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Letter from the Editors

Greetings, Crafters!

In this age of eco-friendliness and shoestring budgets, everyone wants to find ways to make the most out of what they have on hand. Go green with this collection of seasonal projects that use glass jars. These Mason jar crafts will teach you how to transform recycling bin staples into fabulous pieces of home décor, gift wrap, and so much more.

This eBook includes a variety of projects, from votives and flower vases to candy jars and gift packaging. You'll be surprised and delighted by how a little bit of paint, glitter, or twine, can turn a boring glass jar into a sophisticated centerpiece.

These projects appeal to a wide array of personal styles, from understated and modern designs to embellished vintage looks. Best of all, even if the project was inspired by a particular holiday, each of the crafts included in this eBook can be tweaked to make them appropriate for any season.

We hope you get a lot of use and a ton of fun out of these Mason jar crafts.

The Editors of AllFreeHolidayCrafts

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Vintage Luminaries

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)

Say hello to romance this February when you make your own set of Vintage Luminaries. This Mason jar craft is a sophisticated way to set the mood on Valentine's Day. Surround your homemade dinner with these stunning luminaries to add a vintage feel to your holiday spread. Your sweetheart will certainly feel the love when they see the subtle touch of class that this project brings to the table.



Materials:

- Recycled glass jars
- Burlap
- Bleach
- Water
- Twine
- Hot glue gun
- Vintage jewelry (clip-on earrings, necklace charms, bracelets, etc.)
- Old towel
- Extra jar or glass bowl

Instructions:

- 1) Fill jar or glass bowl halfway with bleach. Fill remaining half with water.
- 2) Cut burlap into strips long enough to wrap around votive jars. Dip burlap strips into bleach mixture and hold in bleach for 10-15 seconds. Place bleach burlap on old towel and repeat with remaining strips.



- 3) After all strips have been dipped in bleach, rinse them in clean water. Let dry.
- 4) Hot glue burlap strips around clean jars. Wrap twine around jars twice and hot glue in place.



- 5) Remove any unnecessary parts from jewelry pieces and hot glue baubles to twine and burlap.
- 6) Place tea light candle in jar.

Mason Jar Valentines

By: [Kierste Wade from Simply Kierste](#)

Mason jar crafts are very popular right now. Why not embrace the trend with these Mason Jar Valentines? Decorate your mason jars and fill each one with your recipient's favorite candy. It's a quick and simple way to personalize your valentines. This Valentine's Day craft will be a huge hit among your friends and family. Plus, this cute holiday craft is fun and very simple to make!



Materials:

- Mason jars
- Spray paint
- Valentine's Day M&Ms
- Cardstock
- Letter stamps
- Distress ink
- Baker's twine

Instructions:

- 1) Fill the jar with M&Ms, layering the colors as you go.
- 2) Spray paint the lids and let dry. If making multiple jars, try spraying the lids different colors to allow for mixing and matching.
- 3) Cut out a heart and distress the edges.
- 4) Stamp message on each heart. You can also use stickers to decorate the tags.
- 4) Punch a hole in each tag. Tie one to each jar using baker's twine.

Burlap and Lace Mason Jars

By: [Katie from View From the Fridge](#)

This Burlap and Lace Mason Jars craft proves that you can transform an ordinary household item into something extraordinary. This spring-inspired home decor craft will definitely pull together any room. These rustic Mason jar crafts can be arranged as a centerpiece or used as side table decorations. They also make beautiful vases for fresh spring flowers.



Materials:

- 3 glass containers (labels removed)
- 3 pieces of burlap
- 3 pieces of lace
- Twine
- Glue

Instructions:

1) Apply glue to burlap. Wrap around bottle.



2) Apply tiny drops of glue to center of burlap.

3) Line up lace and drops of glue. Wrap around bottle.

4) Tie twine around center of bottle to finish.

Striped Summer Luminaries

By: [Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda](#)

Nothing sets the summer evening mood quite like rustic candles. These Striped Summer Luminaries look beautiful on your dining table, set upon window sills, or lining your front walkway. Put them anywhere in your home and these luminaries will add a special glow and glimmer. It's so easy to create and so inexpensive, you won't believe how chic these Striped Summer Luminaries look.



Materials:

- Craft Smart Acrylic Paint
 - Pale Blue
 - Vanilla
 - Matte Varnish
- Paintbrush
- Stencil brush or sponge applicator
- Rubbing alcohol
- Painter's tape
- Burlap
- Hemp cord

Instructions:

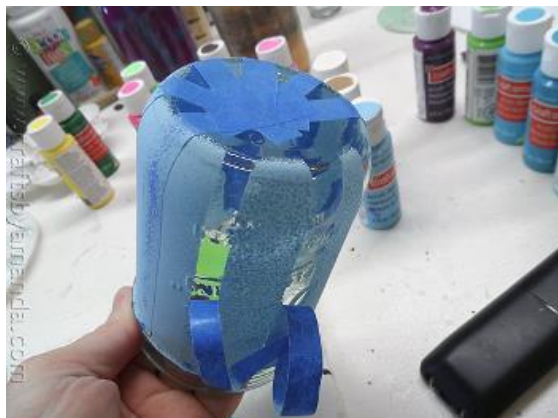
- 1) Wash and dry each jar. Rinse with rubbing alcohol and let dry.
- 2) Apply strips of painter's tape to outside of each jar, leaving gaps to create stripes.



- 3) Use sponge applicator to pounce blue paint onto the exposed glass of first jar. Repeat the process using white paint on second jar.



- 4) Remove painter's tape.



- 5) Apply coat of matte varnish on the surface of each jar.
- 6) Cut strips of burlap and hot glue around rim of each jar.
- 7) Wrap a piece of hemp cord around the burlap and tie into a knot or bow in front.
- 8) Fill jars $\frac{1}{4}$ " full with white sand. Insert votive candle and small seashells.



All-American Mason Jars

By: [Plaid Enterprises](#)

Show off your national pride when you adorn your backyard with these patriotic All-American Mason Jars. This summer craft idea is perfect for the Fourth of July. You can line your front or back yard with these festive Mason jars. This simple Independence Day craft is a fun way to say that you're proud to live in the USA.



Materials:

- Plaid® Hot Glue Gun Helpers
- FolkArt® Enamels™ - Calypso Sky, 2 oz.
- FolkArt® Enamels™ Flow Medium, 2 oz.
- FolkArt® Acrylic Colors - Brilliant Blue, 2 oz
- Recycled jar
- Alcohol
- Paper towel
- Medium paintbrush
- Detail paintbrush
- Scissors
- Old book pages
- Wood stars
- Ribbon
- Hot glue

Instructions:

- 1) Remove label from jar. Wipe clean with rubbing alcohol.
- 2) Blend equal parts of Calypso Sky paint and Flow Medium. Paint the jar with mixture. Once dry, apply second coat.
- 3) Cut star shapes from old book pages. Apply a coat of Mod Podge to the outside of the jar and position stars. Apply top coat of Mod Podge. Let dry.
- 4) Paint a star with Brilliant Blue paint.
- 5) Tie ribbon around top of jar. Hot glue wooden stars to ribbon using hot glue.

Quick and Easy Patriotic Mason Jar

By: [Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage](#)

Show your love for your country with this Quick and Easy Patriotic Mason Jar. This festive craft is a great way to freshen up your home decor for the season. The frost effect only takes minutes to achieve, and it adds a touch of elegance and style to this simple project. Follow these steps for a patriotic look or choose your own paint colors to personalize this recyclable craft project. Once the Quick and Easy Patriotic Mason Jar is complete, place flowers inside for a summery statement.



Materials:

- Decoart Frost Gloss Enamels
 - Blue
 - White
 - Red
- Alcohol
- 3 cosmetic sponges
- Mason jar

Instructions:

- 1) Thoroughly clean glass jar with alcohol. Let dry.
- 2) Use a cosmetic sponge to brush blue gloss onto the bottom third of the jar. Let dry.
- 3) Brush white gloss on middle of jar. Let dry.
- 4) Brush red gloss on top third of jar. Let dry.
- 5) To make paint permanent, bake jar according to Frost Glass Enamel instructions.



Light Up the Night Glitter Jar

By: [Pattie Wilkinson for iLoveToCreate](#)

Take those glass jars you've been saving and make them sparkle. This Light Up the Night Glitter Jar is an easy candle holder project. Grab some decoupage, paint, and an assortment of glitter and you'll be well on your way to creating a gorgeous candle display. The finished jar makes a glitzy centerpiece for your holiday dinners or a glowing decoration for a side table. Set the mood for the festivities with these precious homemade luminaries.



Materials:

- Tulip® Fashion Glitter® - Gold and Silver
- Tulip® 3D Fashion Paint value packs and sets
- Collage Pauge Instant Decoupage
- Scissors
- Tape
- Tea light candles
- Canning/Mason jar(s)
- Glass votive(s)
- Disposable brush
- Pattern

Instructions:

- 1) Print and cut out pattern shown to the right. Tape inside jar.
- 2) Using pattern as a guide, trace snowflake design on outside of jar using dimensional paint. Let dry.
- 3) Brush decoupage on inside of jar. Pour in glitter. Let dry.
- 4) Pour out excess glitter.
- 5) Place glass votive and tea light inside jar.



Holiday Cookie Mix in a Jar

By: [Tania Willis for Fiskars](#)

This Cookie Mix in a Jar craft is an easy gift idea for a friend with a sweet tooth. Personalize the outside of the jar with paper punches, ribbon, and stickers. Pick your favorite cookie recipe (or choose one of the two listed on the following pages) and fill the jar with the dry ingredients needed to make a batch of cookies. Write out the recipe and attach it to the jar so that your recipient can bake your yummy treat.



Materials:

- Wide mouth canning jars
- Cardstock
- Coordinating ink
- 20" ribbon per jar
- Wooden spoon
- Spatula
- Whisk
- Glue dots
- Fabric

Instructions:

- 1) Create a simple paper funnel from cardstock. Roll the cardstock into a cone and secure with tape. Use the cone to fill the bottom of the jar with flour, baking soda, salt, and baking powder. Add sugars, oats, and additional ingredients as necessary. Place the seal on top of the jar.
- 2) Trace a small circle onto a coordinating piece of fabric for the lid. Cut along the line.



3) Place fabric over seal. Place ring over the fabric. Use glue dots to attach a whisk, spatula or wooden spoon to the side of your jar. Tie ribbon around jar. For extra support, secure the utensil with a rubber band and cover with ribbon.



4) Create labels for the jar using your Fuse Creativity System, Medium Design Set 0111, and Medium Design Set 0191. Create two snowflakes using two different colors of cardstock.



5) Decide which of the two snowflakes will be the top layer and cut around the inked image as shown.



6) Using letters from the Alpha Basic stamp set, personalize “From the Kitchen of” tag.



7) Layer the snowflake die-cuts. Use a thumbtack to poke a hole through the center of both snowflakes. Insert fabric-covered brad through the holes and open the prongs. Embellish the larger snowflake with self-adhesive rhinestones.



8) Use glue dots or foam tape to attach label and snowflake to the jar.

9) Don't forget to include a cookie recipe with the jar so that the recipient can prepare the cookies.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 ¼ cup chocolate chips* (Note: For M&M cookies, reduce salt to ½ tsp. and substitute M&Ms for chocolate chips. Or, do half chocolate chips, half M&Ms)

Directions: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Empty jar into large bowl and mix evenly. Add ½ cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg (slightly beaten) and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix well. Place by spoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until edges are light brown (approx. 11-13 min). Yield: 2 ½ dozen.

Oatmeal Scotchies

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups oats
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup butterscotch chips

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Empty jar into large bowl and mix evenly. Add ¾ cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg (slightly beaten) and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix well. Place by spoonful onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until edges are light brown (approx. 10-12 min) Yield: 3 dozen.

Mason Jar Gift Wrap

By: [Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage](#)

Wrap your Christmas presents in style this year. This Mason Jar Gift Wrap project is affordable and fun. Using a recycled glass jar and colored tissue paper, you can transform a drab gift into a fabulously-packaged present. Because Mason jars are reusable, this is the gift wrap that keeps on giving. This easy project is a great way to put a handmade touch on your gifts this season.



Materials:

- Mason jar
- Tissue paper
- Wooden dowel
- Fabric
- Stamp
- Ribbon
- Small treats

Instructions:

1) Use dowel to pack red tissue paper tightly into bottom of jar.



2) Place treats inside jar. Stuff tissue paper on top of treats.



4) Personalize a piece of fabric with stamp. Glue to top of jar.



5) Tie a ribbon around the top of the jar.

Very Merry Mason Jars

By: [Kierste Wade from Simply Kierste](#)

These Very Merry Mason Jars are a fun and festive craft to work on during the holiday season. Invite a few friends over to your home to help. This is a delightful craft for groups to do together. When you're finished making a crate of these adorable gift jars, you can fill them with treats such as, jam, hot fudge, and caramels. They can also be used as a unique drinking glass set.



Materials:

- Case of half pint Mason jars and box
- Spray paint
- Cardstock
- Distress ink
- Double stick tape
- Cupcake liners
- Matching paper straws
- Twine

Instructions:

1) Remove the jar lids and rings. Place cupcake liner over the top of the jar. Screw the ring back in place.



2) Spray paint the outside of the jar. Let dry. Apply second coat. Let dry.

3) Cut out cardstock for box as follows:

Long Sides (2) = 11" x 3.5"

Short Sides (2) = 8" x 3.5"

4) Distress edges if desired. Use double stick tape to adhere cardstock to each side.



5) Embellish as desired with stickers, washi tape, stamps, etc.



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