

Getting Crafty

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Audience

Adults

Description

This is a recurring adult craft program that we put on every month. You'll find all past projects on our calendar here: <http://westalliswi.evanced.info/signup>. I've used the Mix Boxes multiple times for this program, I'm going to attempt to summarize some of them here.

Each free session is limited to 25 participants, ages 18 and up. Registration is required.

- February 2019: The topic is Bullet Journaling 101, with an emphasis on how to do it to your advantage as a reader! Learn what bullet journaling is, how it works, and how to track your reading goals, reading history, reading habits, and more! All supplies will be provided.
- March 2019: This month's project is a Floral Wall Monogram. All supplies will be provided. Each person will be able to make one letter of their choice. Final product will be approximately 8" x 12". Perfect alternative to a spring wreath that you can hang on your front door, over the mantel, or anywhere in your home!
- April 2019: This month's project is Embroidered Kitchen Towels. All supplies will be provided.
- May 2019: This month's project is Magazine Art. All supplies will be provided. Please tell us which shape you'd like to make, or if you'd prefer to freestyle your own (either drawing your own or bringing your own shape from home).
- June 2019: This month's project is a Bird Feeder. All supplies will be provided.
- July 2019: This month's project is a Library Book Bag. Bring the name of your favorite book and author and also some meaningful dates (if you wish) to put in the due date column! All supplies will be provided.
- August 2019: This month's project is Embroidered Road Trip. We'll embroider the path of your favorite road trip, ready for you to frame and display at home! Please tell us your starting and ending cities so we can have a map ready for you; otherwise, you are welcome to bring your own map if you prefer! All supplies will be provided.
- September 2019: This month's project is Tin Can Lanterns. We will have various patterns and designs available, but feel free to bring your own! All supplies will be provided, but please bring your own hammer!
- November 2019: This month we're having a Craft Supply Swap! You're invited to bring your extra craft supplies like fabric, yarn, thread, clothespins, buttons, felt, or anything

else you just haven't used in a while. Come to give your unwanted craft supplies away, and go home with new-to-you supplies to create with! Drop by between 7 and 8:30 PM. Please note that we will NOT be creating a specific project this month, but just swapping craft supplies.

- October 2019: This month we're having an Open Craft Time! Come and go between 7 and 8:30 PM. We'll have all the supplies, ideas, and instructions; you just come ready to create! We'll have extra supplies from past projects you may have missed, as well as other project ideas! All supplies will be provided.
- January 2020: This month's project is Mason Jar Snow Globes. All supplies will be provided.

Budget

\$1-\$50

Mixes

- Textiles Mix - Box 1: Textiles Creation Tools
- Textiles Mix - Boxes 2 & 3: Sewing Machines
- Crafts Mix add-on - Box 1: Scissors
- Crafts Mix add-on - Box 2: Glue Guns

Learning outcomes

Really the purpose of this program is just for patrons to come together and be creative!

Advance Planning

I plan these probably 3-5 months in advance, and try to request the mix boxes at least 1-2 months in advance. More details in the project summary section.

Marketing

We make a Facebook event, but aside from that just in-house flyers and newsletters. I hardly promote it, as the class fills up usually within a day or so of opening registration. We limit attendance to 25 people, and typically 20 people show up.

Budget Details

I try to keep each craft \$50 or less. The Mix Boxes help SO MUCH with this as you provide all the tools that we just can't afford! More details in the project summary section.

Day-of-Event Activity

We typically have tables grouped together for 4 people to work at, and then around the perimeter have glue guns or sewing machines set up near outlets.

Program Execution

I've always gotten really positive feedback, especially for the provision of the MKE Mixer tools! The patrons are so grateful and excited that this is offered at the library.

Advice

I highly recommend setting an attendance cap and requiring registration. It helps immensely with planning and knowing how many supplies you need. We only allow registration starting 2 weeks before the event, and I think that helps with our no-show rate.

Program Outcomes and Evaluation

Since I've been doing this, our Getting Crafty programs have always filled up quickly and get very positive feedback, so this is a program that we will keep doing as long as the people keep coming! We did a survey last summer about programming in general, and the biggest complaint was due to the fact that we have to limit attendance.

Project Summary

Here's a list of some of the projects we did along with a link to the online tutorial we followed. I believe with almost all of these I also requested the Scissors Add-On.

Textiles Boxes 1-3

Rice Hand Warmers

We used the Sewing Machines to sew around the edges of our hand warmers.

Tutorial: <http://livingchiconthecheap.com/make-heating-pad/>

Cactus Pin Cushions

We used the Sewing Machines to sew little cacti that we then stuffed with fluff to create a pin cushion.

Tutorial: <https://abeautifulmess.com/2015/07/cactus-pincushion-diy.html>

Crafts Add-On – Glue Guns

Succulent Cork Magnets

We used the Glue Guns to glue the magnets on the back.

Tutorial: <https://craftsbyamanda.com/wine-cork-succulent-magnets/>

Floral Wall Monogram

We used the Glue Guns to glue fake flowers onto a cardboard letter.

Tutorial: <https://homemadelovely.com/make-a-monogram-from-faux-flowers-and-cardboard/>

Magazine Art

We rolled up old magazine pages and then used the Glue Guns to glue the rolled magazines onto cardstock to create a fun silhouette.

Tutorial: <https://www.brit.co/magazine-wall-art/>

Mason Jar Snow Globes

This is my upcoming project so no photos yet, but we will be using the Glue Guns to seal the lid so the snow globe doesn't leak.

Tutorial: <https://joyfulderivatives.com/mason-jar-snow-globe-diy-tutorial/>

Photos



Cactus pin cushions in progress



Cactus pin cushions finished product



Floral wall monogram in progress



Floral wall monogram finished product



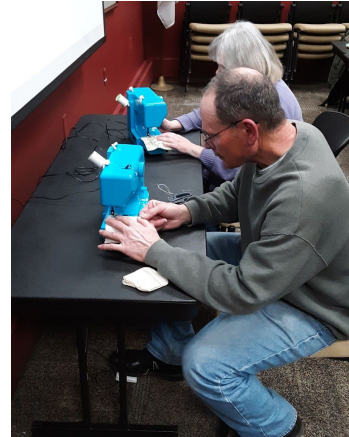
Magazine art in progress



Magazine art finished product



Rice hand warmers in progress



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Succulent cork magnets in progress



Succulent cork magnets finished product