

Show & Share Resources

Adult Crafts

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022



Step-by-Step Painting Classes

Genevieve Girvan from the SCLSNJ Warren Township branch



- [Slideshows and Instructions for Step-by-Step Paintings](#)
- [Basic Cricut Instructions](#)
- Contact me at ggirvan@sclibnj.org with any questions :)

Mixed Media Puzzle Canvas & Mason Jar Candles

Presented by Marissa Lieberman, Cranford Public Library



- [Instructions & Tips for Projects](#)
- Feel free to email me: mlieberman@lmax.org
- Follow our library on social media for more photos: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

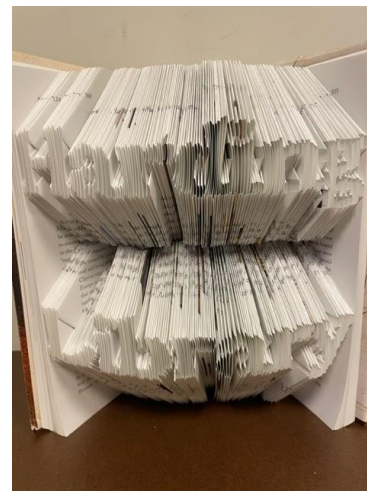
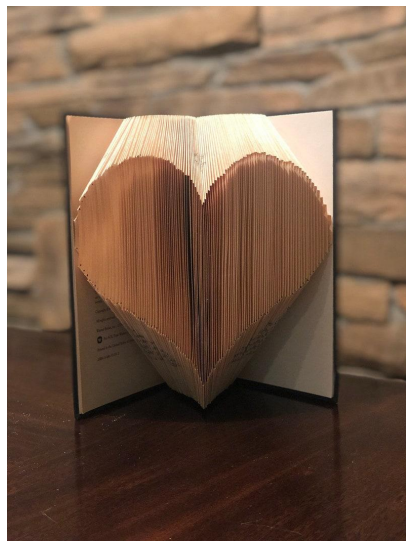
Folded Book Art by Margie Ticknor Kemmerer Library Harding Township



Kemmerer Library
Harding Township

[Calculator and Pattern for Heart Pattern](#)

[Directions for How to Fold Book Art](#)



Feeling adventurous? Try a custom pattern.
foldedbookart.com
Questions?
margie.ticknor@harding.mainlib.org

Driftwood Wind Chime

Victoria Pawlicki, Cranford Public Library

VICTORIA PAWLICKI

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

@ VPAWLICKI@LMXAC.ORG

908-709-7272 EXT. 2102

224 WALNUT AVENUE,
CRANFORD NJ

HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/IN/VICTORIA-
PAWLICKI-330537189/

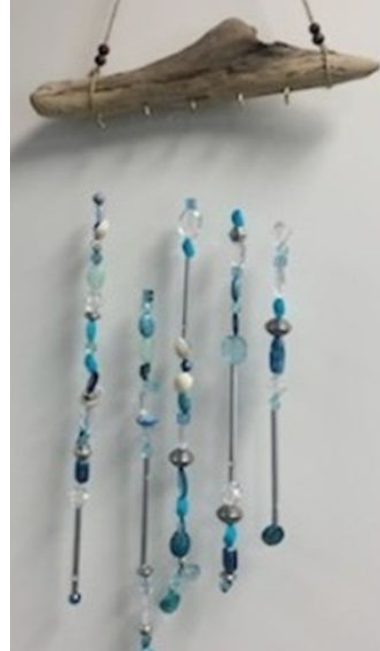


**CRANFORD
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Instructions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WKWTnRdH2Wui2sFgJvhvcQVj3Rz93TJ1/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110106546373619836840&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Questions? Reach out to me:
vpawlicki@lmxac.org



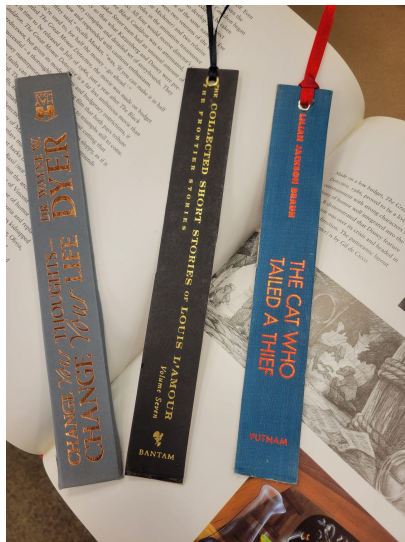
Puzzle Tree, Bookmark, Gnome and Tiny Art Show

Lori Mattheiss, Madison Public Library



Four season puzzle tree. The following seasons will be given out in Winter, Spring and summer

Bookmarks made from old book spines.



[Tiny Art Show Instructions](#)

Patrons given a mat, easel, paint from Dollar tree, brush and instructions.

Gnome made with styrofoam cone, 2 socks, wood bead or 'doll head' bead nose, pom pom and fur beard.



Questions?
Lori.Mattheiss@Madison.Mainlib.org

Scarecrow Wine Bottle

Presented by Barbara & Agnes of Bloomingdale Free Public Library

Barbara Licitra: licitra@bloomingdalelibrary.org

Agnes Sydoryk: sydoryk@bloomingdalelibrary.org



Supplies:

- 1 Wine Bottle (empty)
- Burlap for Hat-14" Square
- Burlap for Scarf 1 ½" x 12"
- Twine to tie around hat
- Raffia for hair
- Chalk paint-Folk Art #34151 Sheep Skin for wine bottle
- Acrylic paint-Black for eyes
- Orange for nose
- Black Sharpie for eyebrows and mouth
- Silk Flowers
- Hot glue gun

Instructions:

Have the bottle painted before the program.

Let participants pencil in face details then paint them.

Place raffia on top of the bottle for hair, then place burlap on top and tie with twine.

Then attach scarf using glue gun.

Attach flowers where desired using glue gun.

Pinecone/Wooden Flower Arrangement

Presented by Barbara & Agnes of Bloomingdale Free Public Library

Barbara Licitra: licitra@bloomingdalelibrary.org

Agnes Sydoryk: sydoryk@bloomingdalelibrary.org

Supplies:

Decorative container of your choice

Moss

Styrofoam fillers

Pinecones

Wooden flowers

Silk flowers

Skewers

Masking tape

Ivy garland

Hot glue gun

Paint- green, white, red and blue

Instructions:

Before program:

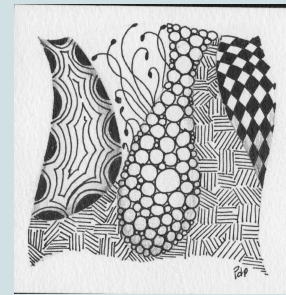
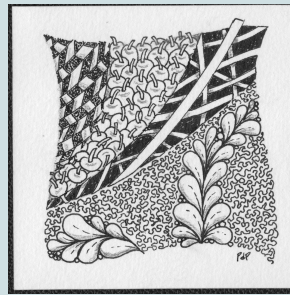
- Attach pinecones and wooden flowers to skewers with hot glue and secure with masking tape.
- Paint skewers green to look like stems.
- Fill the container with Styrofoam fillers and cover them with moss.

During program:

- Let participants paint flowers with colors of their choice, arrange flowers in the container and finish with ivy garland.



Zentangle Craft



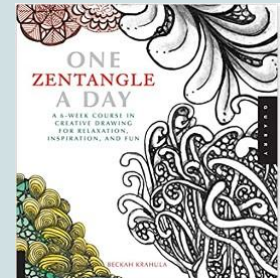
Needed for a class:

- Squares of good quality paper (official ones are available at site below)
- Good pens (Micron Pigma pens are recommended by Zentangle.com)
- Pencils
- Print pages of patterns for inspiration (google Zentangle patterns)
- Optional: play relaxing music for your group
- Optional: a whiteboard or large pad of paper for teacher demo

<https://zentangle.com/pages/get-started>

This is an easy, enjoyable craft for attendees with all skill levels. If your budget allows, spending on good pens and paper is worth it. Two Zentangles per person should be enough for most sessions. Make sure your artists initial and date their masterpieces. There are also many Zentangle books available at many libraries.

Karen Vaias, Bernards Twp. Library, kvaias@bernardslibrary.org



DIY Hand Painted Snowman Mug

Tanya Finney Estrada - Pennsauken Free Public Library

Supplies Needed for Painting Glass

- Clean glassware
- Rubbing alcohol or white vinegar
- Mild soap and water
- Your choice of acrylic paint that is suited for glass. You may also invest in acrylic paint markers and save on having to purchase brushes for your project. These markers can be found online and in-store and you can buy large, regular, and fine point ones to suit your needs.
- Paintbrushes
- Palette
- Paper plate
- Water for rinsing brushes
- Round sponge foam daubers/brushes
- Paper towels



Preparing your Glass or Ceramic Surface for Painting

1. First, wash the glass thoroughly with warm, soapy water to remove dirt, dust, and grease film. You may also just clean off the glass with the rubbing alcohol.
2. Next, rinse the glass in warm water and let it air dry completely for up to 15 minutes. Try not to touch the area you want to paint once you have cleaned and dry the glass.
3. The surface is now ready to paint.
4. Remember, if you make any mistakes on your project, you can always fix them by dabbing a bit of alcohol or vinegar to the area to blot out and correct.
5. Once you have painted your project, allow it to dry for at least 24 hours before curing.

How to Cure and Care for a Painted Glass or Ceramic Project

1. To cure, place the mug in a cool oven, as the glass must heat gradually with the oven to avoid breakage; do not place the mug in a hot oven.
2. Set oven temperature to 350F/180C.
3. Once the temperature has reached 350F/180C, allow the mug to bake for 30 minutes.
4. After baking, turn the oven off and let the mug cool down completely before removing it.
5. Cured surfaces can be safely washed three days after baking. While it is possible to safely clean the mug on the top rack of a dishwasher, it is best to hand wash the item. Do not soak the painted mug.
6. Painted glass is not microwave safe.

DIY Beeswax Candles

Tanya Finney Estrada - Pennsauken Free Public Library

About Beeswax Candles

These DIY beeswax candles are one of my favorite crafts to make because they are so easy and people love them. They're perfect for around the house or to give as gifts.

Unlike paraffin candles – which release carcinogens like toluene and benzene into the air, beeswax candles burn clean and bright while releasing a faint honey scent.

Making beeswax candles is so easy. All you have to do is melt and pour. The most complicated part is trying to get the wicks to stay centered in your candle.

Link to Instructions:

<https://mommypotamus.com/beeswax-candles/>



Why are beeswax candles better than other natural alternatives?

- **Beeswax candles detoxify the air.** Did you know beeswax candles can actually help clean the air in your house? I know, crazy. Burning them releases negative ions which help to neutralize pollutants in the air like dust, smells, and mold. Read about my personal experience with home pollutants.
- **They are slow burning.** Beeswax candles are a denser wax than alternatives like soy, so they tend to last longer. I burned one of my 4 oz candles last night for almost 2.5 hours and it hardly made a dent in it.
- **They're more sustainable!** Beeswax is a natural byproduct of the beekeeping industry so it's already being made, vs the soy industry which is very closely linked with deforestation.
- **Beeswax candles are healthier than soy and paraffin alternatives!** Paraffin and soy candles both release toxins into your air since both are chemically processed from oil to become wax. Beeswax requires zero chemical processing as it was already wax to begin with.

DIY Pumpkin Wreath

Tanya Finney Estrada - Pennsauken Free Public Library

Link to Instructions:

<https://simplemadepretty.com/dollar-tree-pumpkin-wreath-form/>



Pumpkin Muscle Warmer

Presented by Mimi McBride from the Trenton Free Public Library

Mimi McBride: mmcbride@tfplibrary.org

Damaris Retana: dretana@tfplibrary.org



Supplies:

Cotton Stockinette

Feed corn

6 rubber bands

Colored yarn for decoration

Instructions:

Tie a knot at one end of the stockinette. If your stockinette has a pattern, invert it first.

Fill stockinette with corn. Leave some room at the top for a knot.

Tie off the stockinette. If too full, you can use a rubber band.

Stretch rubber bands across the pumpkin to create pumpkin shape.

Use yarn to cover rubber bands and decorate!

Microwave for about 1 minute or to desirable temperature.

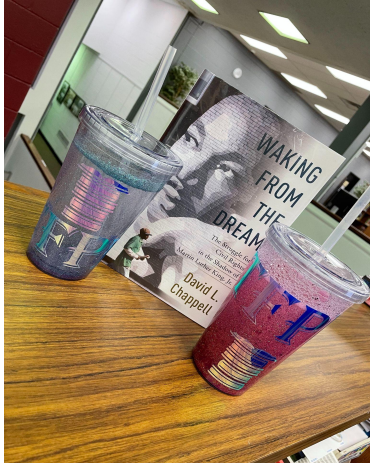
Youtube Instructions:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UjxoP0d7x8>



Tumblers

Presented by Mimi McBride from the Trenton Free Public Library



Supplies:

Double walled Clear

Tumbler

Glitter

Clear glue

Water

Epoxy Putty

Measuring Cup

Funnel

Gloves

Youtube Instructions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzIZ_yz7yFM

Mimi McBride: mmcbride@tfplibrary.org

Damaris Retana: dretana@tfplibrary.org

Instructions:

Before the event, drill a hole in the bottom of each tumbler using painters tape and a ¼” drill bit.

Using the funnel, put different colored glitter into the hole.

Fill the tumbler using equal parts water and clear glue.

Put on gloves and then roll a small amount of epoxy putting in your hands. The epoxy WILL stink while doing this so you may want to also wear a mask.

Once the epoxy is soft, close the hole in the tumbler.

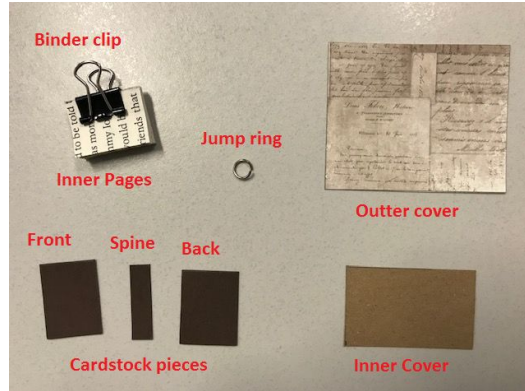
The tumbler needs 24 hours to dry



Mini Book Necklace

Supplies:

Scrap paper
Cardstock
Book pages
Binder clip
Thumbtack
Jump ring
Necklace cord
Glue
Ruler

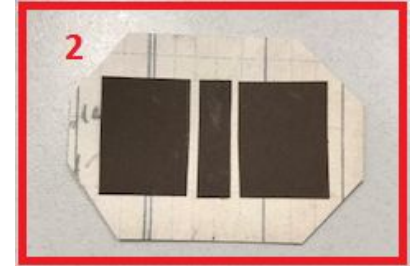
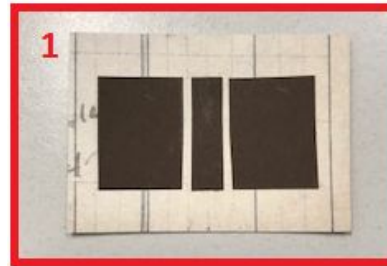


Step 1: Cut Paper

Scrap paper for the outside cover - $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{3}{4}$ "
Scrap paper for inside cover - $1\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{7}{8}$ "
Cardstock - two pieces 1 " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " and one piece 1 " x $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Book pages - 30 sheets of paper, 1 " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " each

Step 2: Form the Book Cover

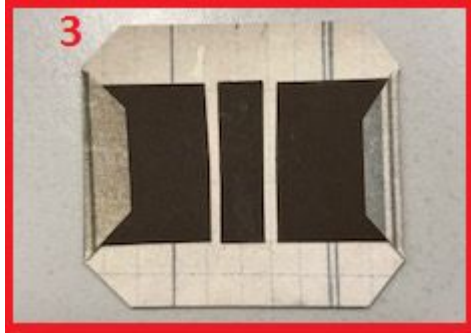
Place the outside cover face down. Place the 3 pieces of cardstock on top of the scrapbook paper. They should line up about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch apart at most - if they are too far apart, you will need more than 30 sheets of filler paper. Glue the cardstock pieces to the scrapbook paper and allow them to dry. Cut the corners off of the scrapbook paper, leaving about 1 mm of space around the corners of the cardstock.



Continued next slide...

Mini Book Necklace, continued

Fold the tops/sides of the scrapbook paper over the cardstock and glue them down.



Glue the inside cover scrapbook paper on the inside, making sure it is centered.



Step 3: Everything else

Poke a hole about 1/4 inch from the top of the book (I used a thumb tack). Insert the jump ring through the hole and bend it closed.

Stack the inner book pages neatly and place them in a binder clip. Put lots of glue on the edges of the pages, push against the spine of the book, and folder the outside cover to form the book. You can then release the binder clip and move it to the outside of the cover to hold the book together while it dries.

Let dry, then slide the jump ring onto the necklace cord.

Melissa McGeary
Adult Services Librarian
(609) 345-2269 x3075
mmcgeary@acpl.org



atlantic city free public library

ONE NORTH TENNESSEE AVENUE • ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. 08401 • 609 - 345-2269

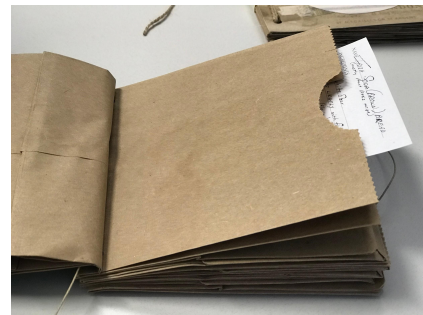
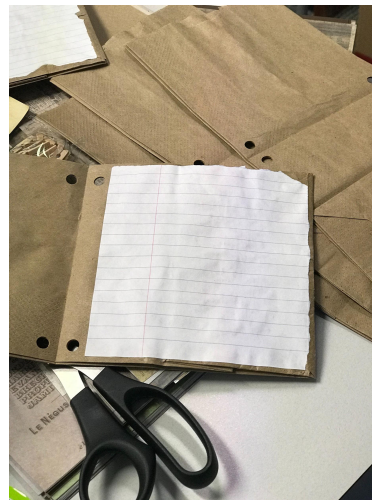
Paper Bag Recipe Journal

Supplies:

Paper bags
Scrap paper
Twine
Glue stick
Scissors
Various embellishments
(ribbon, washi tape, stickers,
bows, notebook paper,
photos, index cards, etc)

1. Fold the paper bags in half and punch two holes in the folded edge. Thread the twine through the holes and tie off. You can use the excess twine to tie the journal shut.

2. Decorate your journal. You can write recipes directly on the paper bag bags, or glue in pieces of notebook paper. You can also store index cards or recipes cut from magazines in the pockets.



Melissa McGeary
Adult Services librarian
(609) 345-2269 x3075

mmcgeary@acfpl.org



atlantic city free public library

ONE NORTH TENNESSEE AVENUE • ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. 08401 • 609 • 345-2269

PAPER STRAW ORNAMENTS

Supplies:

Single-ply cardboard
Decorative paper straws
Ribbon or decorative string
Tacky glue
Stapler, scissors
As needed: Construction paper or wrapping paper, exacto knife, cotton balls, gemstone stickers

1. Create and cut templates (we used large cookie cutters) from single-ply cardboard and decorative paper, with scissors or exacto knife.



2. Cut ribbon and staple to top of template (length as desired)



3. Cut straws to desired length, using glue to attach to cardboard



4. Glue decorative paper to back of cardboard or if supplies allow, use straws to decorate the back



Tree ornament:



1. Cut two straws to desired length and glue together to form the trunk
2. Attach ribbon or string inside the top of the two straws with a lot of glue

3. Cut straws to create a pyramid shape, glue straws to each other and attach to the straw “trunk”

4. Add gemstone stickers if desired

YARN BIRDS



<https://www.instructables.com/DIY-Cute-Yarn-Bird/>

No-Sew Fabric Pumpkins



Jenny Binaghi Lichtenwalner
Senior Librarian for Makerspace Programming
Piscataway Public Library
jlichtenwalner@piscatawaylibrary.org

Links:

- [Instructions for Fabric Pumpkins](#)
- [Piscataway Public Library MiY](#)
- [NJ Stem Pathways Network](#)
- [EngagedPatrons.org: Free event registration tool for small libraries](#)



Braided Wreaths

