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Hi Holiday Crafters,

All women can agree that their wedding day is one of the most important days of their life. This eBook was put together with blushing brides-to-be in mind. Whether your niece, daughter, cousin, friend, or granddaughter is planning on taking that big step into a new marriage, these handmade treasures will help her along the way. Planning for a wedding can be tough – and as we all know expensive – remove some pressure from the bride and help her save some cash with a few DIY ideas.

When planning my wedding, many of the most memorable moments involved close friends and relatives joining together to create decorations for the shower and reception, save-the-dates, and more. Take your talents as a crafter and use them for some good while you help make her big day the best it can be. I know it meant the world to me, and it will mean the world to her too.

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Something Blue Ribbon and Pearls Necklace

By: Marie from [Blooming Homestead](#)

Create a necklace for the blushing bride-to-be that fulfills her "something blue." This Something Blue Ribbon and Pearls Necklace comes from an accessible jewelry tutorial that's super easy to make. Even if she doesn't wear this DIY necklace on the big day, she can still wear it leading up to her walk down the aisle. You could also incorporate her "something old" by using a set of antique pearls. They could be an heirloom or something that you found in a thrift or antique store. The bride is sure to love this necklace and cherish it long after her wedding.



Materials:



- Blue ribbon
- Pearl beads
- Clear cord.
- 1/16" craft punch

Instructions:

1. Measure the ribbon around your neck to determine the length of where it will hang.
2. Double that length to allow room to make ruffles.
3. Cut a 15" length of cord.
4. While keeping the cord and pearl tightly in place, wrap around the ribbon with your other hand and fold it over and back 3 times to make sure the ribbon will be in the same direction of the beads.



5. Use a craft punch to make a hole about 1/16" in size.



6. In each layer keep the ribbon folds tightly in your hand.



7. Continue the cord by threading it through the ribbon and drawing it tightly around the bead.
8. Add another bead, and follow it with the ribbon ruffle again.
9. Occasionally tie a knot in the cording by the bead (where it will be hidden) to help keep things in place.



10. After you have added the desired number of beads, pull it all tight and wrap the ribbon around the final bead threaded through the cord.
11. Tie a knot on both ends to finish.

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Something Blue Garter

By: Deborah Schlegel from [Art Threads](#)

Looking for a special token to give to a bride you love? Try crocheting her a Something Blue Garter. This simple crochet pattern is a quick and easy way to create a last minute wedding craft that still has a sentimental touch. With the help of this tutorial, you won't even need the bride's measurements to create this garter. This handmade gift idea is a great way to surprise your bride with an extra special wedding day must-have. No bride will be able to resist wearing this DIY garter because it's just so beautiful.



Materials:

- Size 10 crochet thread in blue and white
- Green embroidery floss
- 1 1/2 yards of 1/4 inch satin ribbon
- Size 7 (1.5mm) crochet hook
- 2 small beads

Instructions:

1. With blue thread, chain 150 loosely.



2. Row 1: Single crochet in second chain from hook and in each chain across.
3. Row 2: Chain 1: Single crochet across.
4. Row 3: Chain 7: Skip 2 stitches and triple crochet in the next stitch.
5. Chain 2, skip 2, triple crochet in next stitch. Repeat instructions between s across.
6. Row 4: Chain 1: Single crochet across, putting 2 stitches in each chain 2 space.
7. Row 5: Chain 1: Single crochet across.



8. Row 6: Chain 2: skip 1 stitch, single crochet in the next stitch. Chain 1, skip 1, single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat instructions between s across.
9. Row 7: Chain 1: Single crochet, chain 3, skip 1, single crochet. Repeat instructions between s across.
10. Row 8: Chain 1: In first chain 3 space, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, chain 2, double crochet, half double crochet, and single crochet.

11. In next chain 3 space, single crochet, make a chain 3 picot (chain 3 and then single crochet in the bottom of the chain), and single crochet again.
12. Repeat instructions between s across and finish off the garter.
13. Next, crochet two flowers and two leaves.
14. For the flowers, chain 4, slip stitch to join.
15. Chain 1 and then place 10 single crochets in ring. Join to first chain.
16. Chain 1. In first stitch, make 1 single crochet, 1 half double crochet, 1 double crochet, 1 half double crochet, and 1 single crochet.
17. Slip stitch in next stitch. Repeat instructions between s across. Join to first chain and finish off.
18. For the leaves, chain 6. In second chain from hook, single crochet. In the next stitch, half double crochet, in the next double crochet, in the next half double crochet, and in the last stitch single crochet.



19. Working on the other side of the chain, in the next stitch half double crochet, in the next stitch double crochet, in the next stitch half double crochet, and in the final stitch single crochet. Fasten off.



20. Sew a bead into the center of each flower and thread ribbon through the triple stitches.



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Flower Appliqued Bridal Headband

By: Sara from [Craft Snob](#)

Already spent a fortune and have little money for wedding dress accessories? The flower appliqued bridal headband is a great money saver. Simply pick up a flower applique at a local craft store and a headband. This is an elegant way for the bride to finish off her look. Your wedding accessories don't have to be crazy expensive; you'll feel better knowing that you didn't spend a lot of money on them. Walk down the aisle assured that you made something beautiful and saved some money along the way for something else in your wedding budget.



Materials:

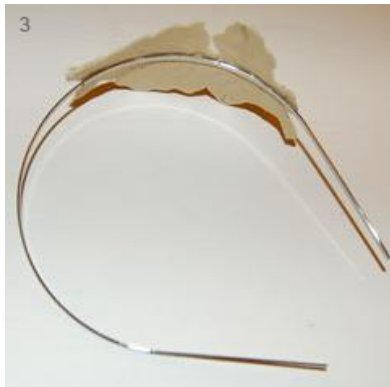
- Flower applique
- Plain headband
- Cotton material
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Felt (optional)

Instructions:

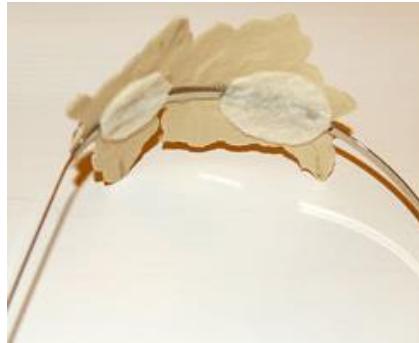
1. Apply your applique to the cotton material with an iron and a damp cloth.



2. Using scissors, trim the excess material along the appliqué border.
3. Hot glue the appliqué on the headband.



4. Cut out one or two pieces of felt and hot glue them to the back of the appliqué.



Note: The appliqué will hold to the headband better if you add felt to the back.

Rustic Branch Photo Holder

By: Carolyn from [Carolyn's Homework](#)

If you're looking for a way to add a rustic touch to upcoming nuptials, then this Rustic Branch Photo Holder is perfect for you. Easy to create and affordable, these photo holders make for ideal handmade centerpieces for a wedding that is following a wooded, vintage, or rustic theme. Whether you're a mother of the bride or maid of honor, this lovely DIY wedding craft will allow you to help out your bride where she needs it most: reception decor. You can use engagement photos during the reception, and when the wedding is over, you can decorate your home with them and show off the wedding photos.



Materials:

- Tree branch
- X-acto Knife
- Saw
- Paper clip

Instructions:

1. Grab your branch and use the X-acto knife to carve a heart shape.



2. Clean it up by chipping away at the bark on the edges.
3. Use a saw to add a groove into the top of the branch and glue a paper clip into the groove.



4. Add your image to finish it off!

Lacy Bottle Centerpiece

By Carolyn from [Carolyn's Homework](#)

Lace is so in this season, especially when it comes to handmade wedding decorations. If you're in charge of a wedding planning committee this year, the Lacy Bottle Centerpiece is a wonderful place to start. With a shabby chic look like this, your bride won't know where to begin to thank you! Get started on this DIY wedding idea today, because when you're helping plan for such a big event, you can't start soon enough! Create the most beautiful and elegant DIY centerpieces for your wedding without spending a ton of money!



Materials:

- Recycled wine bottle
- Sheet of white lace material
- Scissors
- Mod Podge

Instructions:

1. Wrap the entire bottle in the sheet of lace.
2. Cut a few slits in the fabric where it will cover the neck of the bottle.



3. Layer the slits around the neck.
4. Apply Mod Podge to your bottle and wrap the fabric around the bottle.



5. Once the fabric is completely dry, add another coat of Mod Podge over the fabric.
6. Fill with flowers, and enjoy.

Wedding Decor Lace Vase

By: Lana from [Lana Red Studio](#)

This Wedding Decor Lace Vase is the perfect accessory for your beautiful wedding flowers. It's so simple to make, you may find that you want to make a set for each table as part of your table arrangements. Why not compliment your gorgeous, delicate flowers with gorgeous, delicate vases? This homemade wedding decor is an inexpensive way to add a special touch to your wedding. You can probably find vases in your local thrift or antique stores. None of them will be the same, but that will add a certain charm and flair to your wedding decor that you won't find anywhere else.



Materials:

- Old vases
- Lace fabric
- Hot glue gun
- Grey primer

Instructions:

1. Take one old vase and a piece of lace fabric.



2. Cut the fabric in the shape of the vase.



3. Attach the fabric to the vase using a glue gun.



4. Lay some old newspapers on the floor outside and spray the vases with a grey primer.



Vintage Inspired Wedding Cones

By: Heather Mann from [Dollar Store Crafts](#)

These Vintage-Inspired Wedding Cones are for romantic brides who aim for old-fashioned elegance in their wedding decorations. If ideas for a vintage wedding have been swimming in your head, head to your dollar store or thrift store to make these inexpensive cones. These would look beautiful hanging on the ends of rows or you could fill them with gifts for the guests to take home. It's such a cute little detail to add to your decorations to make your wedding that much more special.



Materials:

- Party hats
- Buttons, sequins, or plastic rhinestones embellishments
- Ribbon and lace embellishments
- Hot glue gun
- Acrylic craft paint



Instructions:

1. Paint party hats with antique white acrylic craft paint.



2. Let paint dry completely before adding embellishments.
3. Using craft glue or a hot glue gun attach ribbon and lace embellishments to the cone and allow to dry.
4. Add button, rhinestones and costume jewelry embellishments.
5. Glue on a ribbon handle.



6. Fill each cone with flowers to finish.

Pretty Paper Pomanders

By: Paula from [Frog Prince Paperie](#)

Always a classic wedding decoration, the name pomander actually comes from the French for a ball of perfume. It's a fitting name because when you look at these Pretty Paper Pomanders, you can almost smell a fresh flower scent! Using a handy paper punch, a Styrofoam ball and a ton of pearl-tipped pins, you can create your own chic DIY wedding pomanders for your big day! Don't spend money on real flowers that might wilt. Make your own flowers and have the most unique wedding decorations ever. Find out how it's done with this tutorial.



Materials:

- 4" white Styrofoam ball
- 90-100 pearl tipped corsage pins
- Two sheets of pearlized pink scrapbook paper
- Hydrangea petal punch

Instructions:

1. Punch 180-200 of the hydrangea petal shapes from the scrapbook paper.



2. Curl the edges of the petals upward and to the center to give the flowers some dimension.



3. Stack two of the flower petals to create the appearance of a full flower.
4. Stick a corsage pin straight through the center of your petals.



5. Push the end of the pin into the Styrofoam ball.

6. Make a row around the center and fill in each half a concentric row at a time.



Note: Make sure your flowers are close enough together that the petals fully cover the ball.



Peacock Wedding Card Box

By Susan Myers from Suzy's Artsy Craftsy Sitcom

This Peacock Wedding Card Box proves that glamour and spunk are the perfect pair. It's beautiful, unique, and useful - three qualities every item of homemade wedding decor should have. This project is simple and it's easy to get creative with colors and details. Collect your cards and well wishes in something beautiful and unique to your wedding decor. Your guests will love to see it and you will have a beautiful box to store your wedding cards. Start this tutorial today!



Materials:

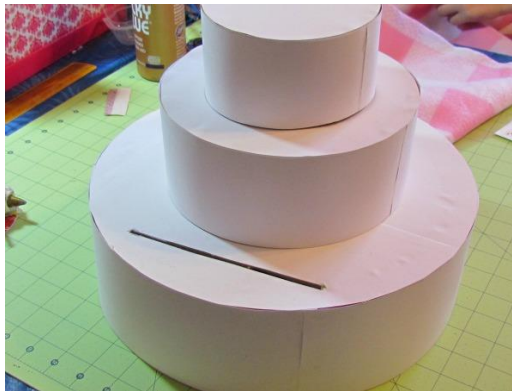
- 3 round paper mache boxes
- White poster board
- Hot glue
- Purple satin ribbon
- Small Metal Bird Cage Tealight
- Small silk flowers
- Peacock Feathers
- 2 Purple Peacock Birds
- Small scrap of tulle, scrap of black cardstock
- David Tutera's Bling on a Roll
- David Tutera Adhesive Rhinestones
- David Tutera Rhinestone Brooch
- David Tutera Droplet Pin

Instructions:

1. Find three round paper mache boxes in descending sizes.



2. Use the white poster board to cover the sides and tops of the boxes using hot glue.



3. Stack covered boxes and glue them down.
4. Use a craft blade to cut a slot in the front of the bottom box for the cards.
5. Add a scrap of tulle for a veil to one peacock and crown her with a droplet pin.



6. Add a bow tie from black cardstock to the groom.

7. Once both birds are dry, glue them in place on top of the bird cage.



8. Decorate the bottom layer of the cake with “bling on a roll” for the bottom edge, and purple satin ribbon for the top edge.



9. Add oval rhinestones to the satin ribbon for some extra style.
10. Add purple ribbon along the bottom edge of the center layer.
11. Cut lengths of rhinestones from the Adhesive Rhinestone Sheet, attaching them along the top edge.
12. Glue two peacock feathers in place and top with a beautiful rhinestone brooch with hot glue.



13. Use more “bling on a roll” for the top layer, gluing it to the bottom edge.

14. Add lengths of rhinestones for the adhesive rhinestone sheet the top edge.

Note: For even more sparkle, add lengths of rhinestones to the bars of the bird cage.



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Silver and Pearl Windmills

By: Gloria Uhler from [The Domestic Diva](#)

These Silver and Pearl Windmills make great decorations for a wedding. Use them to line the aisle at an outdoor affair, or the walkway leading to the church for an indoor wedding. No matter how you use them, this wedding craft makes a wonderful decoration that your guests will be sure to remember. These would make whimsical centerpieces or really unique bouquet replacements. If you have an outdoors wedding then they would spin happily during the ceremony. You can make them in any color that will match your color scheme!



Materials:

- Aztek airbrush
- silver paint
- Card stock & paper
- Nail head wires
- Thick needle
- Dazzle-Tac glue
- Round nose pliers
- Hot glue gun
- Wood dowel
- Rhinestones
- Jacobean Floral Stencil by Americana Classic- DecoArt
- 2" X 36" white satin ribbon
- Fancy rhinestone button
- Plastic water bottle cap
- Plastic straw

Instructions:

1. Create an 8.5" x 11" page in a design or other text computer program.
2. Choose light grey for your color and type in the words, "With this ring I thee wed" in a large script font.
3. Fill the page, repeating the words and print it out on card stock.
4. Trim the page to an 8.5" square.
5. Turn the square over and apply the floral stencil with adhesive. Spray the design with silver paint.
6. Use the paper template to cut the four diagonal slits in the card stock. Make a center hole by pushing the needle through the template hole.
7. Use the needle to make a hole in every other corner section of the square.
8. Paint the wooden dowel white.
9. Cut off a piece of wine cork to fit inside the bottle cap, about 1/8" thick.



10. Put a needle through the center of the cork to create a hole. Remove the needle and replace it with a 3" long nail head wire.
11. Hot glue the cork into the bottle cap with the nail head against the cap, centered and vertical.
12. Slip a .5" long piece of plastic straw over the wire. Slide it to the bottom and hot glue it to the cork.
13. Guide the wire through the hole in the center backside of the pinwheel.
14. One by one, insert the wire into the corner hole in each panel.
15. Grab the end of the wire with the round nose pliers.
16. Push the panels down so they're out of the way while you create a small loop in the wire end with the pliers.

17. Hot glue the bottle cap to the stick.

18. Using wire cutters, remove the shank from the back of a fancy rhinestone button.



19. Bend the loop in the center of the pinwheel to a 45 degree angle and glue the button to the wire loop. Glue rhinestones to the silver stenciled design with Dazzle-Tac.



20. Write the names of the bride and groom in silver on a wide white ribbon with a marker or paint brush.



21. Tie the ribbon into a bow on the stick to finish it off.



Chalkboard Message Plaque

By: Kari from [A Grace Full Life](#)

Commemorate your loved one's wedding day with this Chalkboard Message Plaque. This DIY wedding present will allow you the opportunity to create an entirely original gift using chalk art. Write an inspirational quote, a song, or your own special message to give as a unique gift that can last for many happy years to come. The new bride and groom can hang this in their new home and always remember their special day and the wonderful well-wishes that their loved ones gave them. This plaque would truly make a special day even more special.



Materials:

- Frame
- Spray Adhesive
- Chalkboard
- Wrapping Paper
- Chalk Pens



Instructions:

1. Spray the adhesive to the cardboard part of the frame and to the back of the wrapping paper and paper bags.



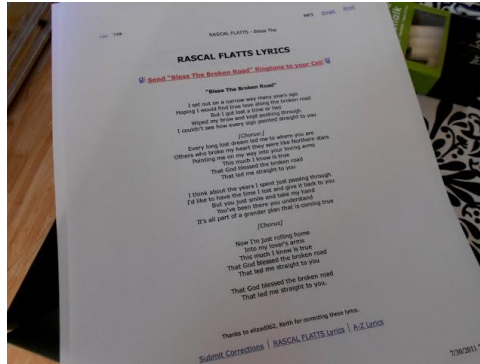
2. Smooth out most of the wrinkles and tuck in the paper where it can't fit anymore to fit into the frame.



3. Add the chalkboard to the top after spraying the back and the paper it is going to be sticking to with adhesive. Let dry overnight.



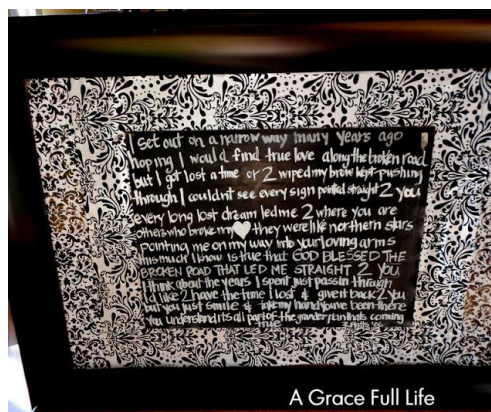
4. Print out lyrics to romantic song.



5. Write the song by hand on the chalkboard using the chalk sticks.



6. Go over writing using chalk pens to complete.



Firecracker Wedding Announcement

By: Carolyn from [Carolyn's Homework](#)

Make your wedding announcement a major shocker with this Firecracker Wedding Announcement project. People will surely save the date when they see how whimsical and exciting your wedding announcement looks. It's an easy paper craft that makes a huge impact. Don't let your wedding announcement get lost in piles of mail. This Firecracker Wedding Announcement will surely be on display in all your guests' homes. Your guests will get excited for your wedding before the invitations even arrive when you send them this really unique save the date!



Materials:

- Tissue
- Paper towel roll
- Pretty paper
- Embelishments
- Adhesive
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. To make the cracker, use a paper towel roll, cut down to about 3-1/2 inches.
2. Insert your announcement and wrap the tube in tissue paper. The tissue paper should be about 3" longer on each side of the tube.
3. Use pretty paper cut to 3-1/2" wide to wrap over the tissue paper.



4. Tie one end of the tissue paper and add confetti or some other fun filling along with your announcement.
5. Tie the other tissue paper end.



6. Make the announcement a simple note or embellish with personal touches.



7. Mail the announcement or throw an announcement party and have each guest take one.



Rose Petal Votives

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

If you're looking for elegant DIY wedding centerpieces, check out these beautiful Rose Petal Votives. Decoupage rose petals and white tissue paper to simple glass votives, and you'll have a gorgeous wedding decoration in no time! These decorative candle holders are also great for Valentine's Day as well. Create a romantic atmosphere with these votive centerpieces. They are the perfect DIY centerpiece idea because they're short enough for your guests to see over, and they're also really beautiful and elegant.



Materials:

- Glass votive holder
- White tissue paper
- Dried or fresh rose petals and leaves
- Medium paint brush
- White craft glue
- Water
- Small bowl
- Paper towels
- Wax paper

Instructions:

1. Soften dried rose petals and leaves by soaking them in a dish of tap water.
Note: You will need about 6 petals and 2 leaves for each votive. Set these aside to soak.
2. Tear tissue paper into 1" squares. It's important to tear rather than cut as you will achieve a smoother result this way.
3. Mix together equal amounts of white craft glue and water in a small bowl. Mixture should be paintable but not too thick.
4. When the rose petals have soaked long enough to make them pliable, remove them from the water and place onto paper towels.
5. Cover with another paper towel and place a small book on top to flatten them out and squeeze out excess water. Leave book in place for 1-2 minutes.
6. Carefully remove them from the paper towels and place on wax paper. Break the leaves into smaller pieces and set aside.
7. To decoupage, paint the back of one of the rose petals with the paintable glue mixture and position onto the glass votive. Paint the mixture over the top of the petal as well. Repeat this step for each petal, working around the glass.
8. Repeat this process again, this time using the leaf pieces around the bottom of the votive.
9. Working in sections, decoupage the torn pieces of tissue paper over the top of the rose petals and the leaves, completely covering the entire votive.
10. Repeat again, covering entire votive with a second coat of tissue paper.
11. Skim over your votive to see if it needs to be touched up. Let project dry completely, overnight is best.

Stenciled Favor Bags

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

Simple and shabby chic, these Pretty Stenciled Favor Bags are the perfect touch for your rustic DIY wedding. Fill each one of these handmade favor bags with handmade goodies of your choice, your guests will love the sentiment. You will be proud to present your friends and family with your wedding favors if you make this rustic DIY wedding craft. The best part is, they take hardly any time at all, and are cost-efficient. Send your loving guests home with a special favor bag. They'll appreciate that you took the time to make them yourself.



Materials:

- Ink pad
- Paper bags
- Decorative frame, branch, fleur de lis and rose stencils
- Lavender, brown and white ink

Instructions:

1. Lay your stencil down on the bag and apply the ink with the ink pad until your design is complete.
2. Hold the bag closed with a clothespin.



3. Adhere scrapbook paper to the clothespin with Mod Podge.
4. Use a branch stencil on the next bag.



5. Fold top and punch 2 holes; close with twine.



6. For the next bag use a lovely frame stencil and lavender ink.
7. Punch two holes and tie together with ribbon.



1. For the next one, use a fleur de lis stencil on a white bag.



8. Use Washi tape to close the bag.
9. For the last bag, use a rose stencil with white ink on a brown bag.



10. Bunch the bag closed with a pink ribbon, and you're finished!

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