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Letter From The Authors

Hey Teen Crafters,

We are so glad you have downloaded our first eBook! This eBook is filled with fun crafty school-related projects just for teens! Whether you are preparing to go back to school this fall or your locker needs a midyear makeover, this eBook is here to help. It covers just about everything from home organization to your backpack, and even pens. Oh, and your locker is bound to feel the love as well.

We had so much fun putting this book together and creating all the projects that you see in it. We can honestly say that each and every item you have seen is one that we plan on using when we go back to school this year. We hope you have as much fun creating these projects as we did.

Think of how jealous your friends will be when you have the coolest and most unique school supplies in the class while everyone else has the generic supplies. Don't be afraid to flaunt your creations and start some new trends. Get your friends on board and inspire them to get crafty and create some of these projects as well!

Happy Crafting.

Tanner Bell & Courtney Chambers

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ALL FREE KIDS CRAFTS 

GLITTER PENCIL CASE

Store your pencils in style this school year with this DIY Glitter Chevron Pencil Case. It's the perfect amount of sparkle without getting totally carried away.



Materials:

Pencil case
Chevron Shape Tape from FrogTape
Tulip Fashion Glitter Bond
Foam brush
Tulip Fashion Glitter



Steps:

- 1** Place a piece of the chevron tape across the front of the pencil case. The higher up you place it, the more glittery your pencil case will be.
- 2** Using the foam brush, coat the section below the tape line with an even coat of fabric glue.
- 3** Pour the glitter over the wet glue. Press it down with your fingers to ensure that it sticks.
- 4** Make sure to save the excess glitter by returning it to the container.
- 5** Let the glue dry and remove the tape to reveal your awesome new pencil case!

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 5



LACE BACKPACK

Just because last year's backpack isn't in tip top shape doesn't mean you need to purchase a new one. With a little creativity and a few basic supplies, you can make it look brand new!



Materials:

Old backpack
Lace
Sprayable fabric glue
Newspaper



Steps:

- 1** Clean your old backpack by placing it in the washing machine or washing it by hand in the sink.
- 2** Decide where you want to add the lace. Once you have picked where you want the lace to go, trim it down to the right size.
- 3** Placing the lace upside down on top of the newspaper, spray with the sprayable fabric glue. Spray from about 8 inches above the lace.
- 4** Pick up the lace and place it down where you had planned for it to go. Press down firmly.
- 5** Let the glue dry overnight and in the morning you will have an awesome new lace backpack!

Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



MAGNETIC PAPER CLIP HOLDER

Paperclips can be a pain in the butt if you don't have a way to properly store them. So why not DIY yourself a nifty Magnetic Paperclip Holder? Brilliant storage solutions have never looked this cool.



Materials:

3 Paperweights
Magnetic paint
Acrylic paint (color of your choice)
Paint brush
E6000 glue



Steps:

- 1** Mix your magnetic paint well, then paint all three paperweights with it. Allow plenty of time for paperweights to dry.
- 2** Use a coat or two of your acrylic paint to cover your paperweights. Set them aside to dry.
- 3** Glue your paperweights on top of one another. You can place your paperweight asymmetrically for added visual interest.
- 4** Slap your paper clips all over the paperweights, where they will stay in place until you need to use them.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



PVC PIPE DESK ORGANIZER

A cluttered desk is a sure way to slow down production. What if you could store your school supplies without taking up space on your desk? Now you can! With this DIY PVC Pipe Organizer, you will be able to store all of your supplies on the wall in an awesome display.



Materials:

4 2.5" PVC coupling
3 1.75" PVC coupling
2 1.5" PVC coupling
E6000 glue
Spray paint



Steps:

- 1** Start off by giving all of the PVC couplings 3 coats of spray paint. Make sure to do this outside.
- 2** Once dry, arrange the pieces how they appear in this picture, or be creative and form a different pattern.
- 3** Using the E6000 glue, attach your pieces together. Allow plenty of time for the glue to dry.
- 4** Hang the organizer on the wall and fill it with all of your school supplies.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



BEDAZZLED LOCKER MIRROR

Your locker is like your room at school; it's your space to decorate and express yourself! This Bedazzled Locker Mirror will help you do just that.



Materials:

Basic locker mirror
Contact Paper
Scissors
Latex caulk
Flat-back rhinestones
Popsicle stick



Steps:

- 1** To protect the mirror itself, cut a piece of contact paper to the exact size of the mirror and stick it down.
- 2** Fill the frame part of the mirror with a layer of caulk. It doesn't have to look nice yet.
- 3** Use the popsicle stick to smooth out the caulk and to add any kind of swirl effect that you may want.
- 4** Before the caulk dries and starts to harden, randomly place rhinestones and slightly press them down. Make sure not to press the rhinestones down too far that they get covered in caulk.
- 5** Let the mirror dry completely according to the directions on the caulk tube. Once dry, remove the contact paper and hang your creation in your locker!

[Watch the video tutorial on Youtube here](#)



Step 1



Steps 2 - 3



Step 4



Step 5



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SIGN

The first day of every school year is a milestone that should be documented! From now on, savor the first school day in style with this DIY chalkboard sign! Since this sign is reusable, you can use it year after year, or use it to commemorate other special milestones in your life.



Materials:

Plastic tray
Chalkboard paint
Paintbrush
Chalk
Letter stickers



Steps:

- 1** Paint the tray with 3 thin coats of chalkboard paint, allowing paint to dry between each coat.
- 2** Prime the surface by rubbing a piece of chalk all over the tray and wiping it off with a damp paper towel.
- 3** Use the letter stickers to spell out "[Your Name]'s First Day Of"
- 4** Simply write in chalk the grade you are going into and hold your chalkboard sign in all your back to school pictures!

Step 4



From art to food to decorations, this list has everything you could need to throw a unique and trendy spin on all things in your life! These inexpensive craft ideas are perfect for tweens.

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Paint-Free Mosaic Mural



DAYS TIL SUMMER COUNTDOWN

What's the first thing on everyone's mind once school begins again? Summer, of course! With this DIY Days 'Til Summer countdown, you'll always have the end in sight.



Materials:

4x6" wooden frame
4x6" white cardstock
Acrylic paint
Foam brush
Washi tape

Marker
1.5x2.5" number
print outs
Mod podge
Binder clip



Steps:

- 1** Paint the wooden frame with 2-3 coats of the acrylic paint.
- 2** Using the marker, write "Days til Summer" near the bottom of the piece of cardstock and then frame the cardstock.
- 3** Arrange the number print outs in order with the lowest number on the bottom of the stack.
- 4** Use the binder clip to hold the individual letters together tightly.
- 5** Bind them together by applying 2 coats of Mod Podge to the top edge of the stack.
- 6** Take a piece of washi tape and wiggle it between the numbers one and two. Then stick the washi tape to the frame so the numbers are where you want them. Add another piece of washi tape to the bottom of the frame to make it more visually balanced.
- 7** Peel off one number with every day that passes and before you know it, it will be summer!

Step 1



Steps 2



Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



CUSTOMIZED BINDER

No one wants a boring binder! This year, make a binder that reflects who you are and what you love. This customized binder covered in things that make you happy will make you smile in even the most boring classes.



Materials:

Plain chipboard binder
Magazines
Clip art images
Scissors
Mod Podge
Paint brush



STICKY NOTE CALENDAR

No need to go out and buy a calendar! With supplies you already have around the house, you can make your own Sticky Note Calendar! It will help you stay on task and up to date. Plus, it is super easy to change out each month!



Materials:

3 different colors of sticky notes
Washi tape
Sharpies
Mini sticky notes



Steps:

- 1** As straight as you can, place a 4 foot piece of washi tape on the wall about 3 inches below where you want the top of the calendar to be.
- 2** Under that piece of washi tape, stick 7 sticky notes to the wall, write the days of the week on each one.
- 3** Place another piece of washi tape under the days of the week and add 5 rows of a different color sticky notes to represent the days of the month. Write the dates in the top right corner. Make sure you start numbering them on the correct day of the week.
- 4** Above the first piece of washi tape, place 3 sticky notes of the last color directly next to each other. On these sticky notes, write the month.
- 5** Use the mini sticky notes to add events to your calendar.

Steps 1-5



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LAZY SUSAN ORGANIZER

Are you tired of not being able to find your school supplies? Start the school year off right by recycling old soup cans into a fabulous DIY spinning organizer. By simply spinning it around, you will be able to find whatever you are looking for.



Materials:

- 7 empty soup cans
- White spray paint
- Scrapbook paper
- Hot glue
- Plastic turntable
- Ribbon



Steps:

- 1** Spray paint all of the empty soup cans with 2 coats of white spray paint.
- 2** Using the hot glue, wrap all of the cans in coordinating patterns of scrapbook paper.
- 3** Arrange the tin cans on the plastic turntable.
- 4** To add a finishing touch, hot glue a piece of ribbon all the way around the turntable.
- 5** Fill the cans with school supplies.

Step 1



Step 2



Step 4



Step 5

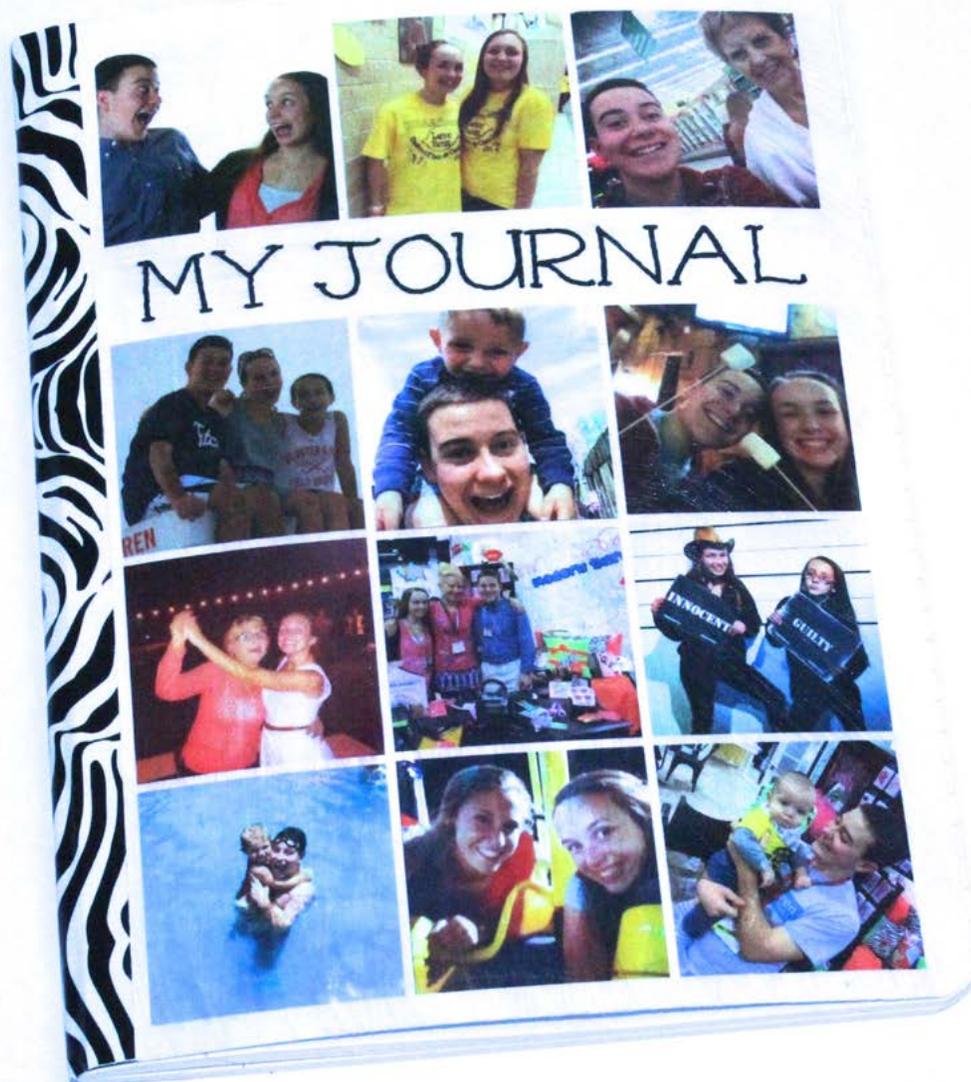


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INSTAGRAM COMPOSITION BOOKS

Ever wanted a custom yet professional composition book? It's easier than you might think! Teens will love creating custom designs to upgrade their standard school supplies.



Materials:

- Composition Book
- Foam brush
- Collage Page
- Duck Tape
- Craft knife
- Design site/software (picmonkey.com is a great resource)



Steps:

1 Log onto your Instagram account and save your favorite photos to your desktop.

2 Using the design software of your choice, design a fun and personal composition book cover from your favorite Instagram photos. Be sure to check the size of your notebook, because they're all different.

3 With your foam brush, apply a medium layer of Collage Pauge to your composition notebook.

4 Lay your printed work on your composition book and be sure there aren't any air bubbles.

5 Take your craft knife around the end of the composition book and cut the excess paper off of the book.

6 Apply a top layer of Collage Pauge onto your book.

7 For a finishing touch, cover the edge of your notebook with Duck Tape.

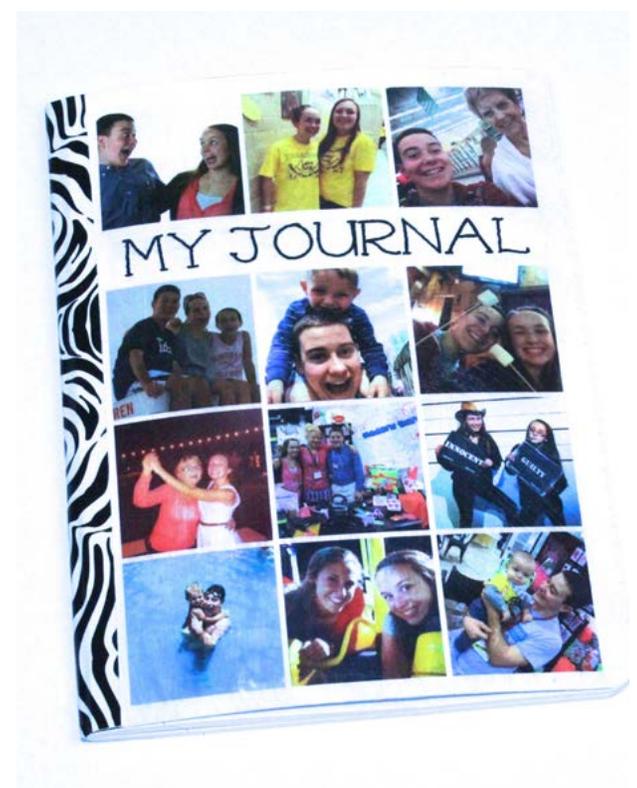
Steps 2



Step 3



Step 7



Step 6



SILK FLOWER MAGNETIC CLIPS

Locker. Garden. Who says they have to be separate things? Combine the two when you make these super fun Silk Flower Magnet Clips. These blossoms look so realistic, and they will keep all of the notes in your locker right where they need to be.



Do
History
Report



Math
Test
Tomorrow!

Materials:

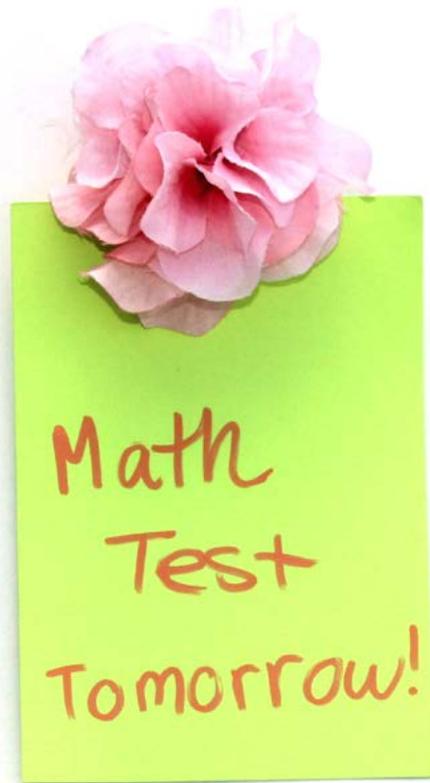
Silk Flowers
Magnetic clips
Hot glue gun
Scissors



Steps:

- 1** Remove the stems from the silk flowers with the scissors.
- 2** Add a generous amount of hot glue on the top of the magnetic clip.
- 3** Acting fast before the glue dries, place a silk flower or multiple flowers to cover the metal area or as much of it as possible.
- 4** Remove any glue strands from the flowers. Now you can fashionably hang all kinds of notes in your locker!

Step 4



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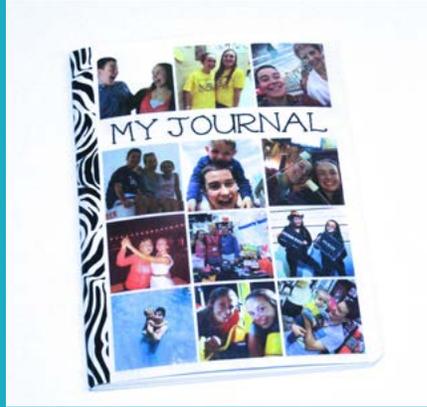
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Tanner Bell and Courtney Chambers are two DIY crazy teens and the best of friends. They share a passion to create and inspire other teens to do the same. Together they run a teen friendly DIY site, [A Little Craft In Your Day](#), where they share tons of crafty ideas for teens as well as younger children and adults. They have also come together and partnered with Prime Publishing to bring you this free eBook!





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