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Mother's Day

Craft Ideas for Kids



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Letter from the Editor

Hello Crafty Families,

The sun is peeking out from behind the clouds slightly more often than it had been which means that slowly but surely spring is on its way. With spring come green grass, fresh flowers, and most importantly, a day to celebrate the most significant women in our lives. Though it's called Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May is a 24-hour period to honor any special lady who has contributed to raising you.

Dads, grandpas, and uncles, this is where you come in. While Mom can help make homemade gifts for grandmas and aunts, it's your job to oversee that your crafting kiddos stay on track to making the perfect Mother's Day gifts. Luckily for you, AllFreeKidsCrafts has gathered 14 of the absolute best presents Mom could ever hope for.

This may be a day for the women, but you can take this opportunity to spend a lovely afternoon crafting with your favorite little artist making memories as you make gifts. The process is just as meaningful as the result, so take advantage and really make some wonderful moments.

The crafty kids in your life will have an amazing time creating homemade cards and gifts that will melt Mom's heart. The tutorials in this eBook are varied to ensure that there will be the perfect project for everyone. Use paint, crayons, recycled goods, beads, paper, and more to make a budget-friendly, homemade work of art.

Enjoy these great kids' arts and crafts projects that'll help you celebrate Mother's Day in the most heartfelt and crafty way.

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Happy crafting!

Jaclyn, Editor of AllFreeKidsCrafts

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Give a Hand for Mom

By: [Gina from Willowday](#)

Give a Hand for Mom, the lady of the hour! Mom is so good to you, so take a moment to thank her for all that she does. To make unforgettable Mother's Day cards from kids, trace your hand, paint your mom, and write a sweet little note that will melt her heart. This card is personal, unique, and fun to make, which is the perfect combination for a handmade card. Hand this card to mom, and she'll be very grateful.



Materials:

- Piece of cardstock for face
- Piece of cardstock for card
- Watercolor paint, markers, or crayons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

1.) Carefully trace hand, then cut out.



2.) Paint finger area desired hair color to symbolize hair.



3.) Add face: paint, draw, or glue on facial features.

4.) Apply glue to the backside of the pointer finger and place centered ribbon beneath finger.



5.) Glue handprint to the center of the card.

6.) Tie ribbon into bow.



Painted Pot Wind Chime

By: [Laura from House of Joyful Noise](#)

This fun craft is the perfect gift that kids can make for mom or grandma. The Painted Pot Wind Chime is an absolutely adorable decoration to put outside and show off to all of your neighbors. Use your creativity to paint any type of pattern or design that you see fit, and your wind chime is sure to be unique and fabulous. Every time the wind blows you will remember how great of an artist you truly are.



Materials:

- 3 terracotta pots: 1 ½" tall, 2 ⅓" tall, and 3 ½" tall
- Acrylic Paint
- Paintbrushes
- 4 small wooden beads
- Q-Tips
- Jute twine
- Clear acrylic spray paint (optional)
- 1 spoon and 1 baby spoon (optional)

Instructions:



1.) Paint all 3 terracotta pots using the same color for all rims and various colors for the bodies. Let dry.



2.) Paint 4 small wooden beads using the same 4 paint colors. Stick 2 toothpicks in the bead holes to hold them while you brush paint them. You can see them resting on the palette, drying.



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3.) Use Q-tips to paint polka dots on the pots. Dip the tip in the paint, and then dot it right onto the pot. Let dry, and then spray all 3 pots with clear acrylic spray paint, if desired.



4.) Use jute twine and string on the 4 wooden beads. After each bead, make a knot in the twine.

5.) String the twine through the holes of the pots. Tie big enough knots on the string to hang the pots so that they overlap. Each knot should be inside the pot underneath the drainage hole.

6.) Attach a regular-sized spoon and a baby spoon at the bottom, if desired.



Soda Can Flowers

By: [Cris McGrath from Crissy's Crafts](#)

This challenging but amazing craft is perfect for the older crafty kids or for the little ones to do with Dad. Help the environment while you make something beautiful for Mom. Soda Can Flowers are always so uplifting and cheery no matter what it looks like outside. Paint the flowers, add fabric, or leave them au naturel. No matter how you decide to decorate them, these crafts are the perfect decorating touch and gift for the best woman you know.



Materials:

- Recycled soda cans
- Sharp knife (adult needed for this)
- Flat nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Pencil
- Paper clips
- 3 ½" circle template
- 2 ½" circle template
- Sharp scissors
- Hammer

Tips: If you don't have a scrapbook punch, simply make a circle template yourself by tracing around something with a round shape, such as the top of a jar, onto cardboard or cardstock; then cut out the round shape.

Instructions:

1.) Rinse the soda cans. Put on protective gloves, and then use the metal-cutting snips to cut off the top and bottom of each can.



2.) Cut a line in the can from top to bottom to form a flat sheet of aluminum.



3.) Use the scrapbook circle punches to punch three 2" circles and three 2 ½" circles out of the aluminum sheet.



4.) Use the hammer and nail to make a small hole in the center of each circle.



5.) Use the metal-cutting snips to make 6 equally spaced cuts along the edge of one 2½" circle, stopping before reaching the center of the circle. Use the scissors to round the outside edges of each cut section to create petals.



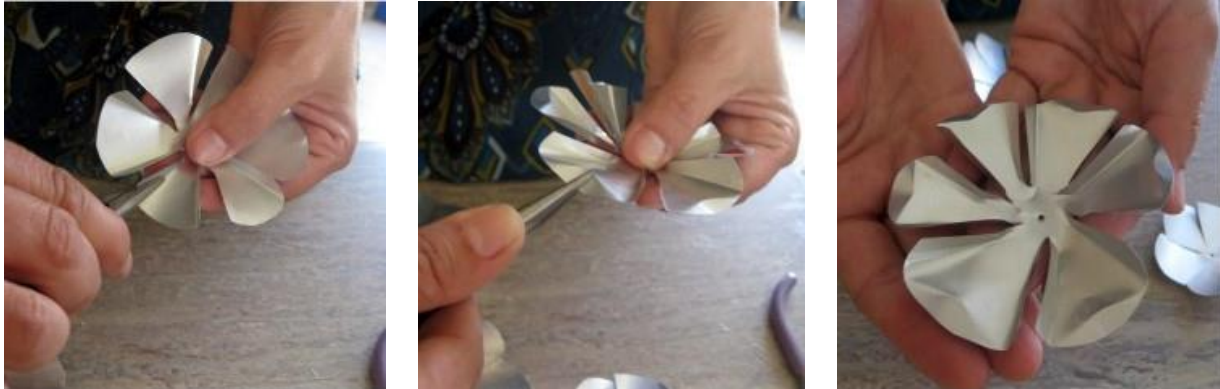
6.) Use the sandpaper to sand the edges of each petal. Repeat entire step four times with the remaining 2 1/2" circles and two of the 2" circles.



7.) With the final 2" circle, make 4 cuts instead of 6.

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8.) Use the chain- or flat-nose pliers to bend both sides of each petal up on 1 circle, and then bend the end of each petal down. Repeat four times with all the remaining circles except the 2" one with 4 cuts.



9.) Use the round-nose pliers to curl one side of each petal on the remaining 2" circle.



10. Stack the 2½" circles on top of each other. Stack the 2" circles on top of the 2½" circles with the flower center on top. Use the scrapbooking brad to secure the circles together to form the flower.



Blue Willow Pattern Plates

By: [Anne Farrell from Use Your Coloured Pencils](#)

These Blue Willow Pattern Plates look just like mom's favorite china plates, and they will seem all the more special because her baby painted them. This paint project for kids would be the perfect Mother's Day gift for the woman who raised you. Read the lovely story, and then draw a design that Mom will adore.



Materials:

- Blue, white, and black acrylic paints
- Fine paintbrushes
- Palettes
- Water cups
- Drawing pencils
- Drawing paper
- Paper plates
- [Willow Pattern Story](#)

Instructions:

- 1.) Read the Willow Pattern Story, and view examples of Willow Pattern china. Choose a favorite part of the Willow Pattern Story to illustrate using examples of Willow Pattern china as inspiration.
- 2.) Trace a paper plate onto a piece of drawing paper. Draw your design inside the circle. You may wish to skip this step and draw straight onto the paper plate, however it doesn't allow you to change and perfect your design.



- 3.) Redraw your design onto the paper plate.



- 4.) Prepare a palette with blue, white and black paint. Mix tints of blue. Experiment with using different amounts of blue and white.
Mix shades of blue. Experiment with using different amounts of blue and black.



- 5.) Let your plate dry, and give it to Mom, or make a few and give them as a set.



Homemade Perfume

By: [Melissa from Green Owl Art](#)

Mother's Day crafts for kids are so much fun. Plus, you know Mom will appreciate a homemade gift much more than a store-bought one. Use beautifully scented flowers, water and a funnel to create this Homemade Perfume.



Materials:

- Fresh flowers
- Mortar and pestle or spoon
- Bowl
- Warm water
- Sieve (strainer)
- Glass bottles

Instructions:

- 1.) Take baskets outside and use your nose to find the best smelling flowers.
- 2.) Crush the flowers with a mortar and pestle or just with the back of a spoon.



3.) Once they are crushed (and smell wonderful), add to a bowl of warm water and let sit overnight.



4.) In the morning, pour the flower water through a sieve, and then place water into a pot. Bring the water just to a simmer, then remove from heat and let cool.



5.) Use a funnel to add the flower perfume to glass jars.



Fun Coffee Filter Flowers

By: [Meg from Revamp Homegoods](#)

Mother's Day crafts can really turn up the love in your house this May. Decorate your table and mantel with Fun Coffee Filter Flowers. These extremely low-cost Mother's Day crafts for kids are mesmerizing to watch come together. Transforming boring coffee filters into beautifully delicate flowers is an amazing feat, and you will just love having been responsible for the smile on Mom's face. Love is in bloom!



Materials:

- Coffee filters
- Pipe cleaners

Instructions:

1.) Take one coffee filter and fold it in half, and then continue folding in half four more times.



2.) Round off the edges of the widest end.



3.) Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have your desired fullness for the flower.

4.) Open up one coffee filter and begin gathering the other filters inside the open filter.



5.) Wrap pipe cleaner around gathered filters.



6.) Fluff out the filters, and you're done!



Melted Heart Crayon Shavings Card

By: [Shaleah from The Gold Jellybean](#)

These Mother's Day cards from kids will melt your heart. This cool, unique technique, which is an original take on melted crayons art, creates a precious and totally cool card for Mother's Day. The Melted Heart Crayon Shavings Card is the perfect way to add a personal touch to your card for Mom. Choose a heart, a star, or another shape that means a lot to you and Mom, and go with it. Your card will look fabulous no matter what because it's made with love.

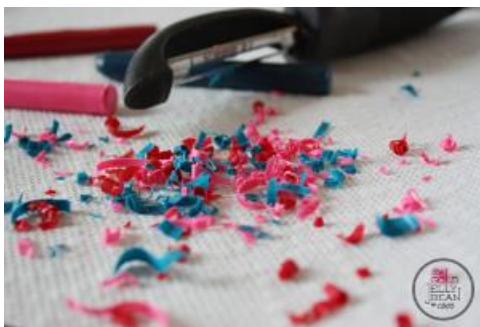


Materials:

- Old crayons
- Veggie peeler
- Wax paper
- Hair dryer or iron
- Mod Podge
- Piece of cardstock

Instructions:

1.) Use veggie peeler to shave the crayons.



2.) Assemble the shavings into a heart shape on wax paper. Lay another sheet of wax paper on top of the shavings.

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3.) Use a hairdryer on the hottest setting to melt the crayons. You can also use an iron on the lowest heat setting.



4.) Cut out the heart shape, and peel away one layer of paper.



5.) Paint Mod Podge to exposed crayon surface.



6.) Apply heart to the front of your card, and peel away remaining layer of wax paper.



7.) To protect the crayon heart, apply a layer of Mod Podge to the entire front of the card.



8.) Let it dry, and you're finished!



Tenderhearted Tissue Flowers

By: [Destri from The Mother Huddle](#)

Be Mom's favorite on her special day by making her the most beautiful flower crafts. Being her favorite probably means more candy and toys for you...well, hopefully! As a perfect homemade craft for Mom or Grandma, make Tenderhearted Tissue Flowers, which look real and darling. Let your love blossom, and show how much you care.



Materials:

- Box of tissues- 3 ply
- Pink, green, and purple markers
- Floral tape
- Bobby Pins
- Scissors
- Fake flower stems (remove fake flowers)

Instructions:



1.) Layer three tissues on top of each other and fold them accordion style.



2.) Push a bobby pin over the center of the bunch.



3.) Pinch off the ends to leave a rough edge on each side. Leave about 2 inches on each side.



4.) Color the rough edges with a marker.



5.) Starting at the top, pull each layer of the tissue paper apart until it is at the center. Be careful not to tear the tissue. Work your way down the side until you reach the bottom, and then repeat on the other side. Then fluff.



6.) Repeat the process until you have as many flowers as you'd like.



7.) Pop the fake flowers off of the fake stems.



8.) Wrap each bobby pin a couple times with the floral tape then continue to wrap the tape around to the bare stems, joining the bobby pin to the stem. That's it!



Mother's Day Yarn Wreath

By: [Kellie from Eclectic Chica](#)

Get creative this year with gifts for Mom. There are a plethora of Mother's Day craft ideas, but this Mother's Day Yarn Wreath is quite original. Mom will love seeing your heartfelt craft welcoming her home as she walks in the front door every day. Design your flowers to mimic Mom's favorite variety.



Materials:

- Recycled cardboard sheet
- Thick yarn
- Egg carton
- Paint
- Glue gun

Instructions:

1.) Cut a wreath out of some cardboard. I used a recycled mailing box and a small plate to outline my circle. Then I cut out the wreath shape.



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2.) Use thick yarn and wrap it around your wreath shape. Because of the uneven texture of the yarn you don't have to wrap perfectly, meaning a few wraps of yarn could overlap and you wouldn't see a big lump.



3.) Tuck in the loose ends good and tight.



4.) To make the egg carton flowers, cut out a section of the egg carton, and then cut slits to create petals.



5.) Paint the egg carton flowers to complement your yarn choice.



6.) Once the flowers are dry, use a glue gun to secure the flowers to the yarn-wrapped wreath.



Mother's Day Crafts



Fingerprint Bouquet

By: [Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts](#)

Combine all of Mama's favorite things to craft the ultimate Mother's Day gift. The Fingerprint Bouquet incorporates the beauty and joy of flowers and your own personal touch. Spring crafts for children like this make perfect decorations or presents. No matter what they're used for, they're a blast to make, they're simple, and they're sure to put a smile on your face. This fun flower craft would also make an adorable gift for a teacher. Bring the joy of spring wherever you go when you craft springtime paper crafts for kids.



Materials:

- Patterned scrapbook paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 4 green pipe cleaners
- Clay pot or paper cup
- Small piece of floral foam
- 4 buttons
- Craft paint: pink, light blue, purple, yellow
- [Flower pattern](#)

Instructions:

1.) Fold scrapbook paper in half and glue together to make the paper two sided.



2.) Use the pattern to cut out the flower shape from scrapbook paper.



3.) Dip finger in paint and press on to each petal. Use one color for the petals and a contrasting color for the center.



4.) Glue a button to the center of each flower.

5.) Fold pipe cleaners in half and twist together. Glue to the back of the flower.

6.) Insert floral foam into clay pot or cup and push the pipe cleaners into the foam.



Magnetic Pin Plate

By: [Destri from The Mother Huddle](#)

A Magnetic Pin Plate is a great idea for kids to make as Mother's Day crafts. These presents that kids can make for Mom are useful tools made from a pretty antique plate. Kids can make these in no time as gifts for sewing-savvy mothers and grandmothers on special holidays.



Materials:

- 4 little disc magnets (not self-adhesive)
- E-6000 glue
- pretty little dish

Instructions:

1.) First, make sure the bottom of the plate is clean. Then dab a little of the glue where the magnets will go.



2.) Firmly place the magnets over the glue. They will try to pull together, so just hold them in place for a minute. Let it dry for about an hour.



Jewelry Projects for Kids



Water Bottle Flower Power

By: [Cris McGrath from Crissy's Crafts](#)

Spring is in bloom and so are your fabulous recycled crafts with water bottles. These flowers are absolutely adorable ways to help save the environment. This craft would make a great gift for Mother's Day or a wonderful decoration around the house. If the weather outside is frightful, the mood inside can still be delightful when you place these darling blossoms in a special room. These crafts for kids are beautiful and budget-friendly, which means they just can't be beat.



Materials:

- Water bottle with cap
- Extra bottle cap
- Fabric
- Stick
- Scissors
- Glue gun
- Recycled tin can
- Gardening foam
- Mod Podge
- Paint brush
- Crinkly paper strips

Instructions:

1.) Cut the water bottle so that only the top $\frac{1}{4}$ is left (or right above the ridges).



2.) Cut petals by cutting towards the bottle cap 5 times, making each petal about $\frac{1}{2}$ ".



3.) Bend the plastic the other way to make the petals the correct shape.

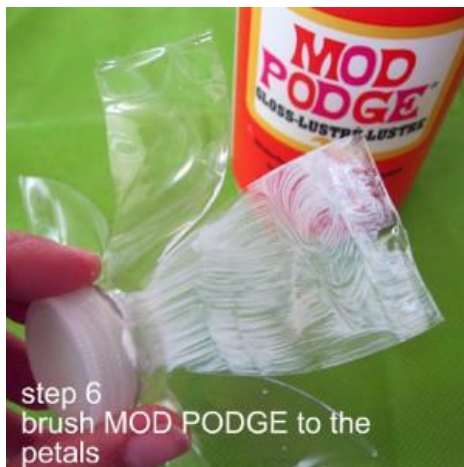


4.) Place the flower aside, and grab your fabric, which should be about a yard long and 3" long to be safe.

5.) Cut 5 rectangles from your fabric 3" long and 2" wide.



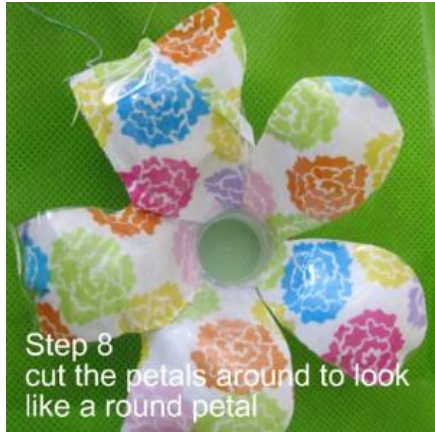
6.) Paint Mod Podge onto each petal.



7.) Place a piece of fabric on each petal using the Mod Podge as glue.



8.) Cut the plastic and the fabric at the same time to form petal shapes.



9.) Turn the flower over, and apply Mod Podge on the back of the fabric and then once again over the plastic on the front.



10.) Glue a ribbon around the bottle cap.



11.) Glue fabric around the second bottle cap.



12.) Glue the second bottle cap to the middle of the flower, placing it inside the space of the first bottle cap.



13.) Wrap the stick completely with ribbon.

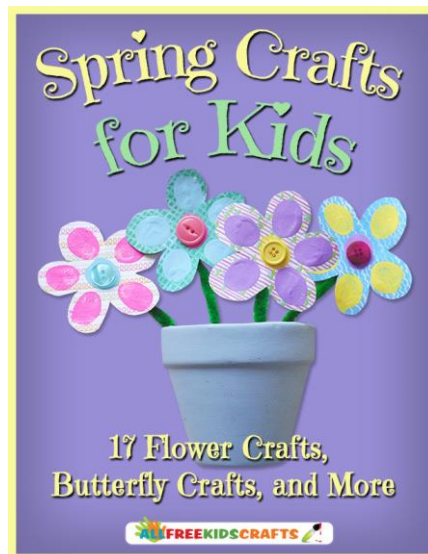
14.) Glue the stick to the back of the flower.



- 15.) Glue a circle of fabric to cover where the stick is glued on the flower. The fabric should cover the entire bottle cap.
- 16.) Insert the gardening foam into the tin can.
- 17.) Wrap a piece of fabric around the can, and insert the stick into the foam.
- 18.) Cover the foam with crinkly paper.



Looking for more kids' flower projects? Let your creativity grow with these [Spring Crafts for Kids: 17 Flower Crafts, Butterfly Crafts, and More!](#)



Mama's Batik Scarf

By: [Zoe from The Handmade Adventures of Captain Crafty](#)

Looking for an interesting and unique Mother's Day gift that the kids can make? This kid-friendly batik scarf uses glue instead of wax to make this a fun and safe craft project the kids can enjoy. You'll have a blast making different glue designs on the fabric, and Mom will love wearing it.



Materials:

- 2 yards of white Kona cotton (makes 4 scarves)
- Washable gel glue (blue or clear)
- Cheap acrylic craft paint
- Water
- Saran wrap – for protecting our work space
- Blow dryer – for speeding up the dry time
- Paint brushes
- Glass paint jars

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut the fabric lengthwise into four scarves. Pull the first few strings from all four of the cut scarf edges, wash and dry them on hot. Pulling the strings from the edges and washing leaves your edges frayed but "finished."
- 2.) After your scarves are washed and dried, lay them out flat on a layer of Saran wrap and decorate them with gel glue.



- 3.) After the fabric is sufficiently filled with lots of glue patterns, you must let the glue dry overnight. The glue tends to spread a lot, so if you are attempting to make images or letters make sure to make them thin and large.
- 4.) Make "fabric stain" by taking about 1 teaspoon of craft acrylic paint and mixing it with about 1/2 cup of water mixing well so that no clumps of paint remain. Your stain should be so thin as to have the consistency of water. For darker colors you should use more paint, but for making scarves you want to ensure your fabric doesn't get too crunchy!



5.) Liberally paint your fabric with your "fabric stain," allowing it to soak all the way through your fabric. Ideally, paint the entire scarf with color!



6.) Then use a hairdryer to speed up the drying process.

7.) After the scarves have completely dried, soak them in cold water for 15 minutes and scrub out the gel glue.

8.) Put them on a line to dry.



Kids' Faces Satin Beaded Bracelet

By: [Gina from Willowday](#)

The most heartfelt gifts for Mom's special day are handmade kids' Mother's Day crafts. This Satin Beaded Bracelet features beads that look like you and your siblings. Mom will cherish this kids' jewelry making project forever.

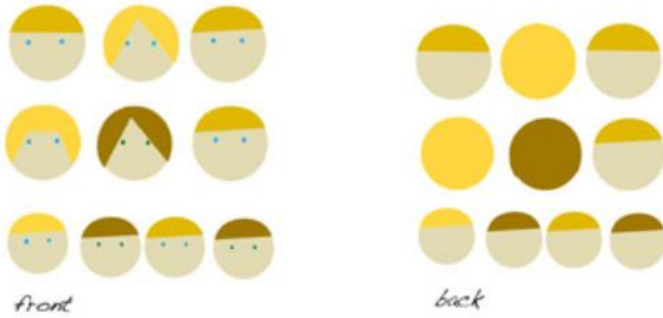


Materials:

- Satin ribbon
- Masking tape
- Wooden skewer
- Paintbrush
- Q-Tips or fine paintbrush
- Wooden beads equaling the number of children
- Paint corresponding to hair and eye color of children

Instructions:

- 1.) Place the wooden beads on the wooden skewer for easy painting.
- 2.) Tape off the area that you don't want to paint, leaving only the design of hair you want. See image below for different hair styles.



- 3.) Once the hair paint is dry, remove the masking tape.



4.) Paint on dots for the eyes with either a fine paintbrush or a Q-Tip.



5.) Allow eyes to dry, and then remove the beads from the wooden skewer.

6.) Place beads onto the satin ribbon, tying a knot before and after each wooden bead. The knot should be large enough to keep the beads in place.



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