

# Craft Samples

**Crafty Tip:** Add black or white paint to colored paint to make the color darker or lighter.

## Crafts

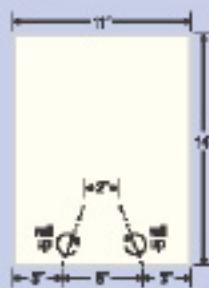


### A rocket ship that flies

By Jeremy Frost

1. Cut an 11-inch-by-15-inch rectangle from poster board. With markers, draw a design on one side.
2. Cut two slits in the rectangle, as shown, and roll them up to create wings.

3. Cut flares along one long side of a piece of yellow paper. Glue the paper to the back of the poster board so the flares show under the end with wings.
4. Roll the poster board into a tube. Glue it along the edge and staple it at the top and bottom.
5. Cover a small disposable map with aluminum foil. Place this over the end without flares.



### Quill curls for cards

By Cheryl M. Reifnyder

1. Tape two flat toothpicks back to back. Leave about a half inch free of tape at the end.
2. Cut strips of colored paper 4 1/2 inch wide and 8 inches long.

3. Slip one end of a paper strip between the toothpicks. Wrap the paper strip tightly around the end by twisting the toothpicks.
  4. Carefully slide the finished curl off the end of the toothpicks.
  5. Glue curls on construction-paper cards as a decoration.
- Challenge:** Try pinching finished curls to form heart, teardrop, or leaf shapes.



### Make a gumball-machine magnet

By Lisa Harrington

1. Trace a small jar lid onto cardboard. Draw a square connected to the circle. Cut out the shape as one piece.
2. Trace the shape onto felt. Glue the felt to the cardboard.
3. Glue the jar lid to the circle shape. Glue pom-poms inside the jar lid.
4. Cut out a small rectangle of felt. Glue the top of it to the square shape for a gumball door. Cut out a felt gumball and glue it under the door.
5. Cut a coin slot from Mask #11 and glue it above the door.
6. Glue a magnet to the back of the gumball machine.



Fireflies in February? Make a buggy craft on **Highlights** Kids!

## Go on a treasure hunt!

By LarrieAnn Gallaway Melnick



### Make a treasure chest

1. Paint the outside of a shoebox to look like a treasure chest. Let it dry.
2. Paint the inside of the lid. Let it dry.
3. Glue felt to the inside bottom of the box.
4. Paint small rocks to look like gold and gemstones. Press aluminum foil into round discs to make coins. String chenille sticks with colored beads to make jewelry.



### Create a treasure map

1. Cut off one side of a paper grocery bag. Cut wavy or jagged edges around it.
2. Crumple the paper into a small ball several times to make it look wrinkly and aged. Smooth it out.
3. Decide where you want to hide your treasure, then create landmarks on your map using markers, construction paper, or crayons.
4. Measure how many steps it is from one place to another and mark the number of paces with dots on the map. Mark the treasure chest's hiding place with an X.
5. Roll up the map and tie it with ribbon. Hide your treasure, then let friends take turns using the map to find it.

## Guess who, Valentine!

By Mark E. Cecchini

1. From card stock or poster board, cut a heart shape large enough to cover your face.
2. Draw two eyes/holes and cut them out.
3. Decorate the heart using items such as glitter glue, markers, or paper-dolly trays. Let it dry.
4. Write a message on the front.
5. For a handle, glue one end of a craft stick to the back. Color it.



**Got It?** Glue artwork to cardboard to make it sturdier.

# Crafts

## Buried-Treasure Game

By Susan Kneib Schank

1. Cut felt "water" and glue it to sandpaper.
2. Cut the bottoms off six paper cups. Glue shells, rocks, and wood scraps on them.

**To Play:** Arrange the cups on the sandpaper beach. The first player buries coins or other treasure under one of the cups without the second player watching. The second player rolls a die, and has the number of chances shown on the die to find the buried treasure. If the second player finds the treasure, he or she scores one point. Then the second player hides the treasure for the next player. The game ends when one of the players scores 10 points.



## Lantern Light

By Heather A. Rising

1. Cut off the top of a half-gallon carton.
2. Glue paper to the carton. Cut a window in each of the four sides.
3. Tape tissue paper inside the holes. Decorate the lantern.
4. Punch two holes near the top of the carton on opposite sides. Tie string through the holes.
5. Place a miniature flashlight or glowstick in the lantern.
6. Hang it up.



## Baseball-Bat Crayon Box

By April Theis

1. With an adult's help, carefully cut the sharp edge off an empty aluminum-foil box. Decorate the box.
2. Cut a bat handle and a baseball from cardboard, and decorate them. Glue them on the box.
3. Punch holes in the box, and tie yarn through them.



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## Fourth of July Streamers

By Cheryl M. Reifsnnyder

1. Thread a plastic needle with string. Knot the end.
2. From craft foam, cut stars and other shapes.
3. Sew through pompoms and the craft-foam shapes. (Push the needle twice through each shape.)
4. Decorate a room with the streamers or hang them in a doorway.



## Message Magnets

By Ruth Schiffmann

1. Paint a lid from a frozen-juice can. Draw on a face.
2. Cut out paper "ribbons." Write a message.
3. Tape the ribbons to the back of the lid. Glue a magnet to it.
4. Place the message magnet on the refrigerator, or give it as a gift.



## Firecracker Centerpiece

By LeeAnn Ralph

1. For firecrackers, decorate cardboard tubes of different sizes.
2. For each nose cone, cut a circle from paper. Cut a line to the center of each circle. Overlap the ends to make a cone shape. Tape it together.
3. Tape string to connect each firecracker to each nose cone.
4. Tie the firecrackers together and glue them to a cut-paper starburst.

**Tip:** Let glue dry completely before moving on to the next step.

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## Puzzling Notes

By Mindy Alyse Weiss

1. On card stock, write a note to someone special.
2. Decorate the note with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Cut the note into puzzle pieces. Put the pieces in an envelope and deliver it.



## Hourglass-Shaped Drum

By Marie E. Cecchini

1. Tape or glue together the bottoms of two paper cups.
2. From paper bags, cut four circles large enough to cover the open ends of the cups. For the drumheads, glue two circles over each open end.
3. Glue yarn around the two ends and around the middle of the drum.
4. Cut two pieces of yarn long enough to reach from the center of the drum to the center of a drumhead. Thread a bead on each yarn piece and tie a knot on the end. Fill the bead with glue and let it dry. Tie the yarn pieces to the middle of the drum so that they hang on opposite sides.
5. To play the drum, hold it in the center and quickly twist your wrist back and forth.



## Sea-Creature Vase

By April Theis



1. Glue craft foam to the outside of an empty plastic container. Decorate it.
2. From craft foam, cut arms and legs, and glue them to the bottom of the container.

Be sure to include your name, age, and complete address. We must receive your reply by September 1, 2008.



## Super Craft Challenge!

Use a clothespin and other materials to create a buddy for your backpack.

Send us a photo or a sample of your creation, and we will be glad to consider it for publication. Send it to:

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Backpack Buddy  
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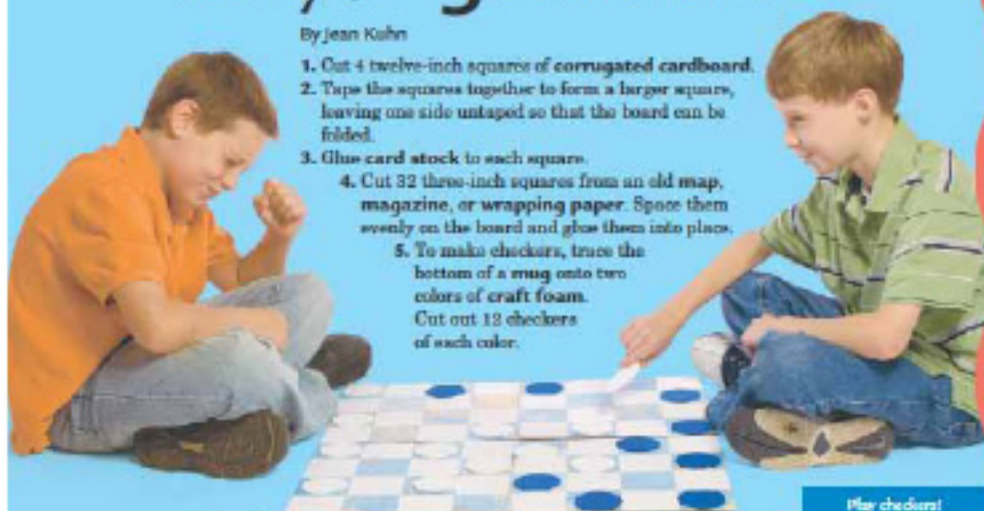


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# Really Big Checkers Set

By Jean Kuhn

1. Cut 4 twelve-inch squares of corrugated cardboard.
2. Tape the squares together to form a larger square, leaving one side untaped so that the board can be folded.
3. Glue card stock to each square.
4. Cut 32 three-inch squares from an old map, magazine, or wrapping paper. Space them evenly on the board and glue them into place.
5. To make checkers, trace the bottom of a mug onto two colors of craft foam. Cut out 13 checkers of each color.



Play checkers! Learn how on [HighlightsKids.com](http://HighlightsKids.com)



## Daisy Note-Holder

By Sherry Timberman

1. Color a craft stick.
2. Glue a large button to one end of the craft stick. Let it dry.
3. Add a thick layer of glue to the front of the button. Press paper clips into the glue.
4. Add another layer of glue over the paper clips, and press on another button. Let it dry.
5. Hold the stick upright in the center of a small fiber pot or a paper cup. Fill the pot or cup with layers of glue and small rocks.

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## Scrub Bugs

By Denni Lorenti



1. Glue materials such as pom-poms, wiggly eyes, and chenille sticks to plastic pot scrubbers.
2. For legs, thread chenille sticks through the bottom of the pot scrubbers.

**Style Tip:** Paint in long, even strokes for a smooth finish.

# Crafts

## Shoebbox Aquarium

By Radha HS

1. Cut windows into the two short sides of a shoebox and in the middle of the lid. Paint the inside and outside of both. Turn the shoebox on its side and tape on the lid.
2. From paper, cut out and color sea creatures.
3. Use tape and thread to hang each sea creature inside the aquarium.



## Papier-Mâché Pig Bank

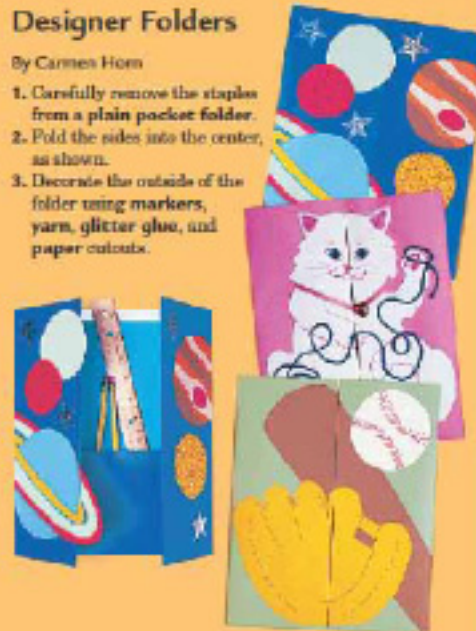
By Paulette Gehlker

1. Blow up a round balloon.
2. For feet, tape four egg-carton cups to the side of the balloon. For a snout, tape one egg-carton cup over the balloon knot.
3. In a bowl, mix one cup of flour, two cups of water, and a tablespoon of salt.
4. Dip newspaper strips into the mix and wrap them around the balloon. Let the strips dry.
5. Paint the pig with acrylic paint. Glue on cut-paper details and wiggly eyes. With an adult's help, cut a hole in the top for coins.

## Designer Folders

By Carmen Horn

1. Carefully remove the staples from a plain pocket folder.
2. Fold the sides into the center, as shown.
3. Decorate the outside of the folder using markers, yarn, glitter glue, and paper cutouts.



Make a Pizza-Box Art Portfolio! Find out how on **Highlights!**

## Y-Rattle

Based on the ancient sistrum rattle, the Y-rattle is common throughout parts of Africa.

By Marie E. Cocchini

1. Knot yarn around the bottom of a Y-shaped twig.
2. Spread glue onto the twig and wrap the yarn around it.
3. Double over a piece of dental floss. Tie one end of the floss to a branch. Thread the other end through holes in small objects such as beads, shells, and buttons.
4. Tie the free end of the floss to the other branch. Add another string of small objects below the first, if desired. Shake the rattle!



## Orbit the Sun Game

By James W. Ferris, Jr.

1. Use tacky craft glue to glue a circle of yarn to the middle of an 18-inch felt square.
2. Glue four rings of yarn around the center circle, as shown.
3. Write the numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 on paper circles. Glue them to the yarn.
4. For comets, glue the "hook" side of Velcro to four small Styrofoam balls, and glue ribbon strips to the opposite ends.
5. Punch holes in the top of the felt, and use yarn as a hanger. Glue a dowel to the back for support.



**To Play:** Hang the felt on the wall, and toss the comets toward the center "Sun." Tally up points at the end of each round. The first player to reach 100 points wins.

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**Crafty Tip:** Draw designs with a pencil, then go over them with markers or paint.

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Brighten someone's holiday with a nice note

By Vicki Felix

1. To make a pattern, draw a light bulb or candle shape on cardstock. Cut it out. Trace the shape onto different colors of construction paper, and cut them out. Punch a hole in each.
2. Cut a long piece of thread and tie the bulbs or candles together.
3. Write notes on them.



Make a picture keepsake for your family

By Kathleen Hall Wilson

1. For each frame, cut a 4-inch square from poster board. Cut a 3-inch square from the center of each.
2. Select a family picture for each frame, and glue each in place.
3. Punch a hole at the top of each frame. Tie ribbons through the hole to make an ornament. Or punch a hole at both top and bottom, and tie the frames together to make a wall hanging.
4. If desired, label the frames with the year. Make a new decoration every year to see how your family grows and changes!

Make music with a tambourine

By Heidi Laundry Phelps

1. With an adult's help, cut off the bottom of an empty cardboard container 1/8 inch above the base. Use the bottom section and the lid for the tambourine.
2. Glue construction paper to the lid and to the bottom and sides of the tambourine.
3. Punch holes on the sides. Use hula hoops between the holes, and tie ribbons through the holes.
4. Press the lid onto the top of the tambourine.



Whimsy's Up: Never Munch? Make juggling balls.



Make a Color-Wheel Whirligig! Find out how on [Highlights.com](http://Highlights.com)

## Play Scrambled Legs!

By Linda Zajac

1. For dice, use two 1-inch wooden blocks. On the six sides of one block, use a marker to write *left hand*, *left foot*, *right hand*, *right foot*, *my head*, and *my feet*. On the other block, draw an ant, a caterpillar, a ladybug, a spider, a butterfly, and a bee.
2. With your parents' permission, trace around a paper plate to make six rows of six evenly spaced stripes on a tablecloth sheet.
3. Using markers, draw an ant in each stripe in the first row. Fill row two with caterpillars, three with ladybugs, four with spiders, five with butterflies, and six with bees.



Find this printable bug art on [Highlights.com](http://Highlights.com)

**To Plays Up** in four players remove their shoes. Each stands on a different side of the bug mat. Another person rolls the dice and calls out the bug and body part rolled. Players follow the roller's instructions. Only one hand or foot can touch each bug stripe. If a player falls, he or she is out. Play continues until only one player is left.

An ice-skate bookmark for a friend

By Made E. Cochini

1. Cut a 2-inch square from cardstock. Trim it to form an ice-skate boot. Trace the boot onto two folded pieces of felt, with the bottom of the boot lined up on the fold. Cut them out, but don't cut along the fold.
2. Punch three shoelace holes in each felt boot. For laces, thread a cord through the holes. Glue corners or felt tabs to the tops of the skates.
3. Slide a large paper clip into the fold of each skate. Glue the front and back edges of each skate closed.
4. Cut a 18-inch length of 1-inch-wide ribbon. Glue the ends of the ribbon into the tops of the skates. Outline the skates with glitter glue.



Photo by Tom Schellhaas; craft steps by Heather Nelson

Hanukkah place cards for your guests

By Lauren Michael

1. For each place card, cut a 2-inch-by-4-inch rectangle from blue cardstock. Fold it in half, then fold another half inch on each end for the card's base.
2. Lay each card flat. Use a gold or silver pen or marker to draw a Star of David and to write a different guest's name on each card.
3. Fold each card and tape the base together.



Craft Challenge! Make a star ornament using the foil, craft sticks, and glue.