



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

January 2013

Happy New Year everybody! I thought we'd have lots of snow by now, but maybe next week. Does anybody else have the issue of starting to think about NEXT Christmas on the day after This Christmas? I think I need to work on enjoying the current season instead of thinking so far ahead. One reason I want some snow is that I bought new snowshoes last year and only got to use them once.

- ☀ Last month's project was glass blocks with Christmas decorations, garland, and light strings inside. Thanks go to Sue P. for tying all those bows for everybody!
- ☀ This month's project will be making Valentines for the VA hospital and some local nursing homes. In addition, we will be sewing some of the Little Dresses we have cut out. Please check your sewing supplies and if you have any packages of bias seam binding that you've had forever and probably won't use, please bring it along for the dresses. If you would like to take some of the cut out ones home to sew, that's a possibility too. Meagan Ternus that came to talk to us about making the dresses for Haiti, is leaving on Tuesday to deliver lots of dresses. She will be taking about 25 of the ones that some of our members have made, along with some cute little undies the club bought.
- ☀ Our charity project for this month will be collecting money for Families Helping Families of Iowa.
- ☀ Jean Strait's church helps our Kenwood school all year round. They have been given an offer from Hy Vee. For every \$200.00 in receipts that is turned in to the school it will be given one dollar. Doesn't seem like much but there is no out of the pocket expense and Kenwood school can use every penny given them. So please save your HyVee receipts and give them to Jean.
- ☀ If you haven't turned in your new year's membership form, give it to Patti Little.
- ☀ For bad winter weather, remember our policy is that if schools are closed, we will cancel our meeting that day.

This Month at a Glance

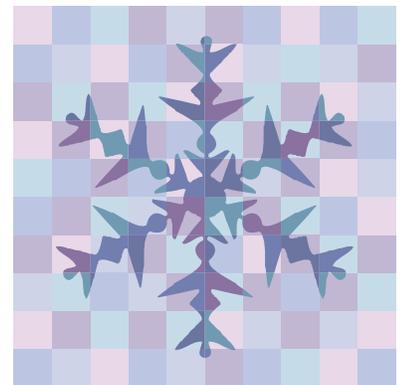
Next Meeting:
Wednesday
January 16
at 4:30 Main Plant
Cafeteria

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Crafty Tips & Tricks

How to make wood look vintage...

Soak steel wool in apple cider vinegar, rub down new wood with the soaked steel wool for an instantly aged wood look. Good to know for making "vintage" signs.

Turning a book into a clock — Drill a hole in the cover of your book. Trace your battery operated clock works on the inner page and use a knife to cut a hole big enough for the clock works to fit inside.

Remember how everybody always used metal coffee cans for storing stuff? Well, if you are wanting to use the new plastic coffee containers to put things in, here's a tip for you. The article didn't say if ALL these steps are necessary, or just some of them.

How to remove coffee smell from plastic:

Sprinkle baking soda in container, cover, let sit overnight.

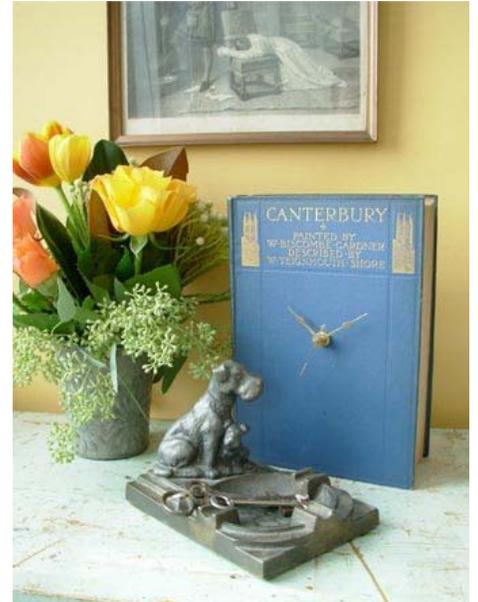
In the morning, throw out that soda, add new, and add 1 cup white vinegar, mix well with baking soda, it will foam. Shake, toss it out, rinse.

Soak in a 50/50 water/white vinegar solution for 1 hour.

Wash with soapy water.

Put 1/2 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup of hot water inside the container. Seal the container with the lid and shake it vigorously for 60 seconds. Let the sealed container sit with the water and soda mixture overnight, then wash and rinse as you usually would.

Sprinkle a piece of newspaper with some water, or sprinkle several drops of vanilla extract on a few paper towels. Crumple up the paper (or the paper towels) and stuff it inside the container. Seal the container and let it sit with the paper inside for 24 hours. Newsprint contains charcoal, which soaks up odors, and vanilla extract also acts as an absorbent.



Here's an interesting new recipe to try for your Super Bowl party, or just if you feel you need more CHEESE in your life.

Texas fudge

serves 18

cooking time: 40 minutes

preheat oven to 350

- 1 8oz pkg. shredded swiss cheese
- 1 8oz pkg. shredded mozzarella
- 1 8oz pkg. shredded cheddar
- 1 8oz pkg. shredded pizza blend cheese
- 1 4oz. can diced green chilies
- 5 eggs
- 8 oz. jar picante



Spray Pam in 9 x 13 pan. Set aside.

In bowl mix cheeses and chilies.

Spread in pan.

Mix eggs and picante and pour over cheeses.

Bake and cut into small squares.



I'm creative. You can't expect me to be neat too.

Here's an idea—punch a hole in a paint chip sample, rubber stamp a design on, tie a ribbon through the hole and you have a bookmark.



Happy Birthday!

January

10th—Crystal Wessley

14th—Nancy Lacy

February

11th — Sue Pauba

10th — Casey Holland

One kind word can warm three winter months. ~ Japanese Proverb

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