



Library Staff Show & Share Adult Crafts

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Resource Guide

Suggestions and contact info for craft instructors/outside presenters:

- Hua's Calligraphy: gingerjianghua@gmail.com
- Jennifer from The Art Sink: <https://www.artsinknj.com/about-us> does paint and sip classes for adults or kids
- Zentangle classes: <https://mimspirations.com/>

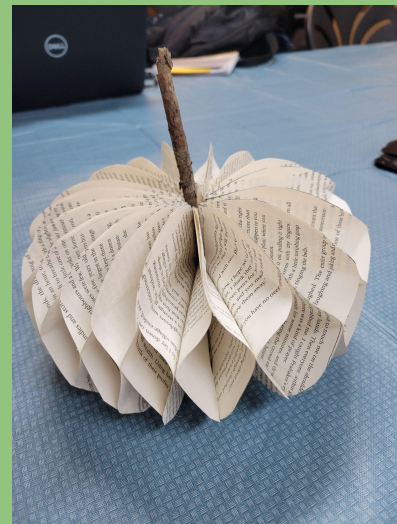


[Conch Shell
Spinner
Instructions](#)

Many Youtube videos

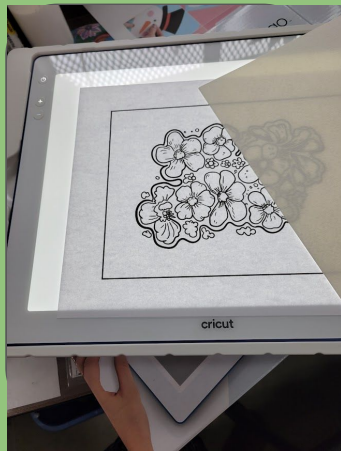


Felt from Michaels.
They also had pre cut felt leaf stickers.
Patrons cut out letters with a letter template.



[Honeycomb
Pumpkin
Instructions](#)

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Patrons used light box to trace flowers to make painting easier



Fabric Flower Instructions



Seniors using water brush to paint.



Water Brushes can be found on Amazon or your local craft store.

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Embossed Tin Ornaments

- [Instructions](#)
- Mechanical pencils and regular pencils work great on metal.
- Each participant worked on top of a felt square to allow for deeper embossing.
- We began on a practice piece of heavyweight Reynolds Wrap Foil.
- I gave everyone two 4"x 4" squares of metal and 6 simple 4X4" designs to copy.
- [Link to Designs](#)
- Finished ornament could be mounted on felt for more strength or even framed.



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Eggshell Mosaics

- [Instructions](#)
- I provided rectangular bases that I made from 2 layers of thin cardboard glued together and then cut out and painted black for a nice stained glass window effect. Each had a hole punched out for hanging.
- Brush on Mod Podge or regular tacky glue, crack the eggshell onto it. Fill all areas letting the shell run off the edges.
- Move shell around with pins or toothpicks til you're happy with the arrangement.
- Once dry snip off evenly with scissors.
- Drops of alcohol ink mix nicely on top.
- When dry, brush on Glossy Accents or Mod Podge Dimensional Magic.



Video [Instructions](#) are also available on Warren County Library's YouTube for this craft and more. Choose the Playlist for Adult Arts & Crafts.

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Intro to Alcohol Ink Painting

- [Instructions](#)
- Alcohol and ink will mix on the surface of nonporous surfaces when you drip the alcohol with plastic droppers.
- I suggest you work on Yupo paper or Grafix Durabright paper or even crunched up tin foil.
- Play around with blowing techniques- straws or hair dryers (on cool setting) work.
- Krylon UV resistant varnish will protect finished work.
- We made bookmarks and punched out pendants with our practice sheets.



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Paper Feather Pens

- [Instructions](#)
- Use book pages of your choice (I used Harry Potter) or printed pictures of feathers found on line.
- Cut out using a basic feather shape.
- Cut the wire to fit your feather.
- Poke and glue the wire securely into the end of the pen barrel and glue feather shape over it letting the pen stick out the bottom.
- Cover the pen barrel by winding ¼" strip of paper from the tip of pen to the end of it.
- Slice length of feather with scissors to emulate a real feather.



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Book Page Sunflowers

- [Instructions](#)
- Members might just make flower heads or make them on wire stems or drill a hole in an old book and glue one there as I did for our front desk.



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Heating Pads

- [Instructions](#)
- Mine were 5 inch hearts for Galentine's Day, but you could do any simple shape
- Each was ½ a fat quarter of quilting cotton and 2 pounds of rice
- The sewing doesn't need to be super pretty, but the stitches need to be small enough to keep the rice in
- I still use mine!



Jensen from Camden County Library - Ferry Avenue

Felt Garlands

- [Instructions](#)
- I would choose a seasonal theme and buy a bunch of felt in those colors
- I cut out paper templates for the different pieces, and had patrons cut the felt and decorate with sharpies
- A sturdy needle threader is really helpful for folks with dexterity issues - [like this](#)

Jensen from Camden County Library - Ferry Avenue



No-Sew, Rag Rug Coasters/Potholders

- [Instructions](#)
- Could be totally free - need about 2 recycled shirts per person (for a potholder or set of a few coasters)
- I'm going to pre-cut the strips, but let patrons cut the little slits to connect the pieces
- A rotary cutter and cutting mat are a must!

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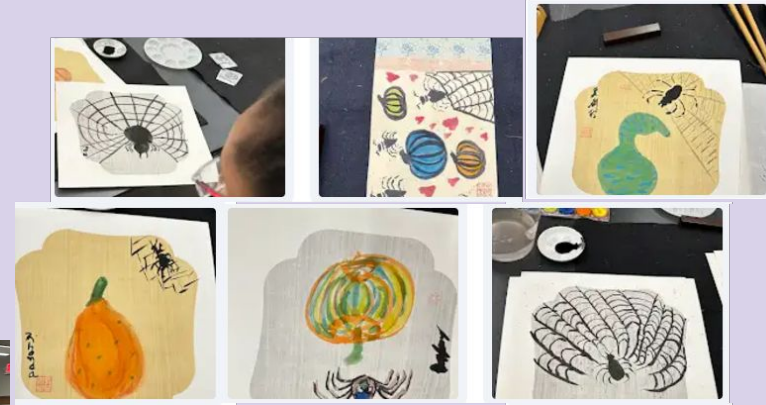


The Art of Chinese Calligraphy

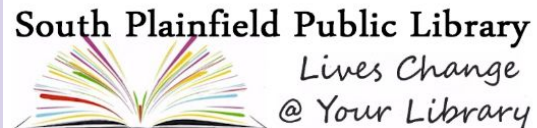
- Hosted by the outside presenter,

[Hua's Calligraphy](#)

- Good for all ages
- Projector is needed



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Cork pumpkin, duct tape bags, clay air freshener

Cork pumpkin instructions [here](#)

Duct tape bag instructions [here](#)

Clay air freshener instructions [here](#)

(I haven't actually done this one before but think it could be a good holiday-type craft. Basically the program participants would be creating their clay piece using small cookie cutters and objects to press into the clay and adding ribbon. You'd have to send participants home with to dry and also the oil to add once it dried.)



Bottle cap snowman magnet (or ornament)

- Bought white bottle caps, but they could also be painted ahead of time.
- Gave patrons paper, sharpies, ribbon, felt, and buttons to create faces and accessories.
- Used hot glue guns.
- Gave patrons a magnet to glue on the back if they preferred that to using ribbon to make an ornament.



Kerri from Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset)

Cactus painted rocks

- Supplies needed: small terracotta or plastic pots, flat and light-colored river rocks, bag of pebble/aquarium gravel, acrylic paint and paint pens.
- I've seen other examples with fake flowers or googly eyes.



Kerri from Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset)

Tiny Art Show

- Supplies needed: small canvases, acrylic paint, small wooden easels for displaying them (patrons did not keep these or use them during the craft).
- I did an “open paint” program where patrons came and decorated their canvases however they wanted. I learned for next time to provide sample ideas!
- Patrons left their creations with us for display in our case for a few months. I emailed them when they were ready to be picked up. This would work as a take and make easily, but I would assume some of them wouldn't come back for display so I liked doing it as an in-person program.



Kerri from Franklin Township Public Library (Somerset)

Chicken Wire Suncatcher

Purchased Chicken Wire

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09MD23JL9/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&th=1

Purchased 8" Hoops

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0C65KXJC8/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_search_asin_title?ie=UTF8&th=1

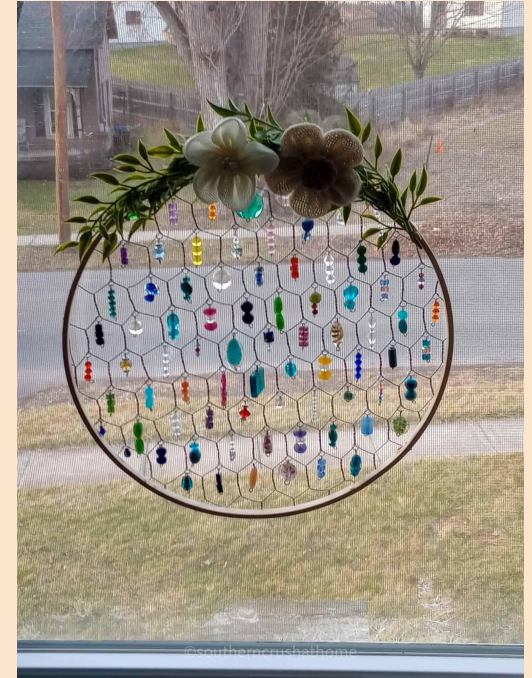
Jewelry stuff (beads, jewelry pliers, head pins, small jump rings)

We didn't do the floral that is on this example picture. It was enough to just do the beading for the 2 hours. I did pre-prep the rings with the chicken wire. Several people complained (even still) that their fingers hurt after the project. There is a lot of pinching unless someone is used to making jewelry.

[INSTRUCTIONS](#) (that I used but I'm sure if you Googled it you'd find a ton of instructions)

Dana Nicklas

Waterford Township Public Library



Snowpeople, Duck, Gingerbread Man

Wood Slices

Large sticks

Hot Glue

Wood slice base, with screw and drill

Paints (pumpkin colors/snowman colors)

And anything else you have lying around

I wanted to screw the wood slices together and then place on a stand but that didn't work out as y'all saw at the Show & Share. Also our crafters are crazy so by the time this craft was done there was glitter, buttons, several types of ribbon, pipe cleaners, you name it it was out on the table.

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SCARECROW WINE BOTTLE CRAFT

Supplies

Clear Wine bottle

Burlap

Raffia

Acrylic paints and/or markers

Embellishments for decorating

glue gun

Wine Bottle lights with cork (optional)

Stuff the bottle with the Wine Bottle lights, then add the raffia. You can add more or less (to your liking)

Use a strip of the burlap and wrap it around the lower part of the bottle, using a glue gun, pleat it as you go.

Take another strip of burlap and wrap it around the top of the bottle covering the cork.

Decorate with embellishments

Paint or draw the face



Dried Flower Votive/Tealight Candle Holders

Glass jar

Dried flowers (Purchase or dry your own)

Mod Podge

Twine or Ribbon

Tea light



Using a brush, paint a section of the jar with Mod Podge
Place the dried flowers on the jar and then carefully paint
more Mod Podge on top. Do the same for the rest of the
jar.

Once dry add twine or ribbon to finish and add tea light

Mason Jar Fairy Lights



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Supplies Needed:

- Mason Jars (Smooth sided)
- Mod Podge
- Foam brushes
- Pressed flowers
- String of Fairy Lights
- Hot Glue

Method

- Affix the pressed flowers to the jar and use Mod Podge to set them . If they are larger flowers, you may need to hold them for a moment or two so they stick.
- Flowers can be placed in any arrangement on the outside of them Mason Jar.
- Once the flowers are attached, paint a layer of Mod Podge over the entire jar. Using a heat gun, dry it and apply a second coat.
- Attach the Fairy Lights to the bottom of the lid using a bit of hot glue.

Ribbon Wreaths

Supplies Need

- 6" or 8" styrofoam wreaths
- Assorted ribbons
- Assorted Greenery
- Assorted wooden shapes
- Hot Glue Guns and Glue

Method

- Wrap ribbons around wreath overlapping to cover entire wreath.
- Secure with hot glue intermittently
- Attach ribbons, greenery, and wooden cut outs.



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Halloween Fabric Frames



Supplies Needed

- 6" Wooden Embroidery Hoops
- 6" Cake Boards or cardboard cut to fit
- Halloween/Fall themed fabric Fat Quarters
- Wooden Decorations
- Assorted Ribbon
- Hot Glue Guns and Glue

Method

- Using the cake board as a template, trace a circle onto the fabric and cut to a circle a little bigger than 6"
- Secure fabric in frame and trim excess.
- Put cake board behind fabric to act as base. Can secure with a drop or two of hot glue
- Attach ribbons and wood shapes to fabric with hot glue

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Glass Etching

Supplies Needed

- Glass object of your choosing (not Pyrex)
- Protective gloves
- Pain brushes
- Adhesive stencils (or make your own on a Cricut)
- Armour Etch glass etching cream
- Sink with running water

Method

- Apply your stencil to your glass; be sure that all edges are firmly pressed down
- Wearing gloves, spread Armour Etch liberally over the desired design with a paint brush
- Wait several minute (follow instructions on etching cream bottle)
- Rinse away etching cream, then peel away stencil to reveal final design

*****Etching cream can cause serious chemical burns; gloves are very important!******

