need more depending on the size of your hoop.)
2. Now trace out some stars, and cut them out.



3. Glue three stars on some blue streamers and two on others.



4. Drape the red and white streamers over the inner hoop and tape to secure, alternating the colors. Then lay the blue with the stars on over that, and secure with tape. Carefully put the outer hoop over the streamers and tighten the hoop.
5. Lastly, take some string and tie it in three places on the hoop to hang.



## **Popsicle Stick American Flag**

By: [Kathy from Art Projects for Kids](#)

Wave the flag of freedom high when you craft a Popsicle Stick American Flag. This fun representation of the American flag is made from Popsicle sticks, which makes it budget-friendly on top of its fun factor. This wonderful project can be used as a Veteran's Day craft, one of your Memorial Day crafts for kids, a Fourth of July craft, or as one of the great general patriotic crafts that you can make any day. These flags are great to display throughout your house or wave at a parade. They're very easy to make, so craft a few to really show your spirit.



### **Materials:**

- 11 Popsicle sticks
- Red watercolor paint
- Paintbrush
- Blue paper
- White paper
- White glue
- Glue stick
- Scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Glue two Popsicle sticks together with white glue to make a flagpole. Leave this to dry.



2. Use red watercolor paint and paint four sticks. If necessary, use a paper towel to dab them dry.



3. Place two Popsicle sticks on paper vertically and put a line of white glue along them.



4. Start with a red Popsicle stick and alternate four red sticks with three plain sticks.



5. Cut out a blue rectangle measuring 1.25" x 2".
6. Punch out or cut white paper stars and glue them on to the blue rectangle with the glue stick.



7. Glue the flagpole to the bottom left vertical stick with white glue. Let dry.



8. Trim off the extra from the right vertical stick.





## **Firecracker Foodie Frills**

By: [Bettijo B. Hirschi and Aimée Lowry for One Charming Party](#)

Celebrate the 4th with a bang by decorating even your food in red, white, and blue. Firecracker Foodie Frills make sure that the patriotic spirit reaches even your belly on the day of independence. These 4th of July crafts for kids are easy to make and tons of fun to play with. They aren't only for creating festive food. They're for twirling too. Twirl, twist, and chomp your way to an American food victory. If you want to make your barbecue was patriotic as possible, then this is the best craft to make with your kids for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.



### **Materials:**

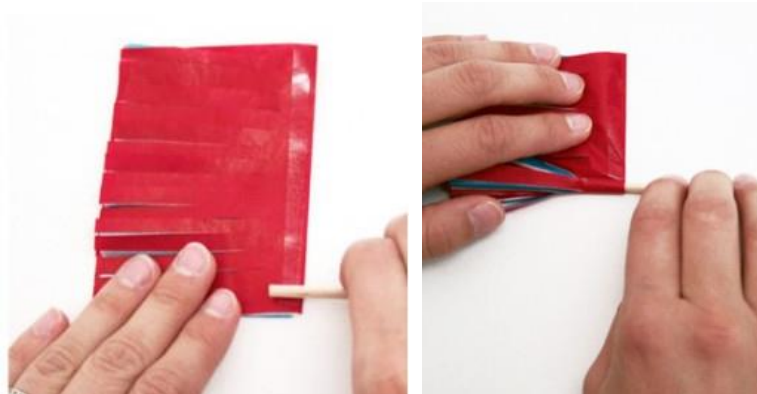
- Scissors
- Red, white, and blue tissue paper
- Double-sided tape
- Wooden picks

**Instructions:**

1. Begin by stacking a single layer of red, white and blue tissue paper then cut out a 3" × 5" rectangle.
2. Fold the stacked paper in half and make multiple cuts along the open edge to create fringe but avoid cutting the folded edge.



3. Apply a line of double-sided tape to the uncut margin then roll up onto your stick.



## **Patriotic Party Banner**

By: [Jen Goode from Projects for Preschoolers](#)

Show off your patriotic colors with this festive Patriotic Party Banner. Fourth of July crafts will jazz up any patriotic celebration, and you will love making this special decoration before the fireworks begin. If you want to make your party as patriotic as possible, then making your own banner in red, white, and blue is the perfect way to do so. Your party is going to be the event of the year when you hang up your own DIY banner! Add some glitter to make it even more festive and fun.



### **Materials:**

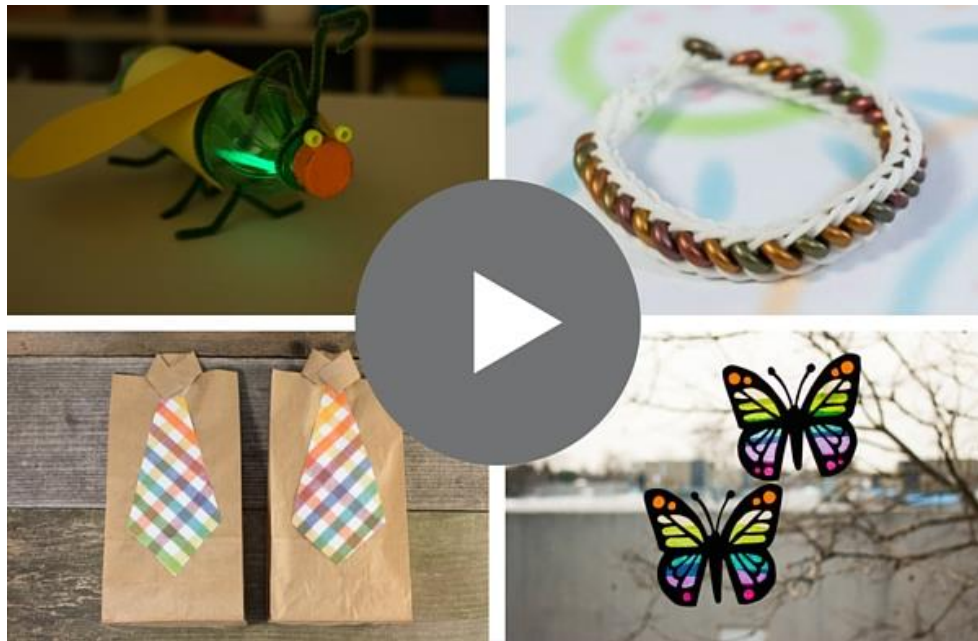
- Red, white, and blue paper
- [Stars and Stripes Banner Printable](#)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Yarn or thick string
- Glitter or glow paint (optional)



**Instructions:**

1. Download and print out the Stars and Stripes Banner Printable.
2. Cut out a star shape and a circle from the print out. Trace these shapes onto your own colored paper and cut out each. You need one star and one circle for each banner piece.
3. Glue one star on to one circle.
4. Add glitter to the star. Let dry.
5. Punch a hole at the top of each circle making sure to leave at least 1/4" paper on the edge.
6. String circles together, looping string through each hole as shown in picture.
7. Hang and enjoy!

**Note:** You can also use the printable as is by printing the sheet, coloring the circles and stars, cutting them out and then hanging them.



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## **Firecracker Craft for Kids**

By: [Marie LeBaron from Make and Takes](#)

If you can't wait until the 4th to light up a few fireworks, then this Firecracker Craft is the perfect way to celebrate early. Bubble wrap is placed inside, making a great popping noisemaker. This is a fun and easy 4th of July craft the kids will go bonkers for. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July craft for kids will make one of the best centerpieces for the children's table at your patriotic party. The kids can make this toilet paper roll craft while they wait for the fireworks show to start.



### **Materials:**

- Bubble wrap
- Toilet paper roll
- Pipe cleaners
- Decorations- red, white, and blue paint, markers, stickers
- Orange tissue paper
- Scissors
- Glue/tape/stapler

**Instructions:**

1. First tape both ends of the pipe cleaner to each end of the Firecracker. You could staple the pipe cleaner in place as well. Then twist your pipe cleaner together for more of a fuse look.



2. Then roll up a 2"×3" size of bubble wrap. Using a little glue or tape, stick it into your empty toilet paper roll. I just taped mine on the top and the bottom. The tape is going to get covered with your decorations anyway.



3. For the decorations, you can paint them with red, white, and blue paint, glue on paper, or use markers to make a flag or stars. We even cut a little orange tissue paper and simply stuck it to the top of the fuse to make it look like it was ready to blow!



4. Now you are ready to set off your firecrackers. Put your fingers or thumbs into the tube and pop the bubble wrap. When the bubble wrap is popped, it sounds like fireworks are going off in your house. Have fun and enjoy firecrackers a little early this year.



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