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DÉCOR WITH
trendy pretties
from the
*Papercrafting
Department*
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Utterly Upcycled
{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY® }

Sitting Pretty

Imagine your favorite corner of the world, and then imagine it even sweeter—with pops of life from the Papercrafting Department. It doesn't have to take a lot of work (or even a ton of cash), and with so many embellishment options to choose from, you can pull off just about any little upcycle that pops into your head.





«Me & My Gallery

Try turning a castoff frame into a gallery wall inspired collage. You don't need to add a backing. Just hang it as is, and arrange a collection of papercrafted pretties inside. Some ideas: glittered paper-maché letters, decorated chipboard shapes, and framed trinket-style embellishments.

≈ Shelf Life

Want an easy solution for a fixer-upper shelf? Back it with a collection of trendy coordinating papers. Just measure the areas you want to cover, and cut out the paper accordingly. When it's time to adhere, try avoiding the glue mess (and the dry time) by using adhesive dots.



A Good Clip »

It might be an old-school office staple, but in your hands, it's art! You can hop on this easy-to-embrace trend with nothing but patterned paper and designer tape—or you could kick it up with stickers, trims and other paper-crafty embellishments.

Work of Art ≈

If you've got a pile of flea-market frames just waiting for a purpose in life, this project is the perfect fix. Simply sandwich ribbon between pairs of paper-covered chipboard shapes. Then top with die-cut wooden letters and suspend as shown.



Chalk of Life

Want to give your had-it-forever décor a refresher course in style? Make it sing anew with a handful of well-chosen papercrafting embellishments. For this upcycle, we chose kitschy kitchen ribbon, a dangly cooking-utensil charm, and groups of delicate paper flowers.



Jar & Away

Your plain glass canisters have served you well, so when you're ready for a style change, there's no reason to show them the door. Give them a second chance with some basic (but lovely) embellishments—ribbon, paper-covered chipboard shapes, paper flowers, silverware die cuts, number stickers and more.



≈ Eat & Fun

You wouldn't dream of tossing a kitchen-remodel castoff if it could live again as a one-of-a-kind menu board—and we don't blame you. Clipboards: clipboard shapes, découpaged with scrapbook paper, outfitted with basic metal clips, and embellished with silverware brads.

Basket Case

Everybody loves a wire basket these days, but maybe you want a way to make this stylish staple a tad more unique. That sounds like a job for designer tape! Grab a couple of coordinating rolls, and then go to town until you've got the look you want.



Tips & Tricks

- Don't be shy about tinkering your way to perfect one-of-a-kind embellishments. Fray ribbons, remove flower centers, glitter die cuts—there's no rule that says you have to use stuff the way you bought it.
- When you're scouring your house for upcycle projects, be on the lookout for alternate ways to use standby décor. Could that basket become a wall-mounted shelf—for sure!
- There's no need to turn your craft room upside down for an upgrade. Sometimes simple things—a few strips of designer tape, a handcrafted label, a handful of paper flowers—will make all the difference in the world.