

Viva the Party

Do-it-yourself styling
for every occasion



Preface

Everyone knows that it's fun to make things yourself. Even though kindergarten was years ago, we can all still remember the pride from completing a craft. It's a shame people don't craft as much anymore. Hopefully this book will help changing that. We've done our best to fill these pages with inspiring ideas. It's a 'feel good' book where the good feelings begin as soon as you start leafing through it. You will discover that with just the simplest techniques you can make amazing things without too much bother. Really! Honestly! You don't even have to be super handy. With a good idea, some basic skills and a bit of courage you will get a long way. Your creations don't even have to last a life time. It doesn't matter that these crafts might end up getting recycled or lost in the attic. It's just fun to decorate your home with something fresh with every new season or celebration. So put on some fine music, pour yourself a nice drink and let the party begin!

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*We made this book
for all women
(and some men) :*

- who get inspired but do not like being steered
- who like to set their own course
- who have hands but still can't really knit, crochet or embroider
- who just start with an idea to see where it takes them
- who love beautiful, creative and inspiring books and promise themselves to really do something with them.

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Girls' Party

Drinking some **nice tea and chatting**: it doesn't take much for a successful girls' party. Okay, perhaps it would be nice to also have some party hats, a **homemade tea set** along with some muffins, brownies and chocolate mousse. You might also need straw hats, big plush pillows, fresh flowers, smoked chicken sandwiches with mustard mayonnaise and horseradish cream, scones, **raspberry tarts**, custard pudding, fudge, petit fours with hazelnuts, Danish cookies, black current jam, butter tarts, a hearty longuer with tomatoes and mozzarella, etc, etc. Oh and don't forget **the tea!**

'Tuttigheid, she said,
is the reason of my
existence. And who are
you to deny me that?'





Shirt dress



Edible placemat



Setting the table



Hip-hip-chair



Streamer



Hat



Chewing candy

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Fun Party Tip

A decorated house is always appreciated by both young and old. But sometimes there's no time to make it happen. In that case, head to your friendly neighborhood **balloon merchant** and get them to fill a bunch of balloons with helium. In one action, you can fill your house with floating **balls of color**. It's also nice to send a balloon home with the children when the party is over.





Party Hat

1, 2, 3, 4 - Paper hat! Take some wallpaper and fold a chic hat.

Duration

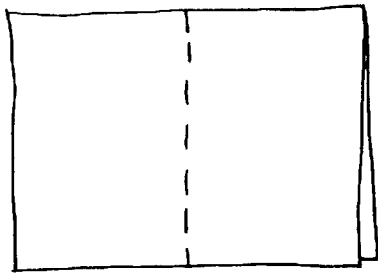
10 minutes

Requirements

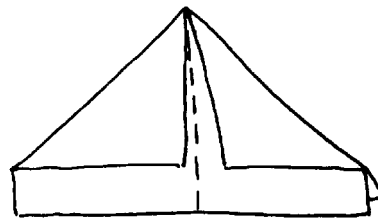
- ▶ wallpaper
- ▶ plastic flowers, while optional, can really brighten up a hat

Instructions

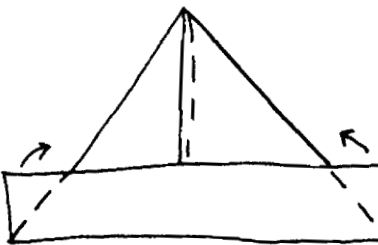
Step 1 Take a large piece of wallpaper and cut out a rectangle. **Step 2** Fold the paper double and make sure the fold remains at the top. **Step 3** Fold it double again so that the middle also gets a fold. **Step 4** Fold the right and left top corners against the middle fold. **Step 5** Fold the bottom edge over on both sides. **Step 6** Fold over the edge corners. **Step 7** Decorate the (lady's) hat with whatever's handy.



A. fold the paper lengthwise into half. Fold it lengthwise again to make a crease and then unfold.



B. fold the top corners in.



C. fold up the leftover flaps on the bottom and fold over the points.



Setting the table

Duration

1.5 hours and a day for the paint to dry

Requirements

- ▶ two-component glue
- ▶ two teapots
- ▶ cup
- ▶ brush
- ▶ metal wire
- ▶ wallpaper
- ▶ fabric
- ▶ thread
- ▶ tile
- ▶ tea towel
- ▶ primer paint
- ▶ cardboard
- ▶ wool
- ▶ scissors
- ▶ netting
- ▶ needle
- ▶ hammer

Instructions

Step 1 Fasten the two teapots together with two-component glue. **Step 2** Paint white with primer the teapots and cup. It results in a powdery effect. **Step 3** When the teapot is dry, stick some wallpaper flowers on it. Count on a day for it to dry properly. Only use the pot for lemonade and not hot tea, otherwise the flower will fall off. **Step 4** Cut out a cardboard circle and make a

small cut to the center, so you can form a small, shallow hat. Cover it completely with wool. **Step 5** Form a heart out of the metal wire and wind wool around it. Stick this heart into the wool-covered cardboard. The lid of your double teapot is finished! **Step 6** Cut a large piece of fabric in half and rough stitch the two halves together again. The table cloth is finished! **Step 7** At a second-hand shop, find curtain with a pretty edge on the bottom. On it you can sew or tack on the circles. Thread through a wire on the top of the curtain so you can use it as a dividing wall by hanging it above the table.

Step 8 Place the tile in the tea towel. Fold the tea towel shut and hit it softly with a hammer (not too hard otherwise it will splin-



ter!). It should just be broken in two. You can use this as a cub saucer or as a drink mat. You can also choose which side you want to use. We actually liked the backside of our tile.



Ring into ring into ring into ring...

Who doesn't know them? Those streamers made of paper rings. They may be old-fashioned but they never go out of style! And these ring chains are particularly flashy because they are made of wallpaper.

Requirements

- ▶ leftover wallpaper
- ▶ scissors
- ▶ hobby glue or tape
- ▶ thumbtacks or string

Instructions

Step 1 Cut the leftover wallpaper into strips of equal length. **Step 2** Make a circle out of a strip and tape or glue the two ends together. **Step 3** Take another strip, put it through the first ring, and attach the two ends again. **Step 4** Continue to do this until you have a nice and long chain. In between make sure you let the glue dry, otherwise the streamer might fall apart. **Step 5** Hang the streamer on the wall or ceiling using string or thumbtacks.



Hip-hip-chair

Duration

1 hour

Requirements

- ▶ chair
- ▶ computer and printer
- ▶ fabric with a nice print
- ▶ wallpaper
- ▶ glue or scotch tape
- ▶ scissors
- ▶ needle and thread

Instructions

Step 1 Print out letters spelling 'hip hip'. Decide for yourself how big and in what style you want these letters. **Step 2** Cut out the letters and tape them on a piece of wallpaper. **Step 3** Cut the wallpaper in the form of the letters. **Step 4** Stick the letters

onto the chair with some glue or rings of scotch tape. **Step 5** Rip a piece from the fabric. You bought this fabric, preferably with embroidery, at a secondhand shop. **Step 6** If it's a rung chair, you can attach the fabric with a few stitches around the rungs. Otherwise you can attach the fabric by perhaps sewing it lightly to the back of the chair. It's just a matter of fiddling about a bit. It doesn't really have to be well fastened because it only has to last a day. Hurrah! Your hip-hip party stool is ready! Now everyone knows whose birthday it is!



Shirt dress

Your party dress is already hanging on the coat rack. So let's party! Using a simple A-line dress as an example, you can make a ultra simple but stylish party dress in a snap.

Duration

½ hour

Requirements

- ▶ curtain
- ▶ pins
- ▶ pencil
- ▶ scissors
- ▶ garen
- ▶ sewing machine

Instructions

Step 1 Place your A-line dress on the curtain, fasten it with pins and outline it with a pencil or chalk. **Step 2** Cut off a half inch of the edge. **Step 3** Zigzag stitch the dress together along the side seams, then zigzag stitch the shoulder seams. **Step 4** If you want it even more decorative, zigzag sew the waist, the arm holes and the bottom..



Edible placemat

This is a great idea to kick off the party on the table: edible placemats. Instead of cake (which is likely anyway regarded by the little princesses as too ordinary), we opted for delicate candies, tiny petit fours and homemade mini cakes.

Duration

15 minutes

Requirements

- ▶ piece of wallpaper
- ▶ tiny petit fours and homemade mini cakes
- ▶ candies, sweets
- ▶ big needle
- ▶ thread
- ▶ tape
- ▶ sewing machine

Description

Step 1 Cut a piece of wallpaper two times the size of a placemat. **Step 2** Fold the paper in half and stitch it shut with a sewing machine. **Step 3** With a needle and thread weave the candies into the placemat and fasten the thread on the back of the placemat with a button or tape. **Step 4** Decorate the placemat more with some small petit fours and mini cakes.



Hideous eyes for hide-and-seek

For games that involve blindfolding the children, we made these funny glasses. The idea is simple: cover old (sun)glasses with doll's eyes. Don't forget to have your camera ready because wacky pictures are guaranteed.

Duration

10 minutes per glasses

Requirements

- ▶ 2 or 3 old (sun)glasses
- ▶ hobby glue
- ▶ printer
- ▶ Google

- ▶ computer, drawing program
- ▶ pencil
- ▶ scissors

Instructions

Step 1 Google 'doll's eyes' **Step 2** Measure the lenses of the glasses **Step 3*** With a computer program, make the eyes about as big as the lenses. Or you can print it out and adjust the size at a photocopy shop. **Step 4*** Print out the doll's eyes and cut them out in the form of the lenses (place glasses on the eyes and trace out the shape). **Step 5** Fasten the eyes to the glasses. * Of course you can choose to draw your own eyes using a magic marker and fit those onto the glasses!

