

Fabulous Friday How To's For Crafts

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Signs:

Cost small signs \$4.50, large \$12.00

Supplies:

Vinyl letters (email: jaymi_whiting@hotmail.com)

Correct size boards (local hardware store)

Paint (Wal-Mart is cheapest)

Sanders (used sisters in the ward)

1. Paint the boards and let dry.
2. Sand the edges if you like.
3. Peel off the BACK of the sticker and position it on the board (the "masking tape" side).
4. Take a card (license, library card, etc) and rub over the top of the sticker. This helps it adhere to the wood.
5. Carefully, beginning at one end, pull back the top paper. If the letters are not sticking to the wood gently put the paper back and rub over them some more.
6. You can then stain the board if you would like. Make sure to wipe the stain off of the letters really well.
7. When you board is dry, flip it over and position the saw tooth (picture hanger) and hammer into place *****if you supply the saw tooth for them*****

Note: If you use latex paint you do not need to seal it, but if you paint your board with the acrylic paints you will need to seal it with stain or spray it with acrylic sealant so the letters stick better.

Flags:

Cost \$.60 per flag plus 1 bucket per 6 flags

Supplies:

At least 5 different kinds of fabric (found at Wal-Mart) 7 inches wide

Dowels (they are cheapest at Wal-Mart in the cake decorating sections (they are 12-17 in long and you don't have to cut them)

Needles (we had sister bring their own)

Thread, a few different colors

Glue gun

Pails (\$1.00 at Wal-Mart)

Sand (local craft store, or cheaper to get it from garden area)

1. Tear 4-5 1" wide strips in the fabric of your choice. The overall size of the flag should be about 4" x 7" after it is stitched.
2. To stitch, you simply have to take 2 strips of fabric and line them up back to back and do a quick basting stitch right along the fray line. Continue lining up the strips as you sew down.
3. When you are finished sewing, if the fabric is too flimsy, you may want to back the flag with another piece of fabric. Just find a piece you want and cut it to fit. You can adhere it with a glue stick.
4. Next you will wrap about 1" of the flag around your dowel and hot glue into place. Try to do it so that the glue does not show.

Note: To make the flag with the ties on it, I just used scrap booking tools and made holes down the flag after I had completed it and then tied strips that I had torn.

I also cut the stars with a sizzix die cut machine and glued them on with glue sticks. You could stitch them if you like.

Make sure not to stitch in the frayed area of the fabric because the stitch will fray

Flower (and Star) magnets

Cost: \$1.10 per flower

Supplies:

Wood flower cut out (local craft store – if you can not find them, I can get them for you)

1" small wooden circle (they are best if they are thicker than the flower cut out. – If you can not find them I can get them for you)

Wire (got it at Wal-Mart)

Charms (found many of them online, look at your craft store – I can help you if you need.)

Paint

Brushes

Glue Gun

1. Paint the wood flower (or star) and circle.
2. After it dries you can sand the edges if you would like.
3. Choose a charm
4. If you choose to use wire you need to cut off a piece that's about a short woman's arm's length. You then wrap it around your pointer finger and your index finger (play with it to determine the length you would like the wire petals) as many times as you can. Take the wire off your hands, and

- wrap the last of the wire (you can also get another small piece of wire to wrap around) the middle. Then fan out each of the pieces until it looks like a flower. **
5. All you need to do now is hot glue everything into place. First lay the flower down and position the wire petals. Place some hot glue in the center of the wire petals and position the wood circle on top of wire. Make sure not to put too much glue on that it does not squeeze out and show. You will need to hold the wire in place tightly as you are gluing and positioning the wood circle, otherwise it will spring out of place.
 6. Now glue on your charm with hot glue or super glue and then hot glue your magnet on back.

Note: For large polka dots you can use a pencil eraser.
Small polka dots use a piece of cut wire.
Stripes or plaid use paint brushes or dry strip of foam.

**Some of my flowers had eight loops, meaning I wrapped it around my fingers four times, others were much wider loops but I only did four loops meaning I wrapped it around my fingers only twice.