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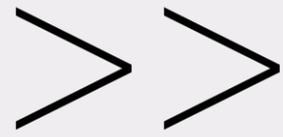
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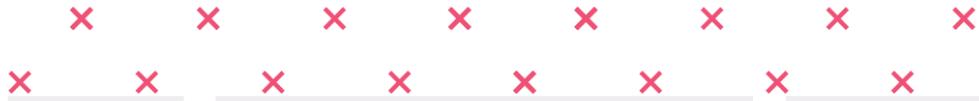
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Workshop Girls Manifesto



- 1 I promise to not belittle myself or others. I also promise to always love and respect myself.
- 2 I will remember that my self-worth is not based on what I look like, how much I weigh, how many followers I have, or any other stupid crap that has nothing to do with who I am.
- 3 I will empower other girls and women.
- 4 I will be kind. Fiercely kind.
- 5 I will have a sense of humor and laugh at my so called "failures".
- 6 I will from this day forward replace the word "failure" to "courageous attempts at doing something awesome".
- 7 I will do my best not to gossip, create drama, or judge others (or myself).
- 8 I will remember that just because I've had a bad day, doesn't mean I have a bad life. And even on crappiest of days, I'll remember this:

I am amazing and I can be whatever I want



Basic Safety Breakdown

- 1 Wear earplugs
- 2 Tie up long hair
- 3 When necessary wear gloves
- 4 Wear strong shoes or closed shoes
- 5 Take off any jewelry like earrings and necklaces
- 6 When necessary, wear safety goggles and safety masks



SAFETY FIRST

Always remember that all Do-It-Yourself activities involve risk. Skills, materials, tools, and workspace conditions vary widely.

Although we from the Workshop Girls have made every effort to cover all safety aspects of each project, the reader (that's you!) remains responsible for their own selection and use of tools and methods.

When using unknown materials and tools for the first time, follow manufacturer's operating instructions and observe safety precautions.

There's more detailed information on workshop and tool safety, if you feel we haven't covered all details please feel free to look things up online or ask a parent/instructor.

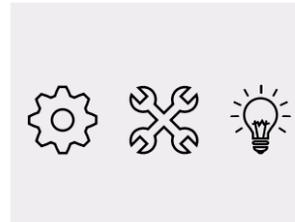


Introduction

How to Use this Book

A quick overview of what the project is about and the different types of usage you can apply to the finished product.

Task
 Re-purpose an old book by using its cover to make a custom picture frame to keep your family & friends photos or give as an unique present.
 The fun of it all is choosing a goofy book cover that will match the photo it houses.



More detailed safety tips for each specific project you'll start to make.

Feeling confused or lost? Check this section for handy insights so you can chill.

Useful Tips
 + When choosing your book cover keep an eye out for random, funny, or scary titles and also interesting textures, fonts, and prints.
 + Good places to find vintage books are Flea Markets, Garage Sales, the quirky art store and your grandparent's house.

SAFETY FIRST

- + If you're not used to using an X-acto knife and a ruler for cutting, be aware of the position of your fingers before running down the X-acto knife along the ruler.
- + Remember the X-acto knife is an actual knife and it can cut you!

Completion times range from 15 minutes to a few of days, depending on if you leave anything drying overnight.

Duration
15-30 minutes

Tools
 + Metal-edge ruler
 + X-acto knife
 + Firmer chisel or similar tool
 + Binder clips

Materials
 + Books
 + Photographs
 + Tacky glue
 + Masking tape
 + Double-stick tape

Do judge a book by its cover

Is this project for you? Do you like crafty, home-made, vintage things and have a sense of humour?

If you aren't quite sure if a certain project is right for you, check out this little corner to think about it and get inspired.

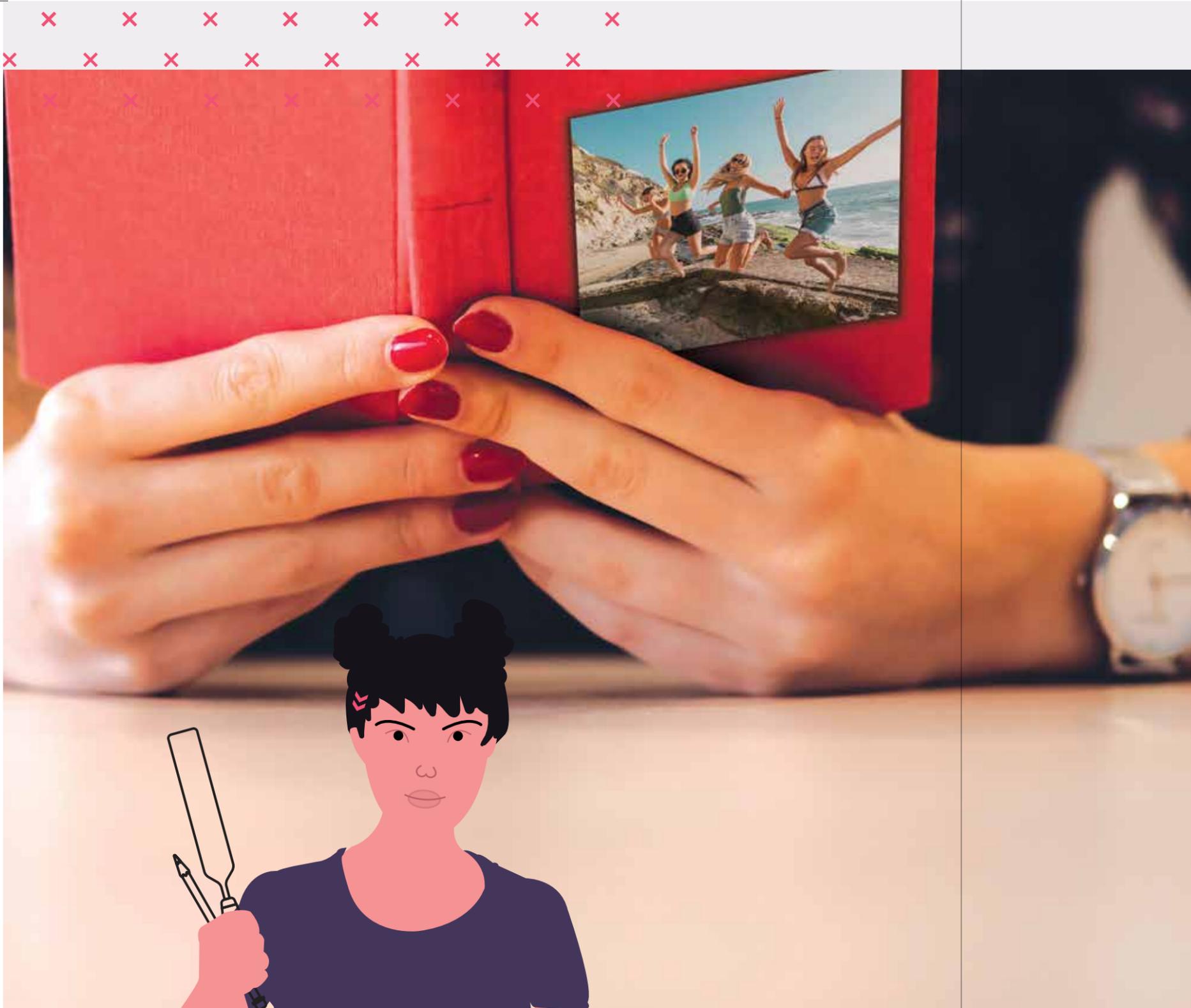


Our Safety Stop Sign reminds you to read your project's Safety First rules **before beginning to make** amazing things.



“If you're always trying to be normal, you'll never know how amazing you can be.”
 — Maya Angelou (American Poet)





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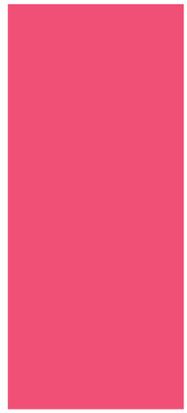
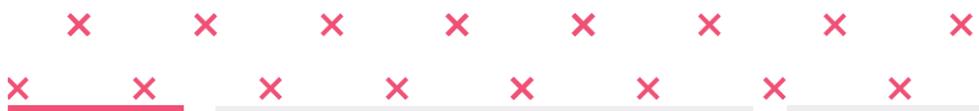
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Max Out Your Room Book Picture Frame

Funny book titles and cloth bound jackets are too good to be tossed away. Save them to create one of a kind double-sided picture frames. Add a touch of storytelling and creativity to a once boring frame.

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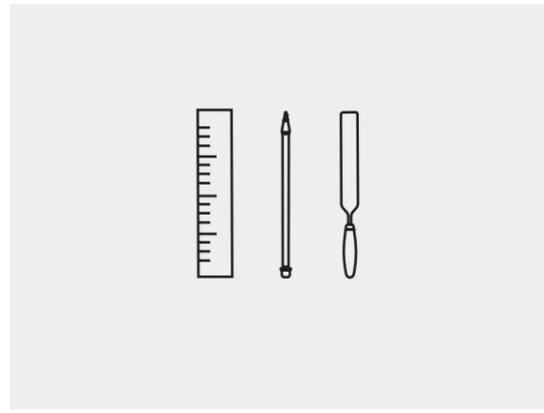




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The fun of it all is choosing a goofy book cover that will match the photo it houses.



Useful Tips

- + When choosing your book cover keep an eye out for random, funny, or scary titles and also interesting textures, fonts, and prints.
- + Good places to find vintage books are Flea Markets, Garage Sales, the quirky art store and your grandparent's house.

Useful Tips

- + Firmer Chisel's or any similar tool can be found at any craft stores, Blick Art Materials, Lowe's, Walmart and Target.
- + If you wish to change the picture in the future, use masking tape instead of glue to make it stick.

Duration

15-30 minutes

Tools

- + Metal-edge ruler
- + X-acto knife
- + Firmer chisel or similar tool
- + Binder clips

Materials

- + Books
- + Photographs
- + Tacky glue
- + Masking tape
- + Double-stick tape

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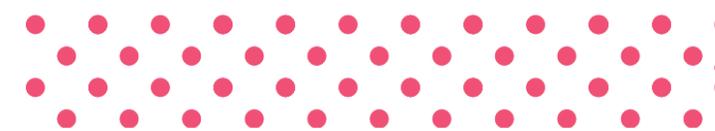
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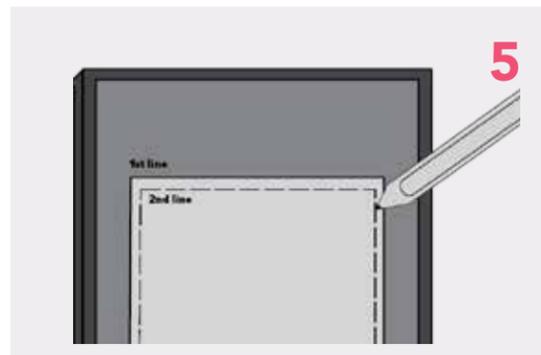
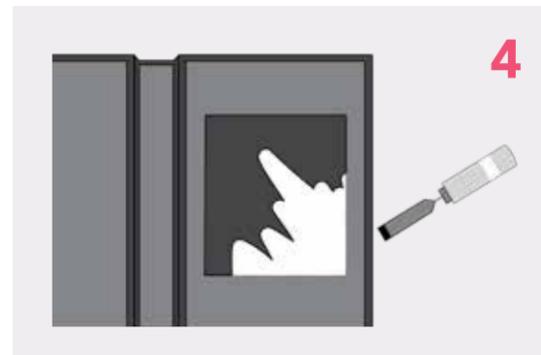
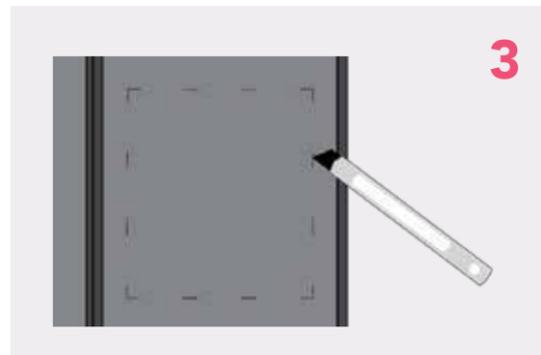
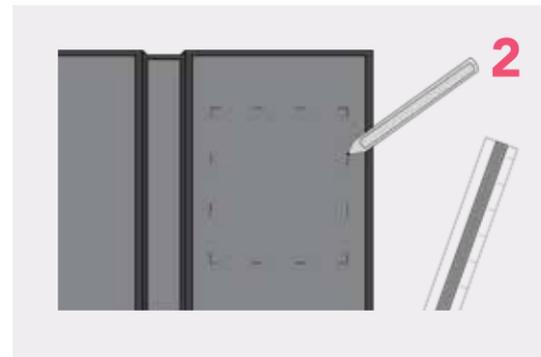
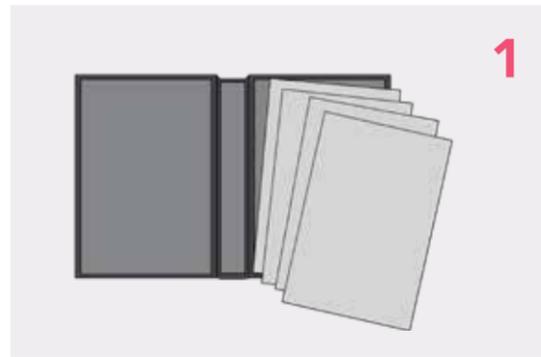
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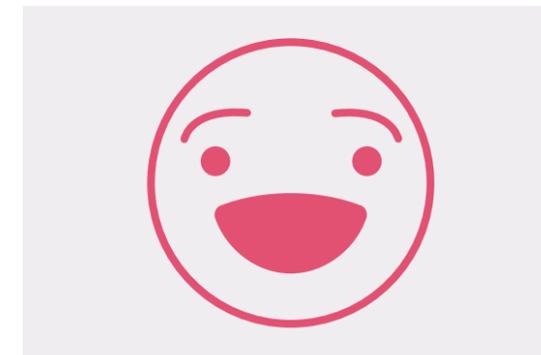
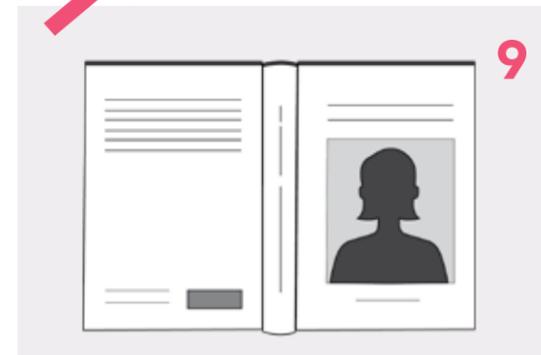
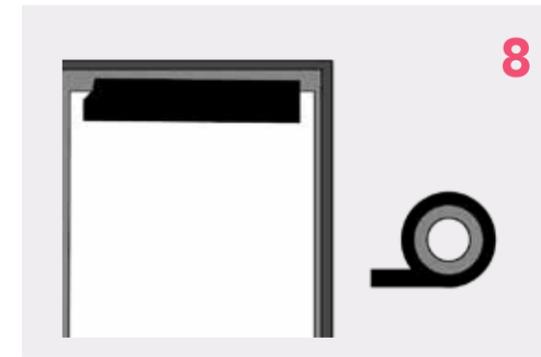
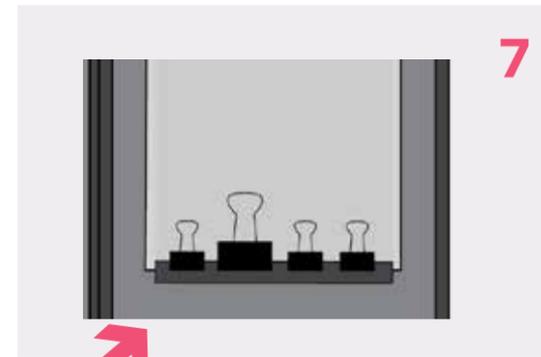
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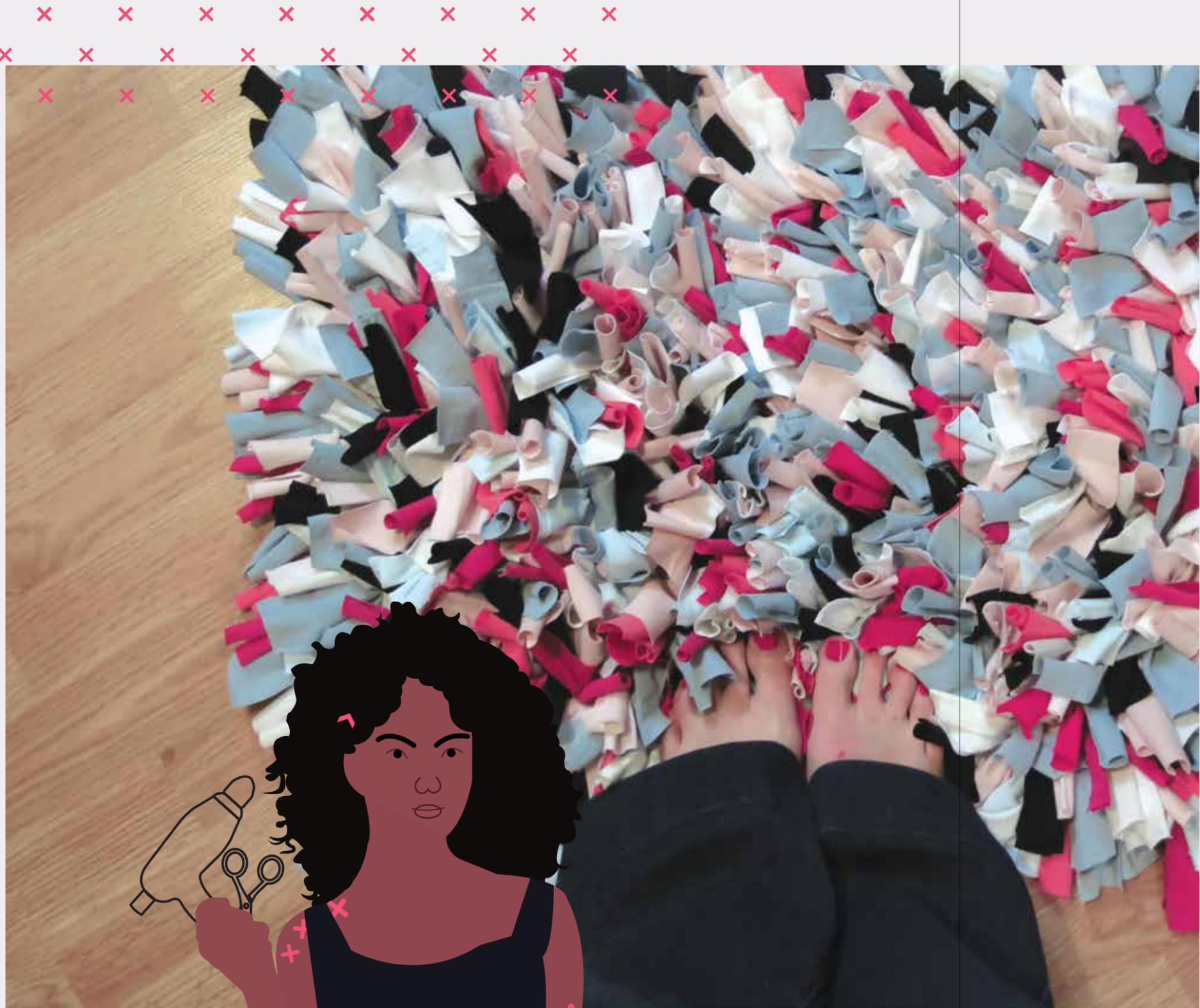
STEP-BY-STEP

1. First, cut out all of the pages of the book. Leave just the cloth bound cover.
2. With a pencil outline where you want to place the picture on the inside cover.
3. Run the X-acto knife over the outline, but don't cut all the way through or you'll ruin the cover.
4. Use the firmer chisel to scrap off the hard, chipboard part of the cover, leaving the fabric intact.
5. Once all the chipboard is removed, create a new outline, 3/8 inches inward from the first.



*Hurray!
Don't stop now,
you got this!*

6. Cut out that outline. Glue and fold over the 3/8 inch tabs of the book cloth into the cutout hole.
7. Hold the folded fabric in place with binder clips and let dry.
8. Keep your photo secure by attaching it to a piece of card stock first and then use masking tape to attach it to the inside of the book so that the photo shows through the hole you've cut out.
9. Attach your frames to the wall using double-stick tape, or just place new custom portrait on top of a table next to other family photos.

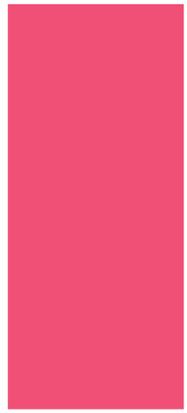
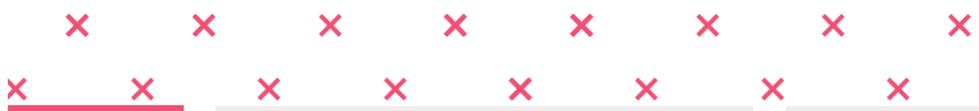


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Max Out Your Room Recycled T-shirt Rug

If you have a bunch of old t-shirts laying around, don't throw them away! They can easily be turned into a one of a kind door-mat to keep your feet warm and decorate the inside of your room.





Task

Take out those old t-shirts from your drawers that you just don't want to throw away and transform them into a personalized rug for your room.

The more colorful t-shirts you have, the more colorful your rug will be.



Useful Tips

+ If you're using a variety of colored T-shirts, glue the colors in a random pattern. This will create a nice multicolored effect on the doormat.

+ Prepare all the knotted pieces before you start gluing them to the doormat.

Duration

30–60 minutes

Tools

- + Scissors
- + Hot glue gun

Materials

- + Flat doormat
- + 5–8 old t-shirts

SAFETY FIRST

- + Hot glue guns are generally safe but can eventually cause mild burns even to the most experienced user.
- + Do not attempt to pull the hot glue off the skin, this could cause skin to be removed as well.
- + How to treat a hot glue gun burn: run the affected area under a tap this is running cold water or place the area in a bowl filled with cold water. After at least 10 minutes you can start gently rubbing the area to remove the glue.

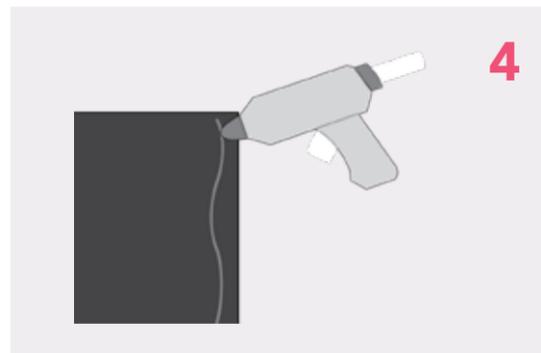
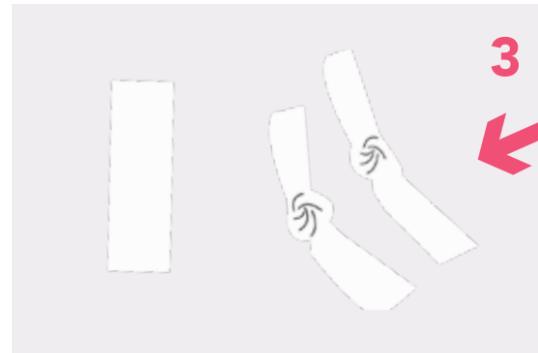
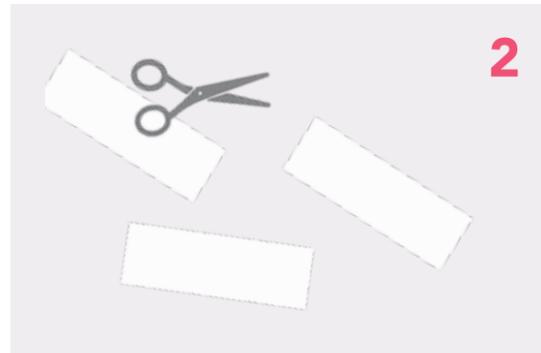
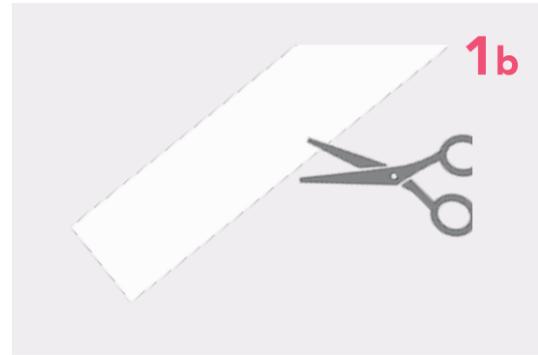
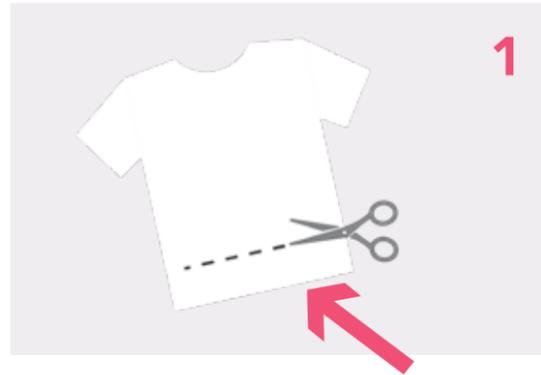
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A thousand threads that tell a story

Is this project for you? Are you into customization and have a collection of old t-shirts?

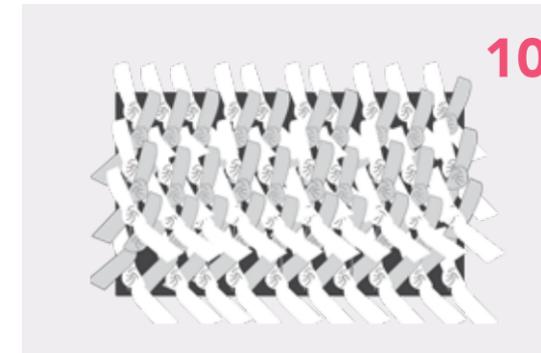
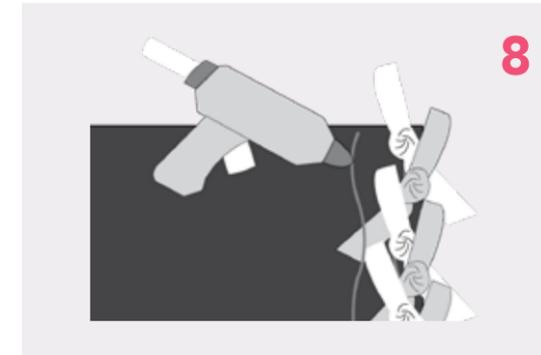
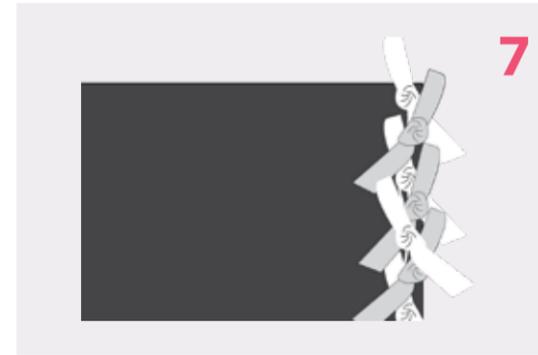




STEP-BY-STEP

1. Starting at the bottom hem of your t-shirt, cut the shirt across into 2 inch strips.
2. Then cut the 2 inch strips into 4-5 inch long sections.
3. Grab each of the long sections and tie a knot into the center of each.

4. Starting from the short side of your doormat, place a small strip of hot glue and stick each knot into the glue.
5. Continue the strip of glue and add more knotted pieces with a distance of 1/2 inch between them.



6. Keep gluing the t-shirt knots in one straight line all the way to the edge of the mat.
7. You now should have one line of t-shirt knots running across both edges of the short side of your mat.

8. Move on to the next row and place a strip of hot glue 1 inch from the previous one.
9. Stick the knots into the glue strip and remember to leave 1/2 inch between each knot.
10. Continue to add glue and knotted sections until the full doormat is covered.

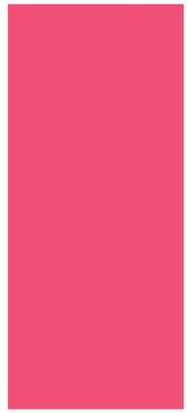
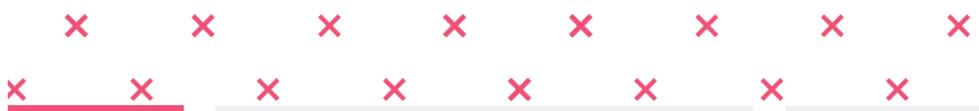


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Max Out Your Room Popsicle Stick Shelves

Think you're too old to be using popsicle sticks for projects? We're going to prove you wrong! This project will have you looking at these humble wooden sticks in a completely different way.

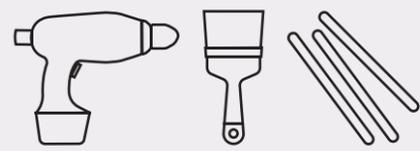




Task

Take out those old t-shirts from your drawers that you just don't want to throw away and transform them into a personalized rug for your room.

The more colorful t-shirts you have, the more colorful your rug will be.



Useful Tips

- + The number of popsicles depends on the desired number, shape, and depth of your shelves. For this project, the shelf depth was around 3 inches deep (17 sticks per side) and total of a 102 sticks used.
- + Tapping the first three popsicles will keep the foundation hexagon perfectly shaped.

Useful Tips

- + All the popsicles need to be as symmetrical as possible when laying them down since you'll be using the previous layer as your main guide. All they need to match.
- + When laying down the second hexagon layer, make sure that each stick you glue is aligned to the one below it.

Duration

15-30 minutes

Tools

- + Wood stain of your choice
- + Hot glue gun
- + Craft brushes (if using gel or liquid wood stain)

Materials

- + 4.5x1 inch popsicle sticks
- + Hexagon shelf template (See page 76)

SAFETY FIRST

- + We hate to say "We told you so," therefore If you do find yourself needing to treat a hot glue gun burn check out our safety tips on page 22.

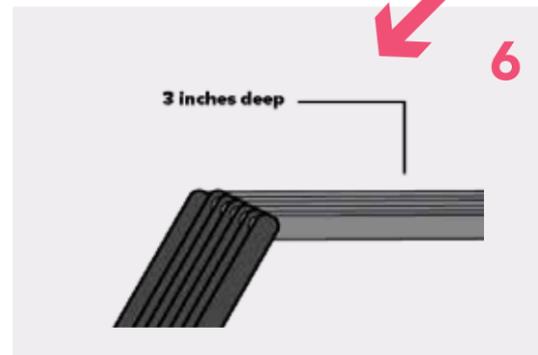
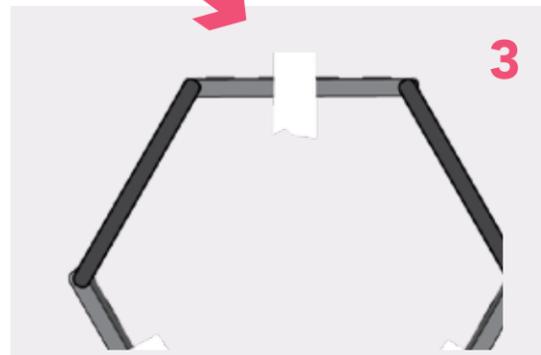
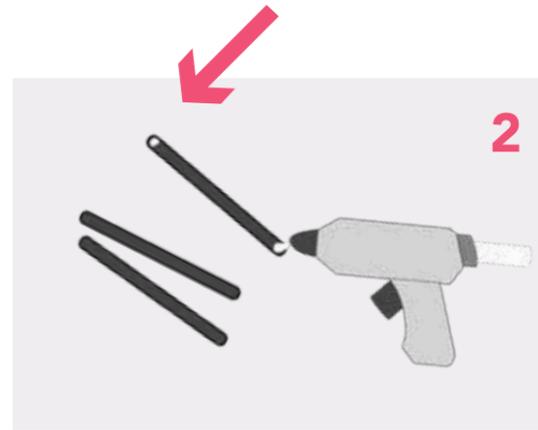
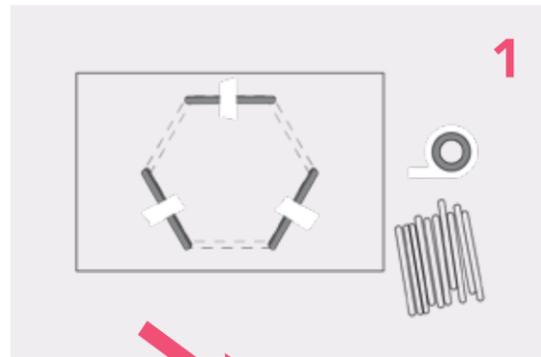
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You're never too old for sweet crafts

Is this project for you? If you enjoy decor and sweet treats, this projects is definitely for you!





STEP-BY-STEP

1. Using the template, lay three popsicle sticks down on the gray colored sides. Tape them so they don't move around.
2. Grab three more sticks and dab a bit of glue near the end of each stick.
3. Glue the new three sticks to the ones already taped to the template. Join them where the ends overlap so that the ends are sitting on top of each other.
4. Once you've glued all them down, you'll have completed your foundation hexagon.



*You're all done!
Let's keep
on Making!*

5. Now remove the tape and template from your work. Lay down your second hexagon, on top of your new foundation, in the same pattern as you did the first.
6. Continue gluing down the next layers until you reach your desired depth of 3 inches deep.
7. Finally, apply craft gel wood stain to the shelf with a brush. Wipe away any excess and let dry.
8. Ta-dá! Your shelf is finished! Place a small flower pot inside it and hang it on the wall.



“Become the woman you want
to be not to please anyone, just
make yourself proud!”
— Source Unknown





04

Light Up Your Life Cassette Tape Lights

This project pays a tribute to music tape, which has become a big symbol of the 1980s generation. The nostalgic feel of this lamp makes it a fun addition to any part of your house or to give as a custom gift.

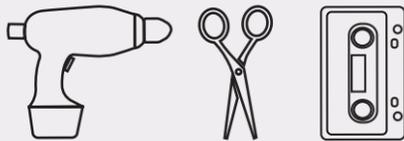




Task

Find some cool looking cassette tapes and put them together to create a lamp.

Take some time to collect tapes of different colors and designs, they will bring out the vintage look and feel in the lamp.



Useful Tips

- + If you're using new cassette tapes, you're going to want to advance the tape. Use a pen to move the tape around.
- + An alternative to tie the tapes down would be to use plastic white cable ties that you can pick up from your local hardware store or even order from Amazon.

Useful Tips

- + Before gluing your bottom tapes to the foam, choose one and pull out just a bit of tape from the bottom hole where the tape passes through. This way you can use the own tape to tie all the other cassette tapes together.

Duration

15–30 minutes

Tools

- + Hot glue gun
- + Scissors

Materials

- + 8 cassette tapes
- + 1 sheet of thick crafting foam
- + LED string lights
- + Frosted glass spray

SAFETY FIRST

- + Hot glue gun burns can be very serious, check out our safety tips on page 22.
- + Always cover your mouth and nose when handling with any type of spray, the fumes can seriously damage your lungs. Use a respirator or a disposable face mask to protect yourself.

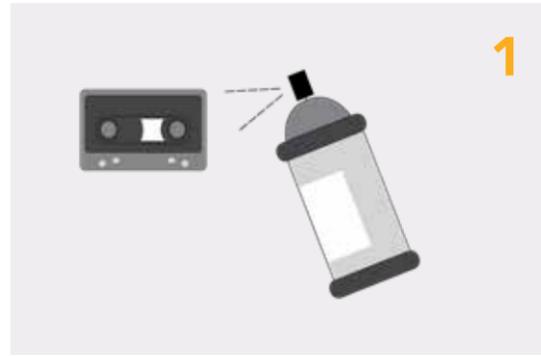
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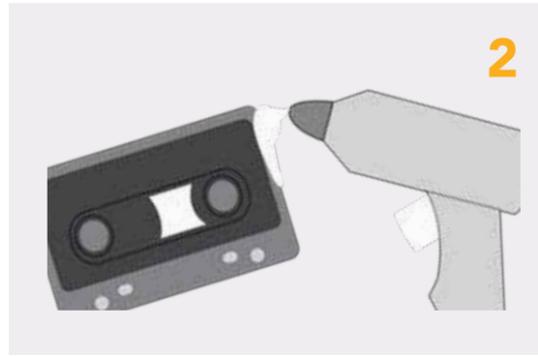
Mixtape Revisited

Is this project for you? Are you into music, pop culture and shiny lights?





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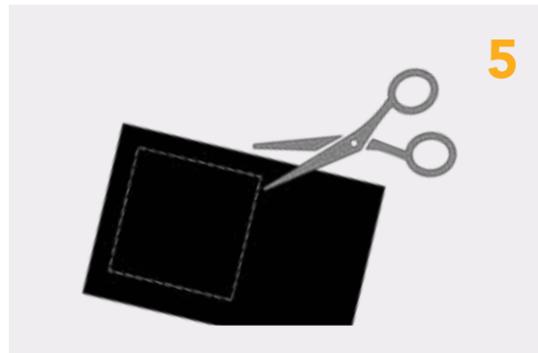
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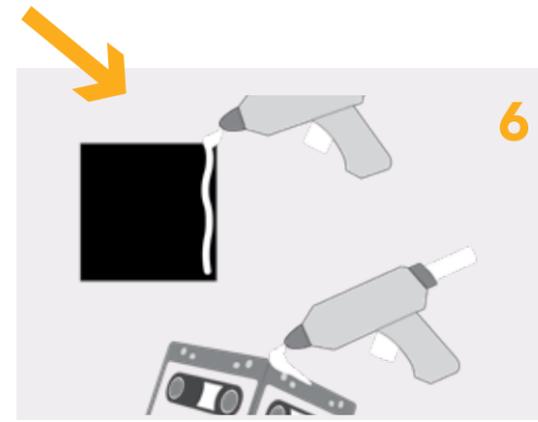
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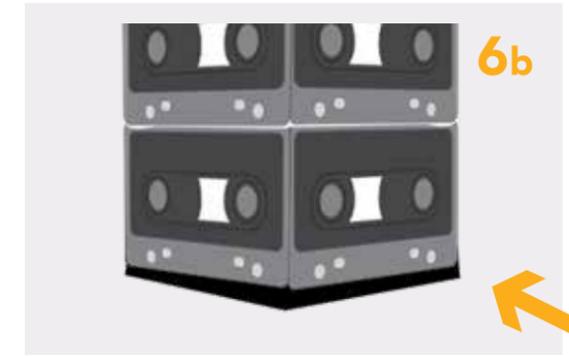
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STEP-BY-STEP

1. Spray one side of the cassette tapes with frosted glass finish.
2. Glue two of the tapes together by placing one on top of the other. Allow the glue to set for 2 minutes then gently press the edges together.
3. Do this until you have four panels, letting the glue to set for 2 minutes each time.
4. Next, glue together the four panels to form a cube. Now is the time to make any adjustments if you feel your cube could be shaped a bit better. Allow the glue to dry for 24-72 hours.



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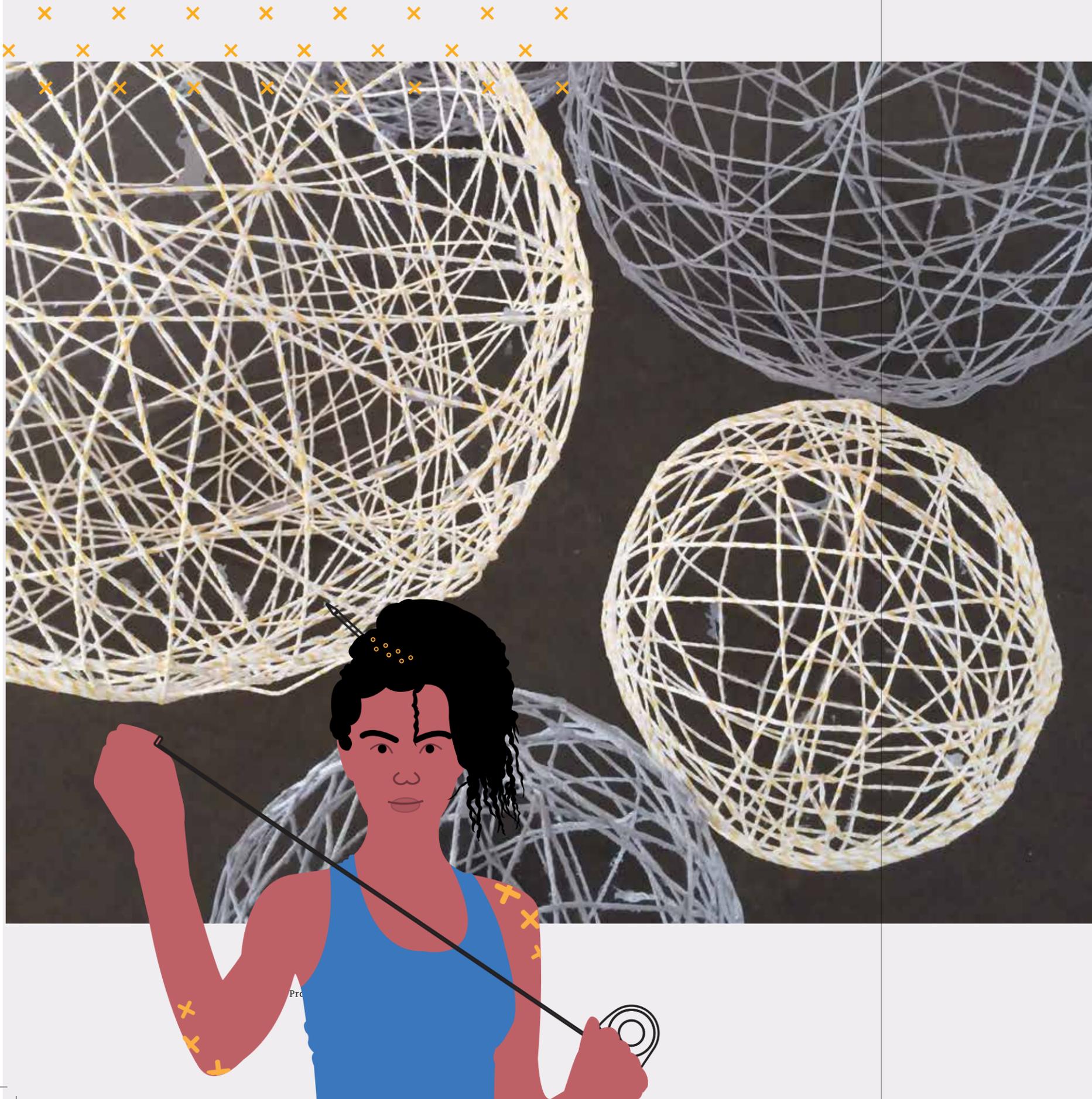


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*You go gir!
The more you
do the better
you get!*

5. Once dry, place the cassettes onto the foam and trace around it, then cut out the base with the help of a scissors.
6. Apply glue to the bottom of the cassettes and around the edge of the foam base. Place your lamp on top of the foam base and press down.
7. Allow the glue to dry.
8. Once you believe your lamp is sturdy enough, place the LED lights inside and enjoy!



05

Light Up Your Life Balloon Twine Lights

Twine has never been this fun! This modern and classy decoration will add light and warmth to any room, on the floor or on the table, or even under your Christmas Tree.





Task

Take those unused balloon packages from your last party and put them to good use.

To create a nice chandelier effect, make many orbs of different sizes and use different colored twines to mix things up.



Useful Tips

- + Don't blow up the balloon too much or it will shape like a pear rather than a sphere.
- + Stretching the balloon before you start blowing it may help you get a better rounder shape.
- + Use a needle to slowly deflate the balloon instead of just popping it with the scissors.

Useful Tips

- + Covering the balloon with plastic wrap will help you retrieve it once it's deflated and also prevents the hardening mixture to stick to the twine.
- + Rotate the sphere when pouring the Mod Podge so it can be covered evenly.

Duration

30 min-24 hours

Tools

- + Foam Brush
- + Scissors
- + Needle
- + Pencil
- + Large bucket to dip your sphere in

Materials

- + Twine
- + Balloons
- + Mod Podge
- + Elastic Band
- + LED string lights

SAFETY FIRST

- + Pay attention to your fingers whenever using scissors, it sounds dumb, but you'd be surprised by how many people cut their fingers with common house scissors.
- + Always be aware of where you placed your needle to avoid any unnecessary injury.

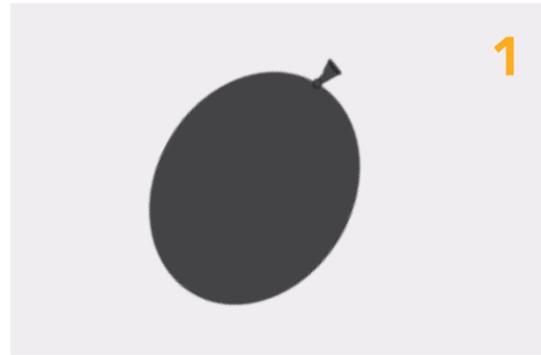
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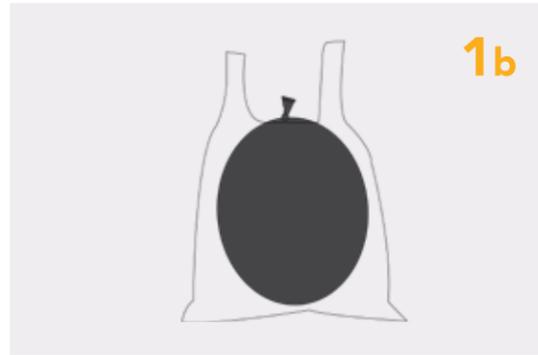
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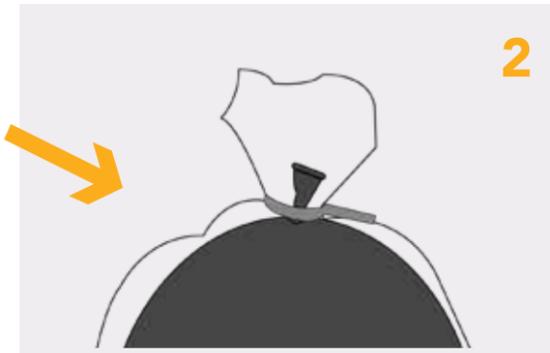




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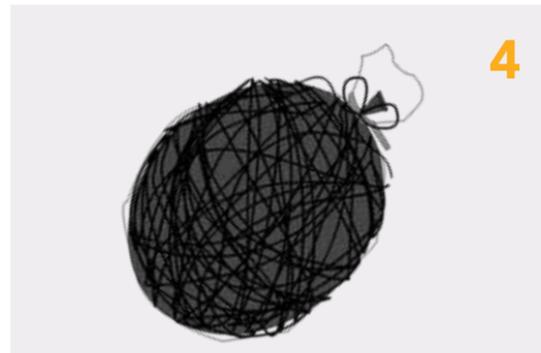
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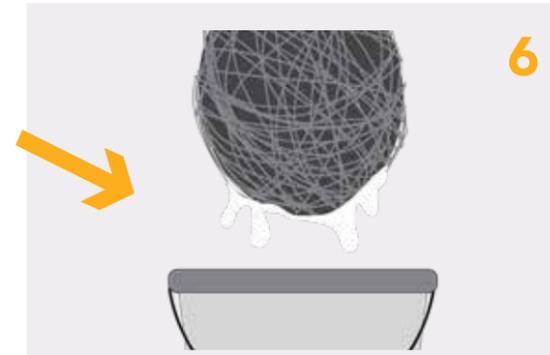


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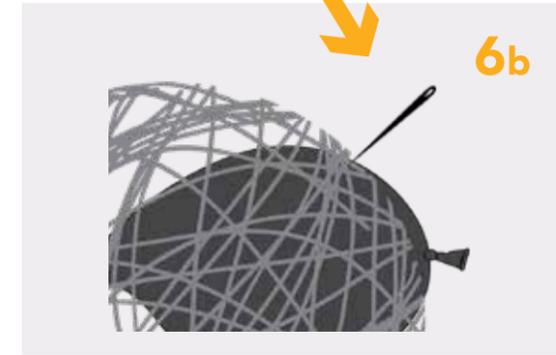
STEP-BY-STEP

1. Blow up the balloon to the desired size and cover it with plastic wrap.
2. Secure the plastic wrap on the neck of the balloon with an elastic band. Tie it loosely.
3. Next, grab the twine and tie a loop knot also to the neck of the balloon.

4. Start wrapping the twine around the balloon, moving in all directions and making sure there are no large gaps left anywhere.
5. Place your balloon inside the bucket and start pouring Mod Podge over it. Make sure it sinks into the balloon and covers it completely.



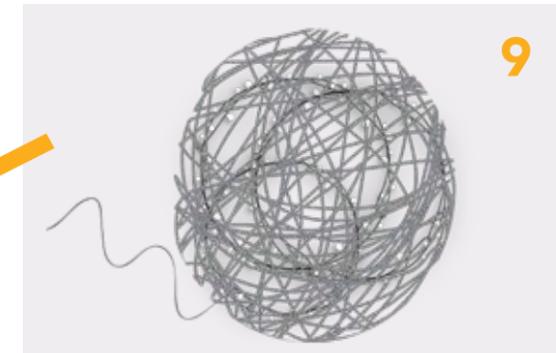
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Wow, look at you!
You're on a roll,
Keep it up!



6. Now find a place to hang your sphere and place the bucket under it to collect any leaking residue.
7. Wait for about 24 hours for your sphere to dry and poke it with a needle.
8. Use the eraser side of a pencil to free any bit of

- wrapping paper that might have gotten stuck to the twine.
9. Gently remove the wrapping and the deflated balloon. Insert the string LED lights inside the sphere.
10. Turn on the lights, and enjoy!

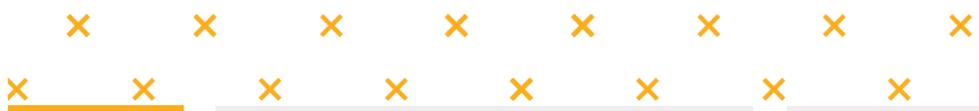


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Light Up Your Life Cloud Lamp

This project will bring a thunderstorm right into your bedroom! A cheap, quick and simple to make cloud lamp that you can hang anywhere. To help you daydream or simply to set a mood.

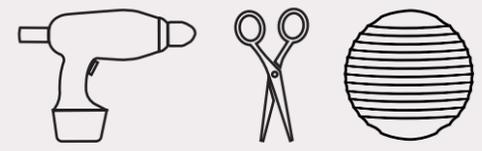




Task

Re-use some common paper lanterns and turn them into an awesome cloud lamp.

The bigger the cloud, the more paper lanterns you'll need to get a dramatic effect.



Useful Tips

- + An alternative for using cotton would be to use Batting which is stuffing you can buy from at craft or fabric stores.
- + You can always fluff out your clouds to make them look fuller.

Useful Tips

- + Try connecting all your LED string lights together so you only have to plug in one of them into the wall.
- + You can either do a big cloud by using only one large lantern or use different sizes of lanterns to add layers and make your cloud like more realistic.

Duration

30-60 minutes

Tools

- + Hot glue gun
- + Scissors
- + Ladder

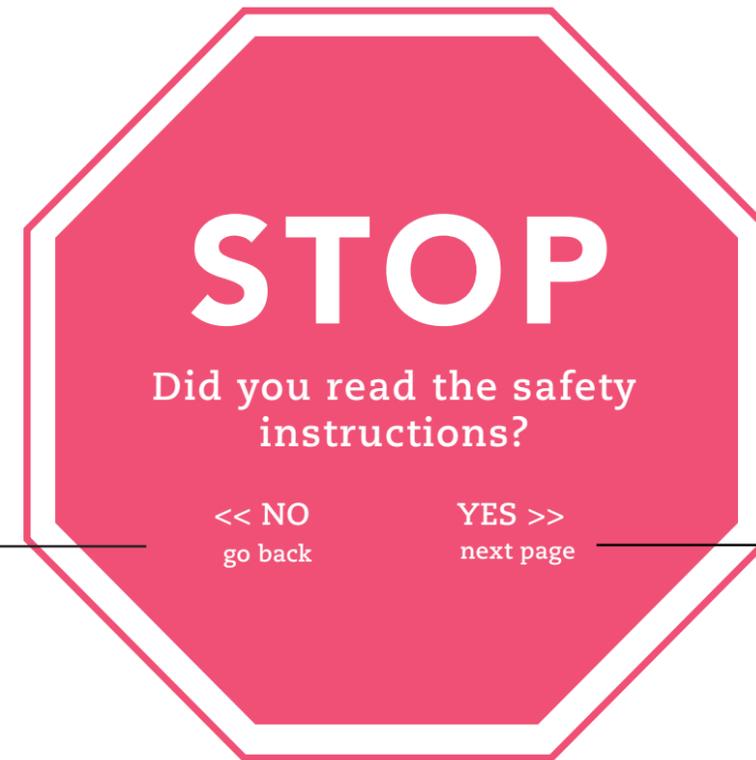
Materials

- + Different sizes of paper lanterns
- + Fishing line
- + Cotton
- + LED string lights
- + Thumbtacks

SAFETY FIRST

- + We don't want to sound repetitive about our warning for hot glue guns, so check just go ahead and out page 22.
- + There's a small chance fishing line can actually hurt you, but keep in mind that when it's stretched out and enough pressure is applied it can cut you pretty bad.

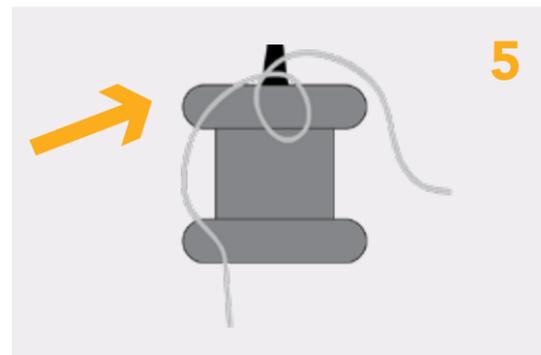
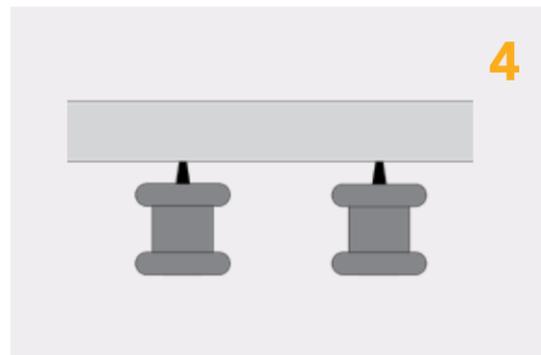
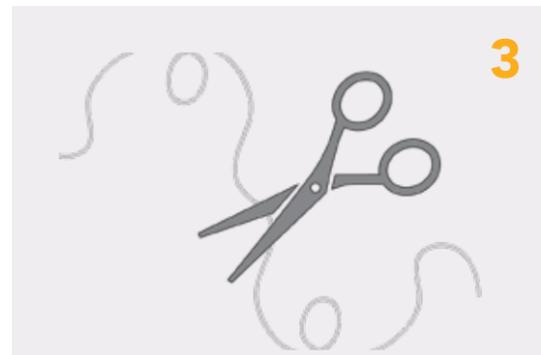
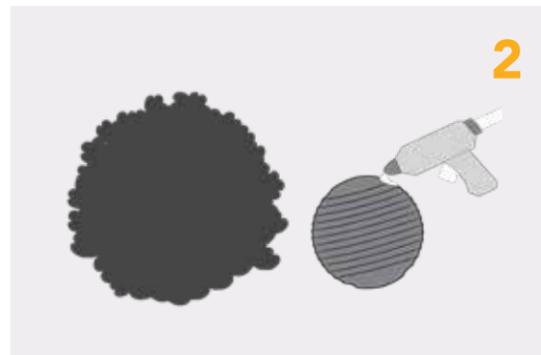
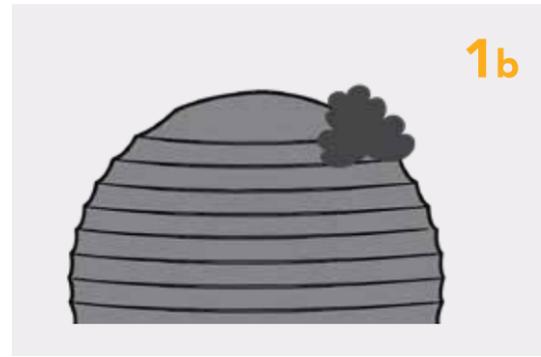
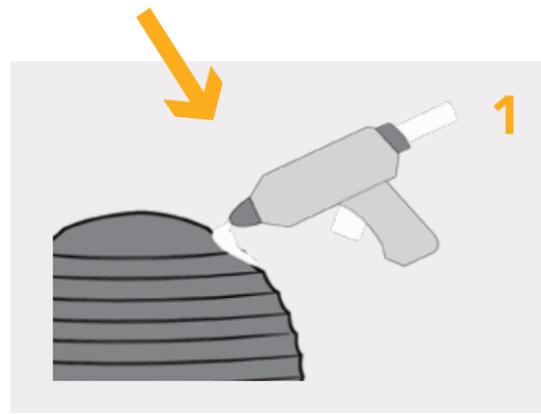
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Head Up in The Clouds

Is this project for you? Do you like unusual shapes, dramatic lights and lightning storms?





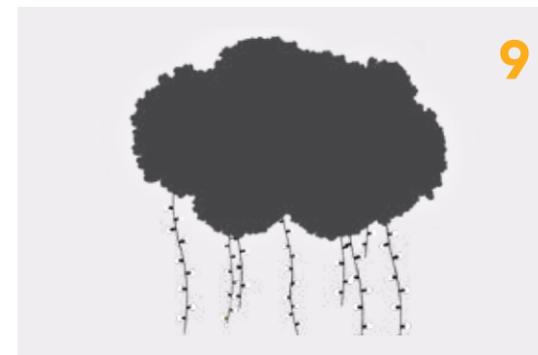
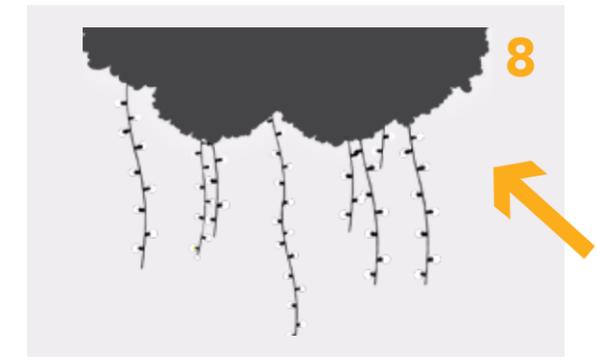
STEP-BY-STEP

1. Start applying hot glue onto one of the lanterns. Take your cotton and attach it to the glue.
2. Once you've covered one lantern with cotton, repeat the steps and start working on your second lantern.
3. Now that you've fully covered both lanterns
4. Set up your ladder next to the wall you've chosen to hang your lights. Place two thumbtacks on the ceiling.
5. Tie one end of your fishing line with a knot

with cotton, cut two pieces of fishing line to the desired length to hang from the ceiling.

4. Set up your ladder next to the wall you've chosen to hang your lights. Place two thumbtacks on the ceiling.

5. Tie one end of your fishing line with a knot



around the base of one thumbtack. Do the same for the second string and thumbtack.

6. Next, tie the hanging ends of both your lines to the tops of your lanterns.

7. Tie each ball individually and adjust the length as you wish.

8. Finally, place your LED lights on top of the lanterns and pull through the base.

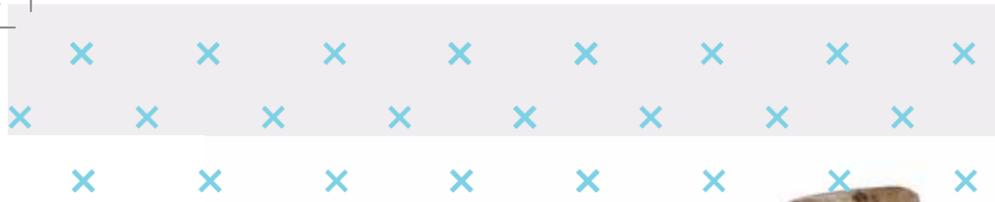
9. Plug your lights in and now you have your own personal thunder clouds.



“The power you have is to be the best version of yourself you can be, so you can create a better world.”

— Ashley Rickards (American Actress)



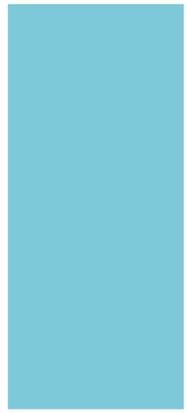


07

Add Some Flare Custom Slingshot

Slingshots have always been synonymous with nostalgic toys and outdoor play, but we are adding an extra twist to them. Make your own customized, confetti throwing, candy catching, note passing slingshot.

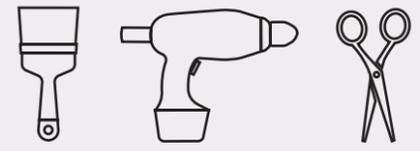




Task

Make your own slingshot out of y-shape branches or twigs you come across.

Be creative and use your slingshot for any fun activity you can think of, just don't use it to harm anyone or anything.



Useful Tips

- + For bright color, you'll need to apply a couple of paint coats to your branch.
- + You can use the painter's tape to make different styles, like horizontal stripes, chevron pattern, etc.

Useful Tips

- + The slingshot pouch can be made out of leather, vinyl or fabric of your choice. All these can be found in an art craft store.
- + Allow your paint layers to dry fully or else the painter's tape might pull the paint off.

Duration

30–60 minutes

Tools

- + Hot glue gun
- + Scissors
- + Paint Brushes

Materials

- + Y-shaped branch
- + Craft paint and twine
- + Thick rubber bands
- + Painter's tape
- + Small leather piece
- + Clear polyurethane

SAFETY FIRST

- + Glue is usually safe and boring, but hot glue can cause serious burn injuries! If you end up burning yourself check out page 22.
- + Don't lose your thumbs! Always pay extra attention when using scissors.

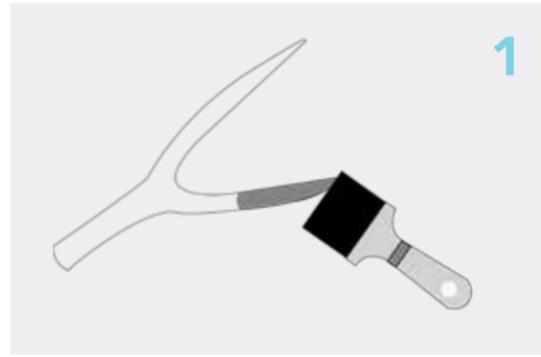
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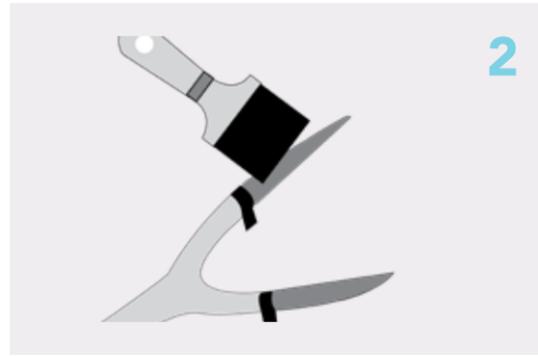
Retro Toy Revival

Is this project for you? Do you like unusual shapes, dramatic lights and lightning storms?

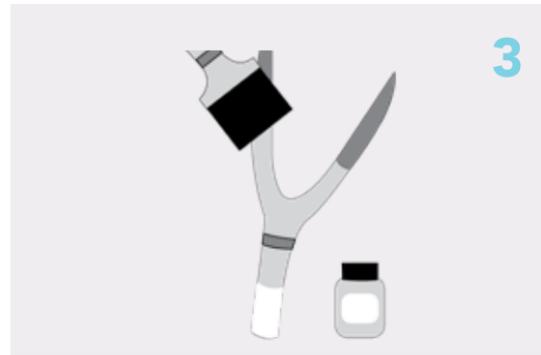




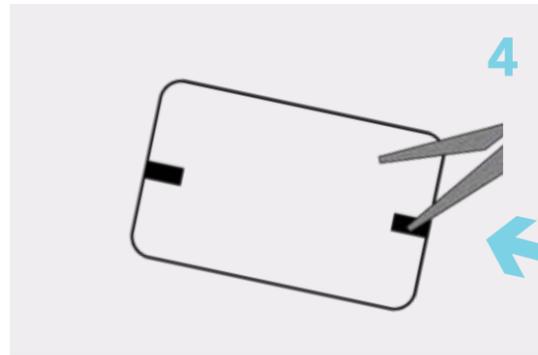
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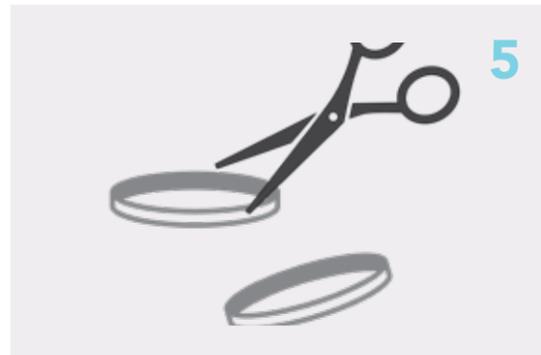
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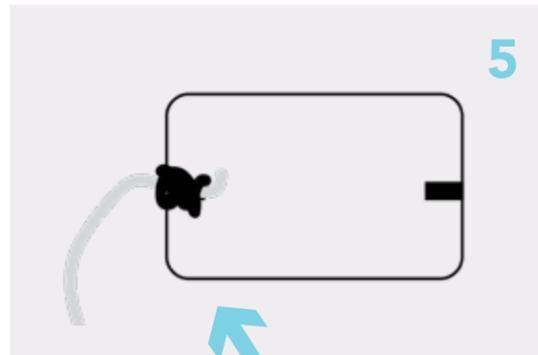
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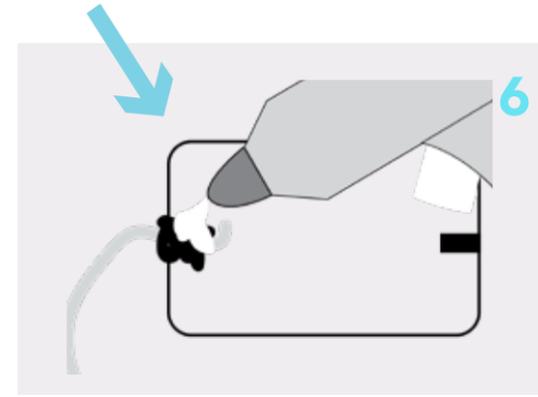


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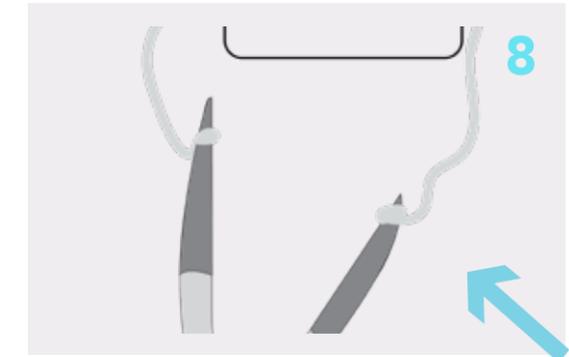
STEP-BY-STEP

1. Starting from the top of your branch, paint the first layer of your chosen color. Let it dry for a few minutes.
2. Use painter's tape and mark off where the next color will start. Paint the next layer that color.
3. Repeat the steps until you've fully *glammed up*

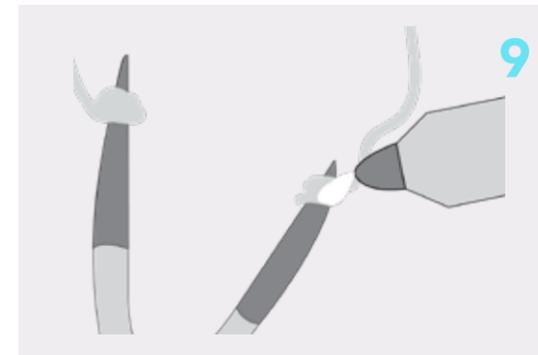
- your slingshot. Once done, add one coat of Mod Podge to seal the paint and prevent chipping.
4. Cut the leather piece into a small rectangle (this will be your pouch) and make one slit on both sides for the rubber bands to go through.
5. Cut 2 rubber bands so that they are each one



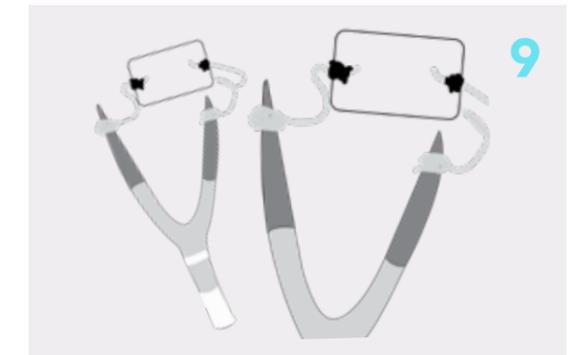
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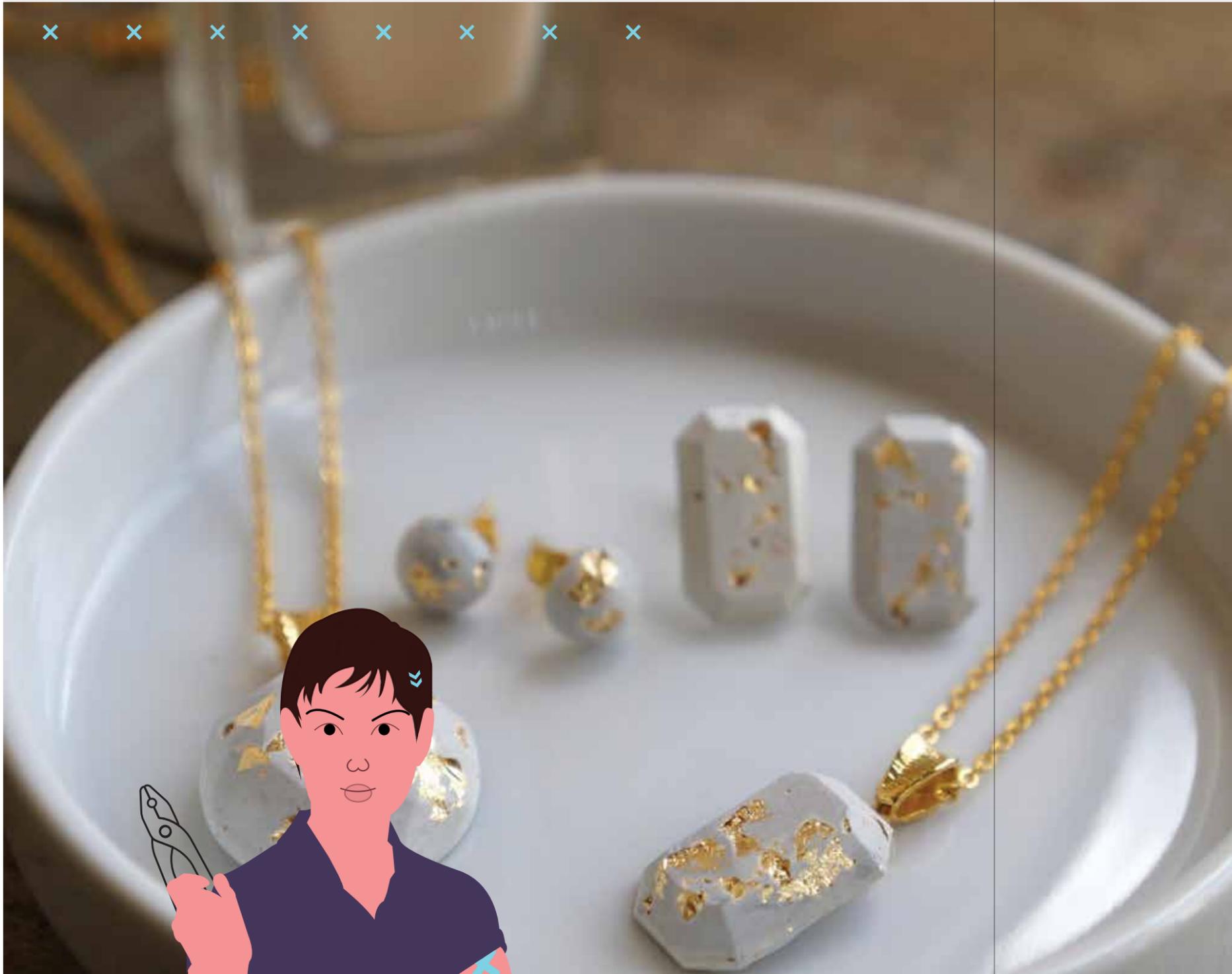
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Nothing can stop you now! Keep on going, girl!

- long piece. String one end through the slit of your leather pouch and tie a knot.
6. Wrap twine around the area that the rubber band connects to the pouch. Add hot glue to the twine for a clean polished look and let it dry.

- Repeat for the other end of the rubber band.
7. Now wrap the untied ends of the rubber band to the slingshot and tie a knot. Again wrap twine and secure it with hot glue.
8. Grab any filler of your choice and sling away!

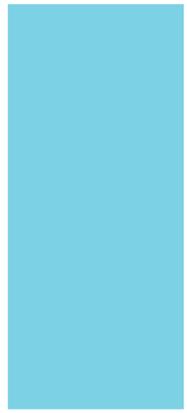


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Add Some Flare Concrete Necklace

Add some quick drying cement to your favorite mold and soon you've got a light-weight and edgy new necklace. This piece will give you the thrill of wearing something you've created with your own hands.

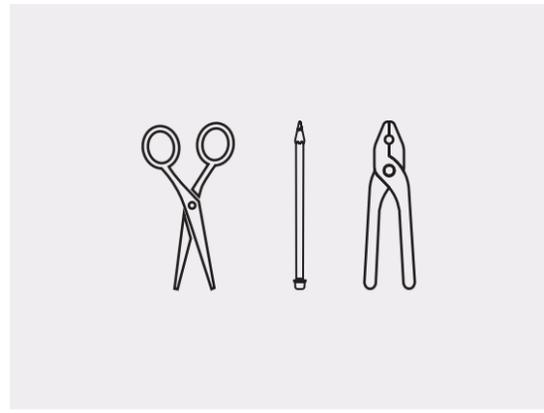




Task

Make your own simple but powerful concrete Statement Jewelry.

Finding interesting molds to use as your necklace base is key. Release your creativity and craft a unique piece that shows who you are.



Useful Tips

- + Jump rings are used in many different jewelry projects, their basic use is to connect two pieces together.
- + You can purchase Hobbycrete Concrete Mix on-line on Etsy. You can also either go to Lowes or your local hardware store and buy a quick concrete mix.

Useful Tips

- + The cord end, jump rings and head pins are all jewelry pieces that can be purchased on Etsy or your local craft store.
- + Add water to your mix first
- + An alternative: if you wish you can use only one cord end and jump ring and even add gold leaf as a detail to your pendant. There are so many options! Be creative!!

Duration

15 min-24 hours

Tools

- + Pliers
- + Scissors
- + Paint Brush
- + Super Glue

Materials

- + Concrete Mix
- + Necklace chain
- + Gemstone Mould
- + Cord end and Jump ring
- + Two head pins
- + Plastic container

SAFETY FIRST

- + Always wear gloves when handling concrete mix and try to avoid contact with skin.
- + Wear a disposable face mask so you're not breathing in the concrete mix for long periods of time.
- + Try not to super glue your fingers together, but if that happens soak the area in warm, soapy water. Carefully peel or roll the skin apart gently and slowly. DO NOT PULL APART.
- + Once again, don't cut yourself with scissors.

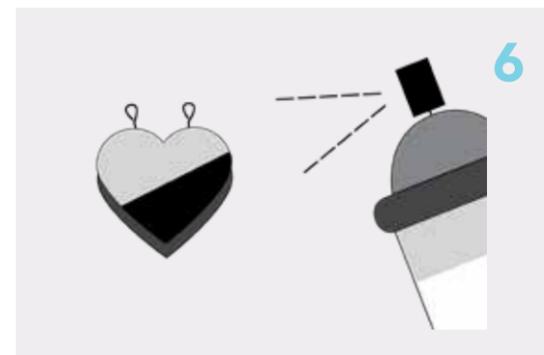
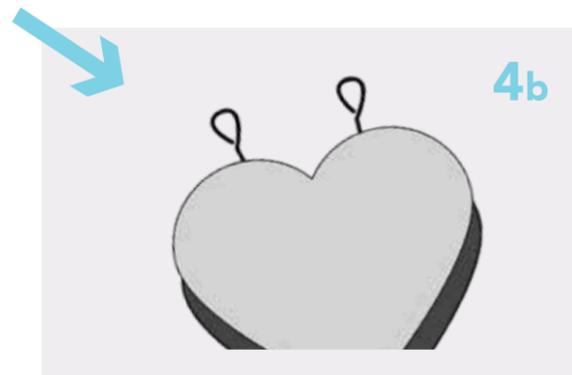
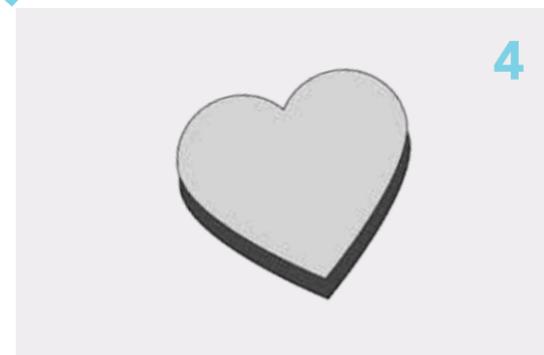
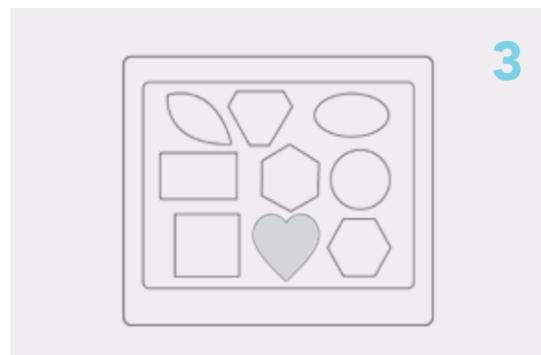
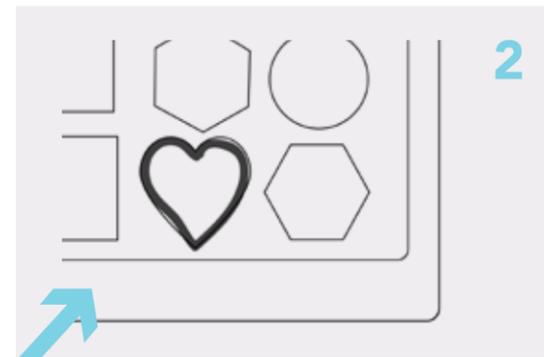
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Rock it out

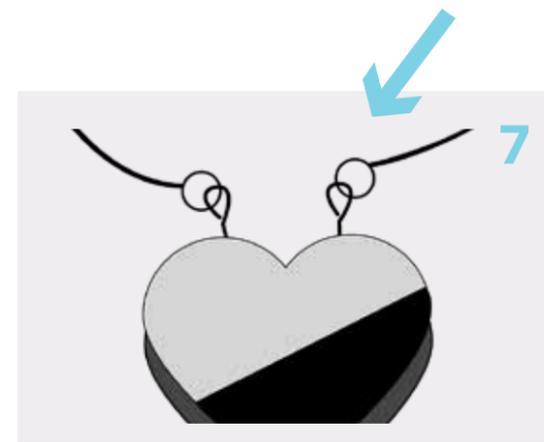
Is this project for you? Do like jewelry, textures, and unique objects?





STEP-BY-STEP

1. Follow the concrete mix package instructions to make the mix until you have a thick, liquid consistency.
2. Rub a thin layer of Vaseline over the mould.
3. Now pour in the concrete mix, filling up the entire shape.
4. Wait approximately 15-20 minutes and remove your pendant from the mould. Push your two head pins through the top of the pendant, allowing 1/2 inch to poke out from the top.
5. Leave your pendant out to dry in a warm place for 12 – 24 hours.



You're almost at the finish line!
Don't stop now!

6. You can customize your pendant as you like by adding color with a paint brush or spray.
7. Once dry attach the pendant to the jump ring and then to a chain.
8. Wear with pride or give it to a friend for Valentine's Day, birthday or just as a gift. It's nice to surprise the ones closest to us.



09

Add Some Flare Dinosaur Tray

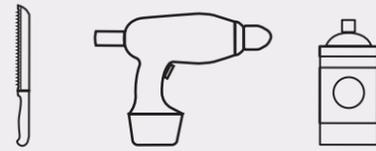
A place store your jewelry, hold your cards or even just to eat cookies from, this clever project is simple to make and will bring a smile to anyone who sees it. Just be creative and remember that being silly sometimes is okay and can be super fun.



Task

Recycle old toys and melamine plates from your toddler days and transform them into a useful and awesome looking tray.

The concept can be easily applied to other playful creatures as well: Bunnies for Easter, owls and black cats for Halloween, or even reindeer for Christmas.



Useful Tips

- + Curing time refers to the amount of time it takes something to fully cure, in this case for the glue to settle.
- + Take your time choosing the plastic creature you'll use, it needs to be sturdy and balanced.

Useful Tips

- + Touch up any glued area right after its been attached with a damp paper towel.
- + When placing the dinosaur's head to the plate, eyeball it from the side and front to make sure it's centered in the right spot.
- + Avoid drips and get full coverage by spraying one coat every 20 minutes

Duration

2-3 days (curing time)

Tools

- + A serrated knife (bread knife)
- + Super Glue

Materials

- + Plastic dinosaur
- + Melamine plate
- + Sand paper
- + Adhesive
- + Spray paint
- + Parchment paper

SAFETY FIRST

- + Be aware of the sharpness of a serrated knife and the position of your fingers when using it so you don't cut yourself.
- + Keep your gloves on when also handling Super Glue, we don't want you to super glue yourself! Check out our instructions on how to handle a super glue injury on page 62.
- + Always cover your mouth and nose when handling any type of spray, the fumes can seriously damage your lungs. Check out our safety tips on page 38.

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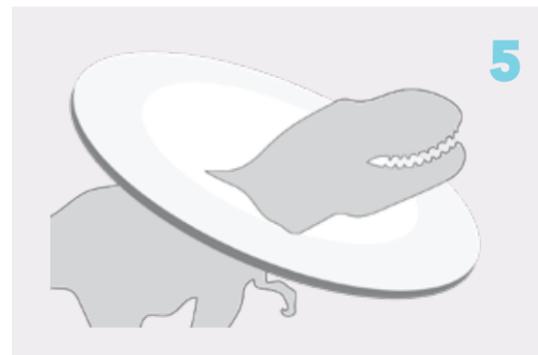
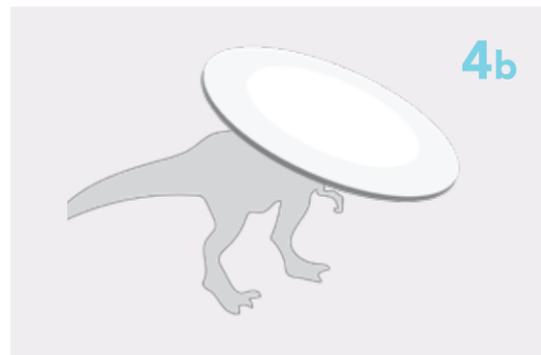
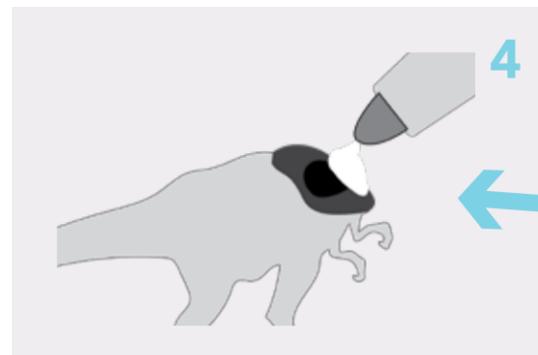
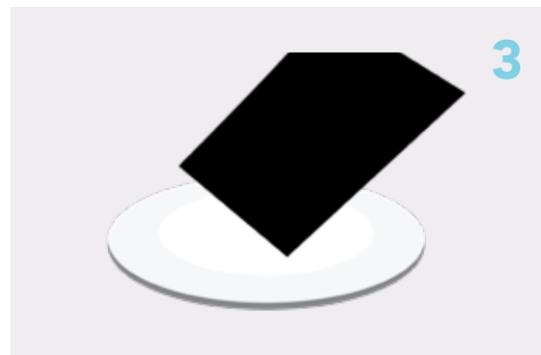
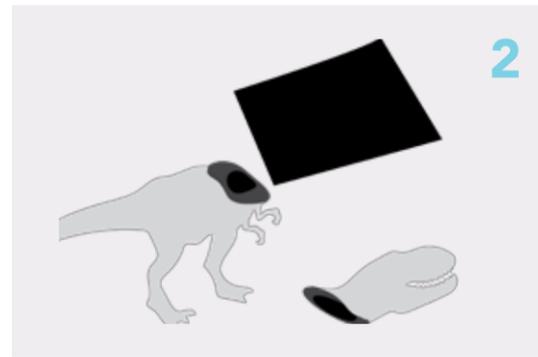
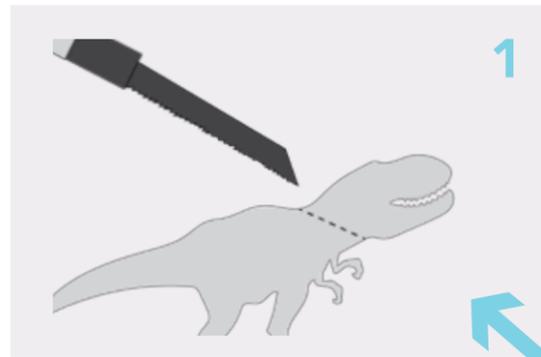
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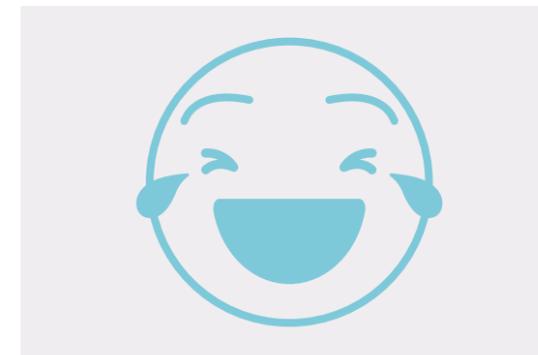
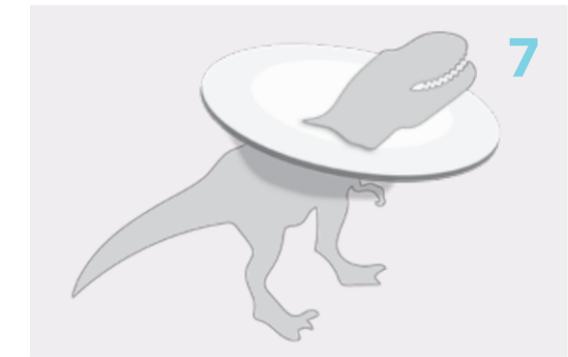
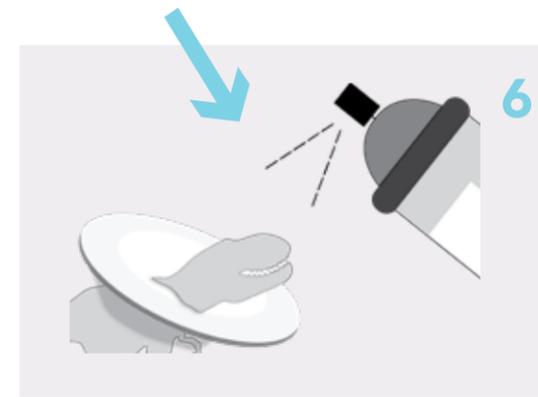
Some Jurassic silliness

Is this project for you? Are you into dinosaurs toys and enjoy a good being silly?



STEP-BY-STEP

1. Use the serrated knife to cut off the dinosaur's head just above the shoulders. Try to make a level cut.
2. Use sandpaper to smooth the edges of the cut piece, both head and shoulders.
3. Still holding the sandpaper, lightly sand the surface of the plate on the bottom and top where you'll attach the dinosaur.
4. Apply Super Glue to the cut Dino shoulders and the area of the plate you'll attach him to. Glue both pieces and let it sit (cure) for 24 hours.



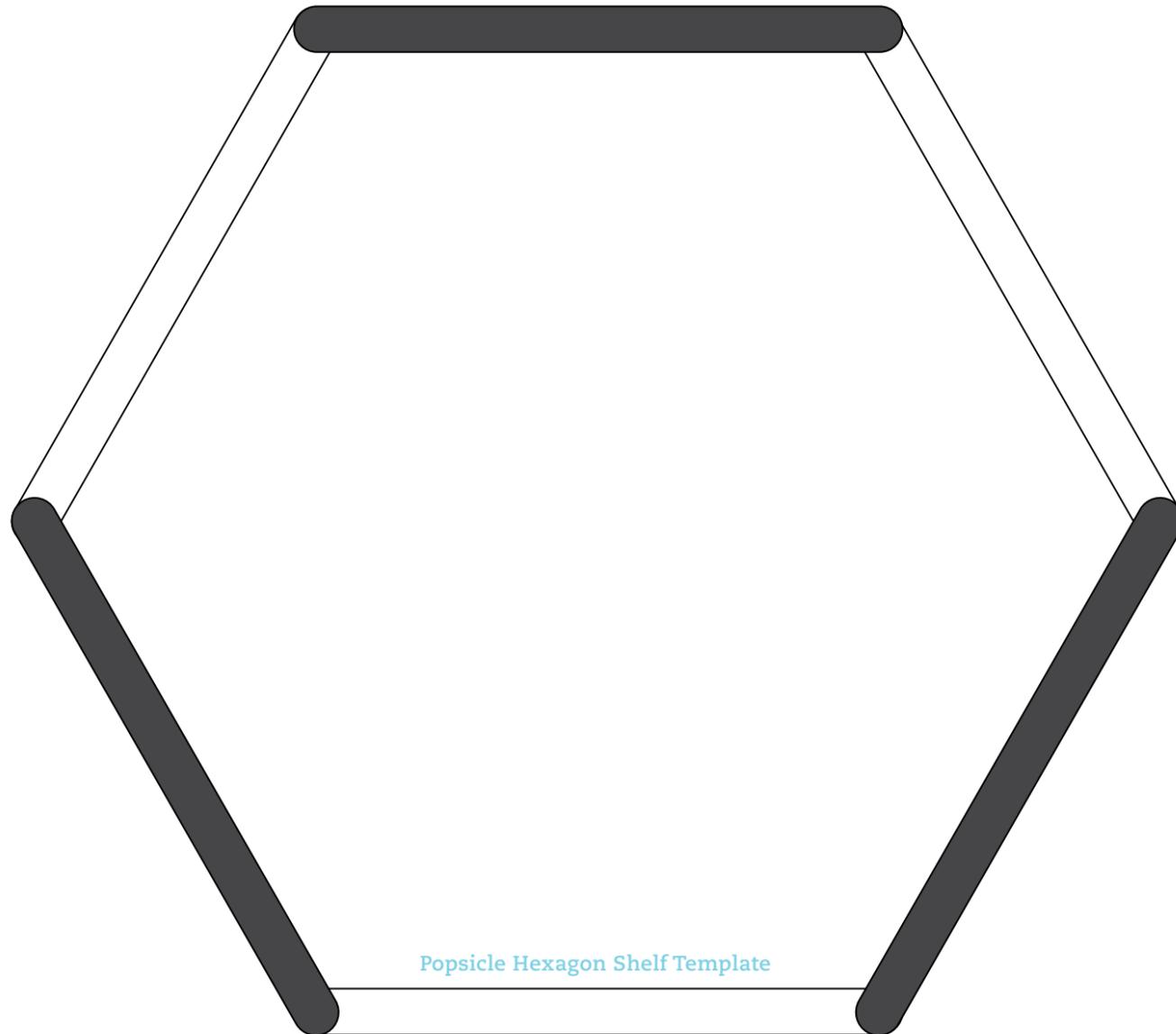
Congratulations gorgeous! You're finished everything!

5. Once the body and plate have dried and cured, grab the dinosaur's head and attach to the plate. Make any necessary touch ups and allow to cure for another 24 hours.
6. After it's completely dry, spray paint from all angles and underneath.
7. Let it dry for a final time and once it's done, place it anywhere you like. It will definitely draw attention to itself.



APPENDIX

- + Popsicle Hexagon Shelf Template
(original project on page 24)



Popsicle Hexagon Shelf Template

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"Watch !"

Me!