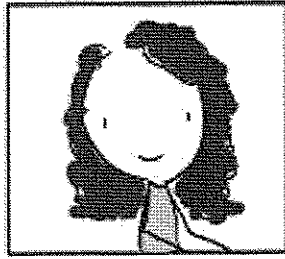


25 DIY Craft Ideas for in the Library



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Thinking of project ideas for your young adults can be a challenge. To facilitate the creative process, we've concluded this issue with some of some fun, easy, and DIY cheap craft ideas!

1. Phone case decoration:

All you need for this project is a phone case and whatever items you would like to decorate it with. These could include studs, glitter, nail polish, coloured duct tape, dried flowers—the possibilities are endless! For more information see:
<http://www.wikihow.com/Add-Bling-To-Your-Cell-Phone>



2. Duct tape projects:

There's nothing you can't build using duct tape! The most popular example is the duct tape wallet, but duct tape can also be used to make stockings, pet collars, and flower tops for pens. All you need are scissors, a marker, a ruler, a variety of duct tape (colour and sizes) and sometimes some cardboard. For more information see:
<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Duct-Tape-Wallet>



3. Marshmallow shooter:

This fun craft creates a shooter for mini marshmallows. Supplies consist of a ruler, a marker, PVC tubes, and paint (if you want to make it look a bit fancier). This project involves some basic measurement, cutting and connecting tubes to make a fun toy. For more information see: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Marshmallow-Gun>

4. Heart wall art:

This craft uses metal coat hangers, large pliers and some string or lace to create large hearts that can be pinned onto the wall. You could also use string and tissue paper to make a line of hearts. Perfect for a Valentine's Day craft! For more information see: <http://www.celebrations.com/c/read/diy-heart-art-decorations-for-valentines-day> or <http://www.honeybeevintage.com/2012/07/diy-paper-heart-wall-art.html>



5. Lego terrarium:

Terrariums are a fun and easy household decoration that last a long time. You can make them a little more interesting by adding Lego characters! All you need to create a terrarium is a glass container, rocks, whatever plants and soil you prefer, and your Lego characters. For more information see: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Terrarium>



6. Instagram prints coasters:

This project is for any Instagram addict. For this project you'll need ceramic tiles, photographs, Mod Podge, paint brush, circular felt stickers, and water proof sealant. This project takes a little extra time to finish while you wait for the Mod Podge to dry between each coat, but the final product is well worth it! For more information see: <http://www.liliesandloafers.com/diy-instagram-coasters/>

7. Stamped wooden hangers:

This is a great household DIY craft project. For this you'll need wooden hangers, acrylic spray, waterproof ink, and of course stamps. This project does not take very long to complete, it just requires some craft supply gathering! For more information see: <http://www.thesitsgirls.com/diy/diy-how-to-make-wooden-stamped-hangers/>

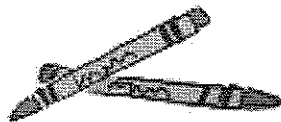
8. Bubble prints:

All that is required for this art project is some bubble solution, food colouring, a canvas and a pie tray. You may want to consider finding someplace where you don't mind food colouring landing, such as outside or on plastic wrap. When you are done you'll have interesting and vibrant pieces of art! For more information see: http://www.ehow.com/how_5685765_make-prints-paper-food-coloring.html



9. Melted crayon art:

Want to make some interesting and unique pieces of art? This is a great project if you need to get rid of some old crayons, or just want to create something fun and interesting. You will require crayons, a hair dryer, a hot glue gun and a canvas. For more information see: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Melted-Crayon-Art>



10. Floral letters:

Create your own decorative alphabet! To complete this project you need foam, cardboard, scissors, tinfoil, and flowers with stems. The final product is a giant letter outline filled with flowers. For more information see:

<http://www.swellmayde.com/2014/10/diy-floral-letters.html>

11. Jewellery projects:

The main thing to strive for with jewellery projects is to make jewelry young adults would actually want to wear, such as...

a) Braided bead chain necklace:

For this project you'll need some specialized items such as a small loop chain, glass beads, 3mm double cup connector, 7mm jump rings, bead thread, 3 in 1 combination tool. The assembly is easy once you have gathered all of the required supplies! The final product is a trendy, practical necklace. For more information see:

<http://www.craftsunleashed.com/jewelry-main/braided-bead-necklace/>

b) Wire knot ring:

A fun, cheap project that's easy and quick to finish, all you'll need is some wire, a tube of lip balm, and some wire cutters. For more information see:

<http://www.handmadeology.com/lovely-wire-knot-ring-tutorial/>

c) Glitter ring:

For the craft you'll need glitter, glue, mod podge and a ring with an empty setting. The project does not take long to complete, simply add glue and glitter to the ring and let it dry! For more information see: <http://www.thanksimadeitblog.com/2012/01/diy-glitter-ring.html>

Additional Resources:

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We cannot forget to mention Pinterest! There are many DIY craft ideas available on this site, however a user name and password is generally required to view these items.