

Turn Our
Bare Wood Crosses
into Beautiful
Expressions of

Faith

WE'LL
GET YOU
STARTED
WITH

13

INSPIRING
PROJECT
IDEAS

Cross My Heart

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY®}



« SAY IT MOSAIC

If “breathtaking” is your goal, a beautiful mosaic design is a giant leap in the right direction.

Step one: paint cross as desired, and let dry.

Step two: glue glass pieces to cross with tile adhesive.

Step three: apply grout. We sell everything you’ll need in the Crafts Department. Just be sure to follow all manufacturers’ instructions.

GOLD STANDARD »

(From the cover) Ahh-inspiring is what we call this gorgeously gilded design. It began with blue paint and dramatic gold foil. And it finished with lux gold trims and lengths of faux pearl cup chain. Customize your look with a mix of pretty baubles—things like metal ribbon, sparkling gemstones, and ornate jewelry components.



1 METAL MESSAGE

Take an ornate approach to your crosses with a mix of metal embellishments. We used metal ribbon from the Floral Department—you can paint it any color you want—and a flower knob from the Home Accents Department. The little metal studs are sold in the Wearables Department, and yep, we painted them to match.

2 COMING UP ROSETTES

We twisted strips of bright fabric into rosettes to create this positively joyful design. The blooms were just the thing to set off happy polka dot fabric and a simple whitewash (*white paint, diluted with water, and applied with a wide brush*).

3 BURLAP BLESSINGS

Want to quickly transform your cross? Paint only the sides. When the paint is dry, place the cross on fabric (*bottom cross*) or scrapbook paper (*middle cross*) and trace around it with a pencil. Then cut out the shape, and adhere it with découpage medium. Top cross: distressed acrylic paint, diluted brown paint, paper flower.



BORN TO » BLOOM

If you're drawn to clean and simple décor, try this pretty (yet simple) design. First, we added a light wood stain to the top and bottom crosses. Then we painted the edges of all three crosses with blue acrylic paint. We painted coordinating chevron stripes on the largest cross, and we découpagé flowery paper on the middle one.



TIP:

TRY WOOD GLUE OR E-6000® ADHESIVE TO SECURE LAYERED CROSSES. WE SUGGEST PLACING SOMETHING HEAVY ON TOP OF THE STACK AND ALLOWING YOUR PROJECT TO DRY OVERNIGHT.



« SET IN STONE

Give your cross an earthy vibe without going for brown on brown. You can celebrate rich colors with stone beads from the Jewelry Department. Paint the cross first, and then glue the beads to the wood with industrial-strength adhesive. For interest, add jewelry wire, rhinestones and a bold cross pendant.



SWEETNESS AND LIGHT

Declare your faith in a feminine space with a pretty floral color palette and a mix of sweet, garden-inspired prints. Create a look like this one with paint, scrapbook paper, fabric—or all three. Then finish off your design with the perfect fabric flower embellishment.



Faith

IN GOOD FAITH

Your spiritual life is anything but somber. It's bold, it's joyful and it's definitely full of color. So how will you show it to the world? With our ready-to-embellish crosses! They're blank canvases—an invitation to proclaim your faith in a one-of-a-kind style.



BY A THREAD

Make an inspiring thread art display with small nails (available in the Framing Department) and pretty embroidery floss. There's no wrong way to create this look—simply wrap the floss from nail to nail to create the desired design. Connect the crosses with small pieces of wood, glued between each layer.

« KNIT KNACK

For interest, try mixing a variety of mediums. That's how we created this striking design. We painted the largest cross. Then we repurposed an old sweater to cover the cross in the middle.

Tip: *The key to keeping the knit look from reading "quirky" is our stately brown color palette.*



BUTTON UP »

For the top cross, we went for luxurious faux leather and coordinating oversized buttons—and we think they're the perfect way to round out the utterly dignified design. The finished piece would be great in a man cave, but it could work in an office or a formal living area too.



BEAT » STREET

You've just gotta rock, and that goes for everything from your music to your clothing to your décor. So we say go ahead and let your rebel-with-a-cause soul shine on some faith-centered décor. Our wooden crosses are a great way to get the look off the ground.



« ROCK THOUGHT

We went ultra-alternative for this design—black paint to start, followed by two kinds of faux leather. But it's the hardware that really brings the attitude. We chose linked chain trim, nailed into place, and a basic zipper.

Tip: You can install the zipper with double-sided adhesive.

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