

# DIY HOME DECOR



## Paper Craft Decorating Ideas for Your Home



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Letter from the Editor

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Dear Paper Crafters,

You are about to discover how versatile paper can be. In this eBook, *DIY Home Decor: 11 Paper Craft Decorating Ideas for Your Home*, we have collected the most incredible pieces of DIY home decor made with paper. Inside this eBook, you will find DIY wall decor, DIY tabletop decor, and organizing ideas for your home. The type of projects in this eBook range from upcycling old books, like the Book Lover's Letter Box (p. 26), to amazing quilled picture frames, like the Fabulous Filigree Photo Frame (p. 5), and everything in between.

With these 11 paper projects, there really is something for everyone. These home decorating ideas will work for your living room, kitchen, bedroom, or children's bed or play rooms. In fact, we have some fantastic kid-friendly paper decorating ideas that they are sure to love. Some of these DIY home decor projects are simple and some are more complex. However, they all have one thing in common: they are all stunning paper crafts that we think would be the perfect additions to your current home decor.

Happy crafting!

Sincerely,

*The Editors of AllFreePaperCrafts*

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## Wall Decor Ideas

### Fabulous Filigree Photo Frame

By: [Suzy from Suzy's Artsy-Craftsy Sitcom](#)

This Fabulous Filigree Photo Frame may look like it weighs a ton, but the secret to keeping this piece of home decor on your wall is in the materials. Though the elaborate curlicues appear to be made out of metal, they're actually crafted from toilet paper rolls. This DIY photo frame is a lovely, lightweight alternative to displaying your favorite pictures in bulky frames. Not only are toilet paper roll crafts good for the environment, they're also good for your wallet. Skip the store and save some money by making your own photo frame out of recyclable materials.



#### Materials:

- 4 dollar store picture frames in 4" x 6"
- About 20 toilet paper tubes
- 2 3/8"-wide wood dowels about 36"-long
- White gloss spray paint
- Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Hot glue gun

## Instructions:

1. Take the frames apart, separating the glass and cardboard backing from the actual frame. Then lay the frames out upside down, lining up the tops of the two top frames and separating them by 3" from each other and the two frames below them.
2. Once they are laid out the way you want them, cut the dowels to hot glue on the backs of the frames. This is for basic support. Cut four dowels and glue them down across the tops and bottoms of all four frames, and then cut two longer dowels to overlap lengthwise over the inside edges of the frames. This creates a center square (be sure not to cover up the frame area so that you can put the photos in).



3. Carefully turn your piece over. It will be fragile at this moment, but as you add the filigree, it will become much stronger.
4. Now cut the toilet paper tubes once lengthwise, and then mark 1/4" lines along the width of the tube so that your strips will have a curl. It helps to cut up all the toilet paper tubes, creating a pile of paper curls to work with. Set aside one toilet paper tube to cut in 1/4"-strips lengthwise to use for occasional straight pieces.
5. Start with the centerpiece, creating a flower. Create the petals by coiling strips around the end of a paintbrush, gluing it with tacky glue and then pinching each end. Coil the center of the flower around the end of the paintbrush and then glue. Create the outer petals by pinching the center of the curl and gluing the ends in place. Glue the flower together and allow it to dry.



6. Since the dowels raise the frames about a 1/4" above the table, add a circle of paper curls in the center section to help support the center flower. Then glue the flower on top, centering it within the center square.



7. The filigree pattern that holds the frames together was created as it went along. Once a pattern is established on one side, recreate the pattern on the opposite side.



8. The simplest way to do this is to curl your paper to match a finished section, and then flip it over to place on the opposite side. This makes for a relatively even pattern.





9. Be sure to glue to the frames as you go. Once the project is complete, it is amazingly sturdy.
10. A final touch for the center flower to give it a little 3-D effect, add center petals. Cut one of the coils in an angled fashion. Curl it with your fingers and glue into the center edges of the flower.



11. The final step is paint. This frame uses white gloss spray paint. Coat the frames and filigree thoroughly. Let dry.



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## Faux Brass Wall Clock Decor

By: [Suzy from Suzy's Artsy-Craftsy Sitcom](#)

You don't have to spend a ton of money on a wall clock to make your office look classy. By the time you finish this Faux Brass Wall Clock Decor, you'll hardly believe that the stunning filigree around the clock started out as several dozen cardboard tubes. Pick up a simple, inexpensive clock for the focal point of the project and let the details of this piece of DIY home decor do the rest. People who drop by your office will hardly be able to keep their eyes off this bold piece timepiece.



### Materials:

- Inexpensive plastic clock
- About 30 toilet paper tubes
- One cereal box
- Number decals
- One sheet of scrapbooking paper
- Antique brass metallic spray paint
- Hot glue gun

### Instructions:

1. Start by removing the plastic cover from the clock and cutting up the toilet paper rolls. Cut them lengthwise, fold them open, and then cut them into approximately 1/4"-strips. For this project, they were not measured for exact width for variety of depth or a more textured look.
2. For larger curls, use the hot glue gun to glue two strips together before each curl is made. Then simply curl them around a wooden dowel to create the curls and then glue them onto the sides of the clock.



3. Keep gluing spirals around the clock, layering them a bit as you work closer to the clock. This project is all about texture.



4. For the larger spirals around the outside edges, cut strips of a cereal box and then coil them just as with the toilet paper tubes.

5. To ready it for painting, remove the clock hands and the paper that covers the face of the clock.



6. Take it outside for a good coating of antique brass metallic paint until covered thoroughly. It took nearly two cans of paint for this project. This finished clock is 3-1/2 feet in diameter and has tons of nooks and crannies that needed covered. Let your frame dry, but make sure to keep it away from sunlight and heat.



7. Use the old clock face as a template to cut out a new one out of scrapbooking paper. Then use number decals for the numbers. Replace plastic on clock if you desire.





## Paper Flag Bunting

By: [Carrie from Dream Green DIY](#)

Bunting is a quick and simple way to brighten up any room. You can add bunting to your home with ease by making this Paper Flag Bunting. You'll only need a few materials for this quick and easy DIY paper craft. Check out the tutorial to see how you can make your own bunting in any colors of your choice. Homemade decorations are a great way to revamp the look of a room without having to spend a lot of money. Make this inexpensive paper bunting in a variety of colors to decorate every room in your home.



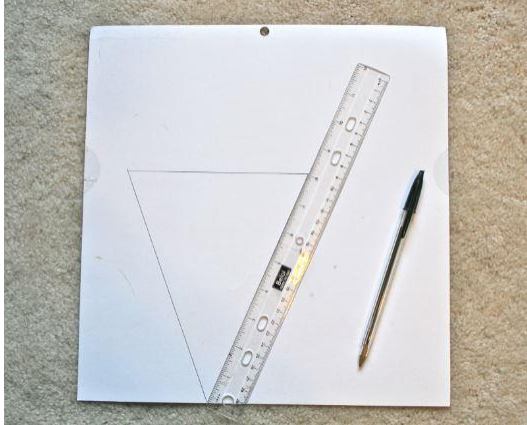
### Materials:

- Scrapbooking paper
- Thick cardstock or thin cardboard (for template)
- Twine
- Wooden clothespins
- Pen
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun

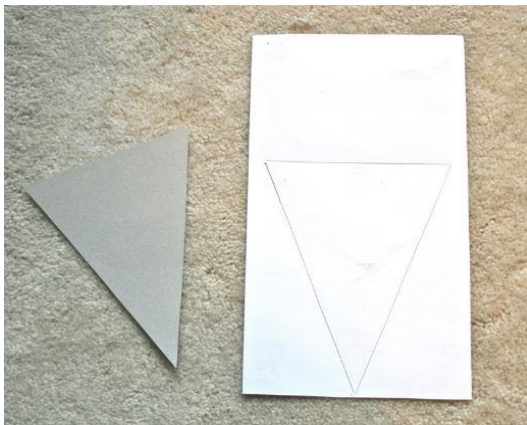


## Instructions:

1. To make a flag template, use the ruler as a straightedge and measure or eyeball it. The top of the flag was shorter than the two sides. It's not exactly perfect, but it doesn't really need it to be. Cut the template out.



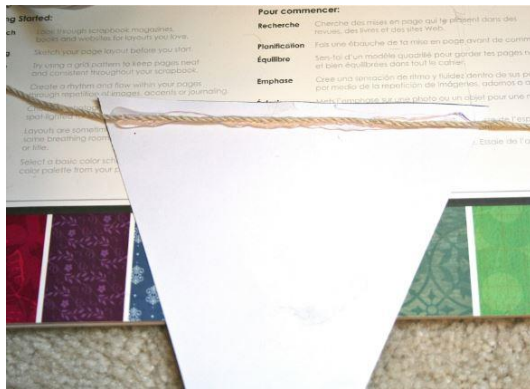
2. Flip the scrapbook paper over and use the pen to draw around the template. Then cut it out.



3. Using the scrapbooking paper and template, cut out a dozen or so more, depending on how long you want the bunting to be. Use different scrapbook paper patterns for variety and color.



- Attach them to some kind of a string. To continue the organic, garden-y feel of the piece, use plain natural twine. To attach the paper flags, flip the flags over, run a thin line of hot glue at the top, and gently settle the twine into the gooey adhesive.



- Using the ruler to measure out approximately an inch, grab the next paper flag and run another line of hot glue at the top and attach that to the twine, and continue doing so until all the flags are attached to the twine.



- To finish off the bunting, clip a wooden clothespin to the center of each paper flag. It obviously serves more of a decorative purpose since the hot glue is what actually holds the flag to the line but, again, it's that little styling that gives it a casual look.

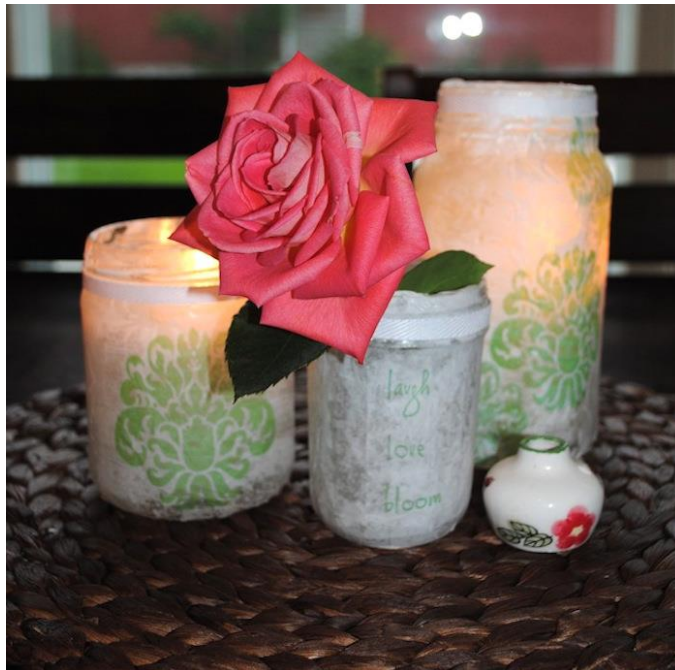


## DIY Table Decorations

### Fancy Pretty Decouped Jar Lanterns

By: [Aimee for Mod Podge Rocks](#)

Grab some tissue paper and your favorite stamped image and make the Fancy Pretty Decouped Jar Lanterns. These mason jar crafts are perfect to shine a little light on an outdoor patio this summer. Learn how to make a lantern in the easiest way possible by simply saving your glass jars from the recycling bin. If you can fit a tea light or votive inside, then the glass jars will be perfect for this project! Make a matching bundle and display them together this season. These DIY lanterns are absolutely stunning.



#### Materials:

- Glass jars (such as mason or condiment)
- Tissue paper
- Ribbon
- Stamp pads and stamps (optional)
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Mod Podge Gloss

**Instructions:**

1. If desired, stamp the tissue paper with designs.



2. Cut your tissue paper to size to wrap around your first jar.
3. Using a paintbrush, cover the jar with a thin layer of Mod Podge and begin wrapping the pre-cut paper around the jar.





4. Keep your brush full of Mod Podge and begin "painting" the glue on as you are adhering the paper, ensuring that the paper is completely damp as you're wrapping.



5. Let the jar dry completely while you cover your next one!
6. Repeat the process. The second jar here is covered in plain white paper with a saying on the front.



7. If desired, add a bit of ribbon around the tops of each jar to finish them off. Be creative with your ribbon color. Make some more sets and enjoy!

## Fluttering Butterfly Lampshade Redo

By: [Mitzi for Mod Podge Rocks](#)

Give any room in your home a boost without breaking the bank. Check out the Fluttering Butterfly Lampshade Redo tutorial to learn how to redecorate your home on a budget. Easy home decorating crafts like this lampshade let you give your home a new feel for little to no money. Follow along with the instructions for this upcycling craft to add beautiful paper butterflies to any lampshade you're ready to refashion. Get your art supplies together and let your creativity shine. Make the butterflies any colors you like to fit the tone of the room where you'll display it.



### Materials:

- Brass butterflies
- Vintage wallpaper, sheet music, or patterned scrapbook paper
- Strong magnets
- Sponge brush or paintbrush
- Scissors
- Craft paint or spray paint (optional)
- Mod Podge Matte
- E-6000 glue

### Instructions:

1. To prepare your butterflies, take some wire cutters and snip them off the branch (if they are attached to one). If your butterflies have a detachable body, gently bend the metal tabs and remove the body.
2. If desired, spray paint the undersides to give them a finished look. Craft paint can be used, but it requires several coats to cover the brass. If you wish to paint your butterflies, coat the undersides and let dry.
3. Lay the butterfly and the little piece you removed from the body on your paper of choice, and trace around them with a sharp pencil.



4. Cut out your paper. To end up with three separate pieces, cut the wings apart at the juncture where they attach to the body. There might be some guesswork involved here, because you won't be able to trace completely around the wings.
5. Coat the back of the paper with decoupage medium, and then apply the paper to your brass pieces.



6. Smooth the paper with your fingers. Sometimes a brayer can be used to roll out the lumps, too. Once the paper is firmly attached, apply a topcoat with Mod Podge.



7. Once dry, you can snip the edges with scissors if there is any paper overhang. An emery board can also be used if you want very smooth edges.
8. Re-attach the body to the wings, then flip over and glue a magnet to the underside. A small glob of E-6000 will create a strong bond. Leave the butterflies to dry overnight.



9. You're done with your upcycled butterfly magnet. If you wish to use for a lampshade, glue a bit of thin fabric or paper to the magnets, which will insure that they won't leave any residue on the lampshade. Now you need one loose magnet to put on the underside of the lampshade and you attach the butterfly to the outside. It should hold securely in place if super strong magnets are used.



## Mod Podge Photo Transfer Block

By: [Amy from Mod Podge Rocks](#)

Create a beautiful photo decoration when you make the Mod Podge Photo Transfer Block. DIY Mod Podge crafts are more popular than ever, and this project is just the craft to get you on that bandwagon! Collect your favorite photos to put on this wood block. This craft will teach you how to use the Mod Podge Photo Transfer Medium as well, an invaluable tool for any paper crafter. This photo block will look so lovely on any table. Also, if you are looking for unique DIY gifts for your family or friends, this is a great choice.

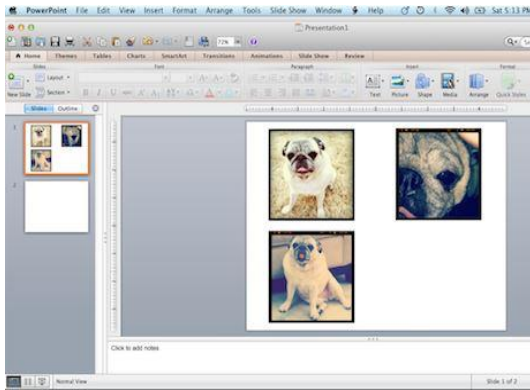


### Materials:

- Wood block (this project uses a 3-1/2" square)
- Instagram photos printed out on a dry toner printer
- Sponge brush (comes with Mod Podge Photo Transfer Medium)
- Mod Podge silicone mat
- Scissors
- Mod Podge Photo Transfer Medium
- Mod Podge Hard Coat (optional)

## Instructions:

1. Get your Instagram photos off your phone/photo stream and into a program like PowerPoint or Word so you can print them. You can plug in your smartphone and download or send them to yourself via e-mail from your smartphone. If there is text on the image, reverse it so that the text transfers correctly.



2. Once they are in the program of your choice and sized to fit the block, you need to print them. Make sure that the ink from your printer is DRY toner so that it doesn't smear. LaserJet will work, as well as some inkjet printers. The printer used here is an inkjet and it works. However, a lot of inkjet printers smear, so you need to do a test. If the inkjet ink smears, get your photo copied at a FedEx store or other place where you have access to a LaserJet printer.
3. Cut all of the photos out and set them in a pile. You are going to do each photo separately. Use the sponge brush to apply photo transfer medium to the front of the photo, so much that you can't see the photo because the image is completely white. Doing this on the silicone mat makes it easy to pick the picture off (and protects your work surface).



4. Smooth the image down carefully onto the block. Smooth, smooth, smooth. Wipe away any excess that comes out the side. Repeat with the remaining five sides and let this dry for at least 24 hours. This is very important!

- When the 24 hours have passed, you can get the photos wet. Why are you getting them wet? Because you are going to rub the paper off and reveal the image! Do this one side at a time. Rub very gently or you WILL rub the image off. Here's how this was done: rub lightly and rub a bunch of paper away. Then let the image dry so you can see where you need to rub more. Do it in stages rather than trying to do too much at once. Let the block dry and then wet it again where you need to remove more paper.



- The finished block will end up looking slightly faded and vintage-y, which is normal. You don't have to add Mod Podge Hard Coat to your block, but it does darken the photos a bit, which was wanted here.

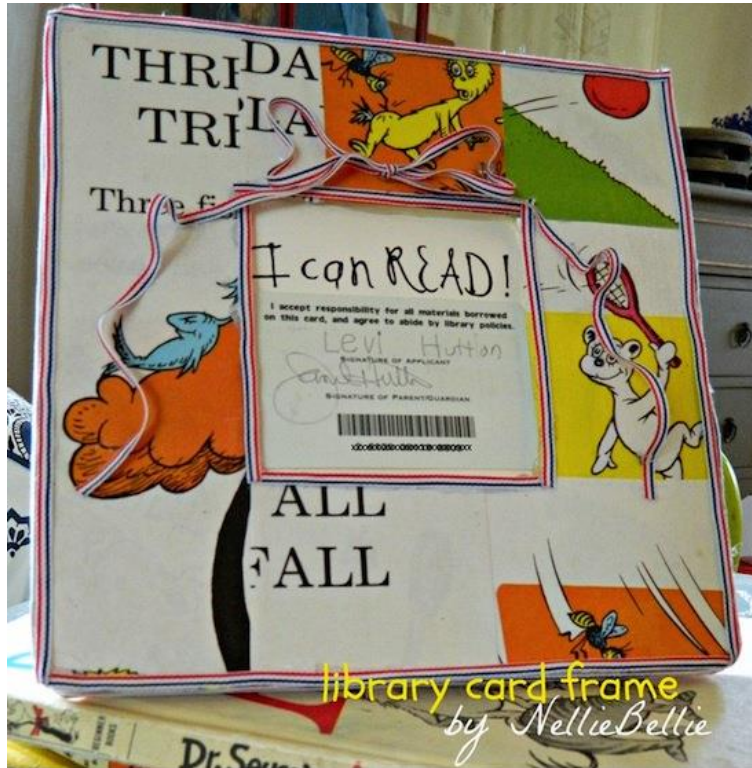


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## Seussical Library Card Frame

By: [Janel for Mod Podge Rocks](#)

Reading is an absolutely vital skill to be had and should be encouraged in young children. Support your child's desire to read by making and displaying this Seussical Library Card Frame. This Mod Podge craft is a fun and creative way to showcase your child's love of reading. Add fun text about reading and a colorful ribbon bow to finish off the papercraft. This craft is inexpensive, too. All you need are a few materials to create this wonderful Mod Podge frame. Your kids will love seeing this for years to come.



### Materials:

- Wood craft frame
- Children's book of choice (use an old book or photo copies of one)
- Library card (optional, to display in frame)
- Cardstock (optional, to use with library card)
- Ribbon
- Mod Podge
- Hot glue gun



### Instructions:

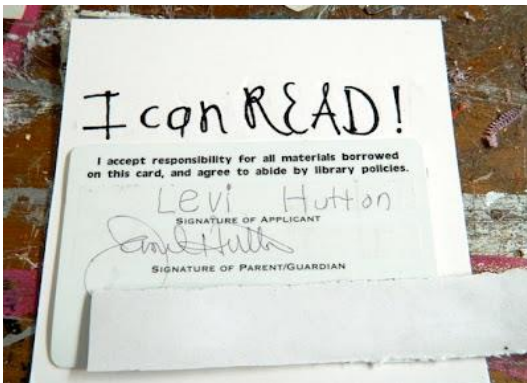
1. Get your frame ready.
2. Using Mod Podge, cover the frame with page scraps from your child's favorite book or color copies.



3. Use hot glue to add ribbon to your edges. (Optional: add a pretty bow to the front.)



4. If using, hot glue the library card to cardstock. This one has lettering to say, "I can READ" for fun. Then, just put that card where your picture should be. You're done.

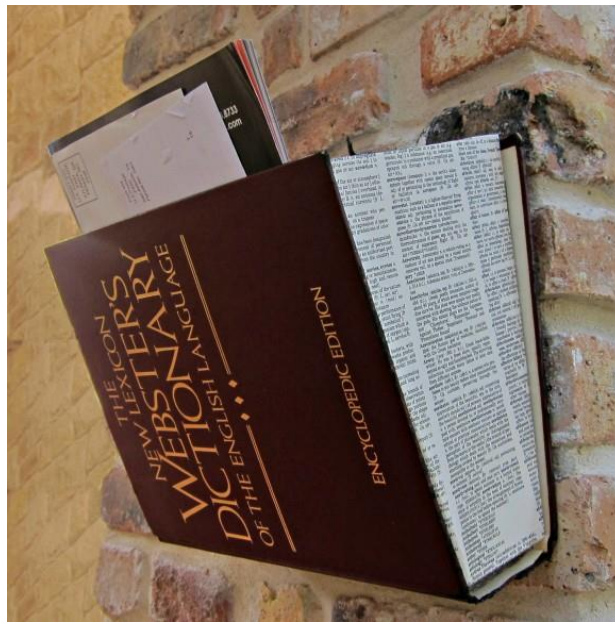


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### Book Lover's Letter Box

By: [Morena from Dollar Store Crafts](#)

Make a delightful piece of home decor for the bookworm in your family. This Book Lover's Letter Box looks great outdoors or indoors, and it will bring a smile to the face of anyone who drops off a piece of mail. Recycled book crafts are quirky, affordable, and eco-friendly. The most entertaining part is searching for a cheap book with an interesting cover to use for your project. Once your book club catches sight of this craft, all of the ladies will be clamoring for one of their own!



#### Materials:

- Hard cover book
- Cardboard
- Twine or string
- Mod Podge
- Hot glue gun

## Instructions:

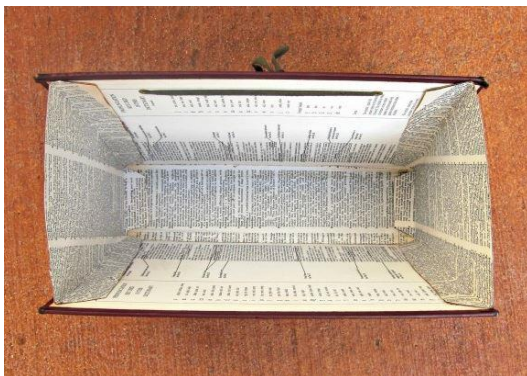
1. Cut the binding to remove the text portion of the book.



2. Place the book at a 45-degree angle on cardboard and trace. Add "wings" to the edge of your tracing. Cut as pictured, and fold as pictured.



3. Use Mod Podge to adhere some of the book pages to the binding and both sides of the cardboard.
4. Make two holes in the back of the book cover. (Optional: add eyelets to the holes.) Pull string through the holes and tie to make a loop.
5. Glue the "wings" of the cardboard to the book cover. Your new mail holder is now ready to be hung on the wall!



## Homemade Locker Accessories

By: [Carissa from Creative Green Living](#) for [Dollar Store Crafts](#)

Make going back to school a little more bearable with these Homemade Locker Accessories. With a few different rolls of washi tape, you can decorate cute and colorful accents for your teenager's locker. A handmade dry erase board, pen holder, and tissue box caddy are just a few of the useful items you can magnetize for a school locker. Help your daughter stay organized with these DIY locker accessories that are trendy and fun. She might even thank you by posting a photo of you in her locker.



### Materials:

- Magnetic picture frame
- Dry erase polaroid frames and pen
- Magnetic pocket
- Mini tissue box
- Button magnets
- Paintbrush
- Washi tape
- Permanent marker
- White craft paint
- Hot glue gun



## Instructions:

1. Make the dry erase board: Remove the stock photo from the magnetic picture frame and flip it over to the white side. Cover the paper with washi tape in a pattern. Fold the excess tape over to the back.



2. Re-insert washi covered stock photo back into the picture frame.
3. Cover the dry erase marker from the picture frame set in coordinating washi tape as well.
4. Make Picture Frames: Cover the Polaroid-style frames with two different patterns of washi tape, being careful to match patterns and seams. Label them with a Sharpie if desired.
5. Make the pen holder: Give the magnetic pocket a light coat of white craft paint on the outside as well as inside. Allow to dry before covering the sides in coordinating washi tape patterns (don't forget to cover the visible insides as well).
6. Make the magnetic tissue box: Cover the sides of the tissue box in coordinating patterns of tape. To make the monogram emblem, punch out the oval on the top of the box and cover in solid colored washi tape.



7. Fold the excess around to the back and use the permanent marker to write a fancy monogram on the front. Adhere to the tissue box with hot glue. Use hot glue to adhere two button magnets to the back of the tissue box to make it magnetic if desired.

## Organizing Hanging Boxes

By: [Duck Brand for AllFreePaperCrafts](#)

Store your paper craft supplies in style with these Organizing Hanging Boxes. Duct tape craft ideas like this one are fantastic because they're fun to make and they have a practical use. Start with a basic cardboard box and decorate it with Duck Tape to match your craft room. With the help of trendy chalkboard labels, you'll be able to sort your craft supplies easily (and find them easily, too)! The hangers are a great way to organize because you can hang the boxes in a craft closet. Get organized in a crafty way with this tutorial.



### Materials:

- Duck Tape®
- Duck Fabric® Sheets
- Duck Fabric® Rolls
- Duck Fabric® Mini Rolls
- Duck® Brand Chalkboard Deco Adhesive Laminate
- Crafting board
- Cardboard box
- Scissors
- Brads
- Pen

### Instructions:

1. Cover both the inside and outside of a cardboard box with Duck Tape®. Make sure the top of the lid is removed before beginning.



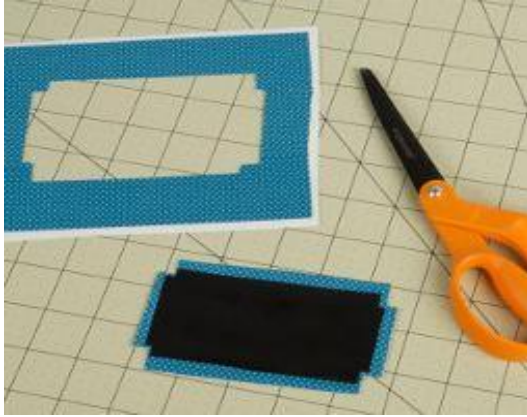
2. Cover the outside and inside using Duck Fabric® crafting tapes and sheets. Set this aside once finished.



3. Draw a design for your label on the back of your chalkboard laminate sheet. Cut it out.



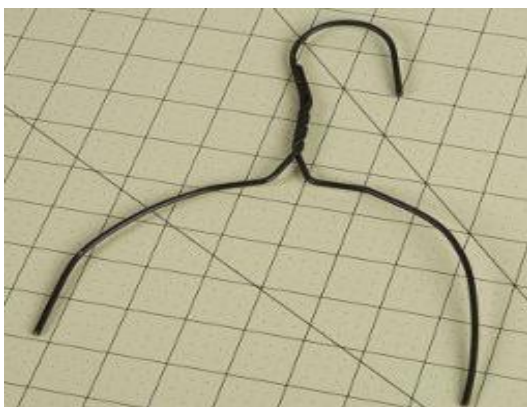
4. Make a Duck Fabric® sheet that is slightly bigger than the label you made in step 3. For easier application, lay your strips down on wax paper or on the back of a Duck Tape® Sheet.
5. Adhere your chalkboard label to the top of the sheet from step 4. Cut it out, leaving about an inch of the fabric showing around the edges.



6. Place your label on the front of the covered box. Add brads to the corners if desired.



7. Cut the bottom off of a hanger. You may need help from an adult to do this.





8. Attach your hanger to the inside or outside of the box.



9. Repeat steps 1-8 to create more fun and unique boxes!



## Recycled Plug Organizer

By: [Karima from Karima's Crafts](#)

There's nothing more annoying than trying to untangle cell phone cords from each other. It seems like once you get them separated, they appear in a giant knot the very next day. Try making a green craft, like the Recycled Plug Organizer and you won't have to worry about tangled chords again. Using recycled materials like a Pringles can, you can make an eco-friendly craft that serves a purpose in no time at all. Decorate your easy paper craft with any kind of paper that you want and soon your house will be organized in style.



### Materials:

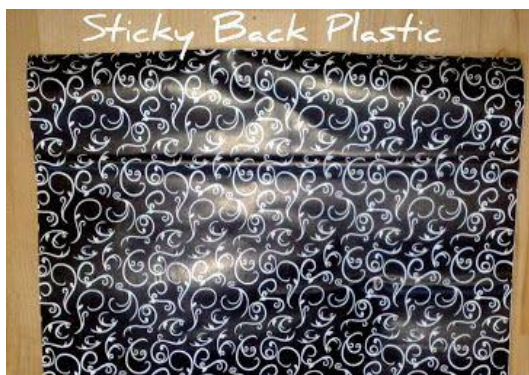
- Empty tube container (such as a Pringles can)
- Sticky-back plastic or other covering
- Stickers
- Pen
- Scissors or scalpel
- Adhesive (if not using sticky covering)

## Instructions:

1. Find empty tube container (any kind of container could do really!) and make sure that it is cleaned out.



2. Measure your container and cut out some sticky Back Plastic (or other alternative covering) to cover the container. Then cover the box with your sticky back plastic.



3. Cut some holes (such as a cross shape) so that the wires can easily slide through the container. You need to have matching holes on the opposite side of the container so the wire comes out of the other side. The amount of holes depends on how many plugs and the size of your container.
4. Place the end of the first plug through the bottom hole and then through to the next hole opposite, scrunch the remaining part of the wire into the hole until the plug is touching the container. Repeat with each plug. All the lengths of the wire end up scrunched inside the container (unseen).
5. Write on the stickers which plug is which if you don't already know because often the plug is known, but not which end, and that is why it is great that each end is opposite the plug so you don't get them mixed up! Place the sticker onto the correct plug.
6. Attach the lid to the container to keep all those wires under control. Finished!

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