

## Spring Up

Spring has sprung...in a little white box! We painted the paper maché box white, aging all of the edges with black ink. Then, we lined the inside with lavender cardstock and faux grass. The paper maché eggs are embellished with paint, permanent marker, and a brush-on gloss to seal and add depth.



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## PAPER MACHÉ

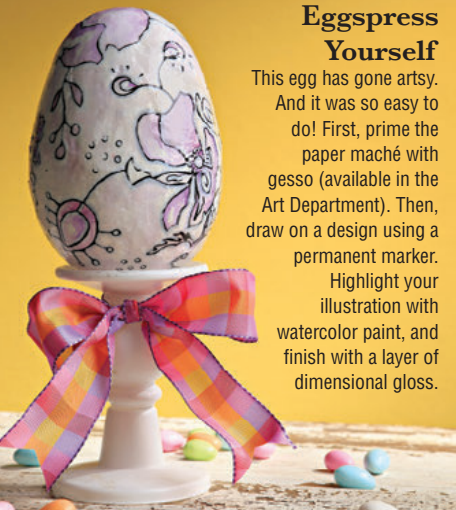
*to craft adorable holiday projects and sweet seasonal décor. We have boxes, and houses, and eggs, and buckets, and so much more to get you started!*



### Eggpress Yourself

This egg has gone artsy. And it was so easy to do! First, prime the paper maché with gesso (available in the Art Department). Then, draw on a design using a permanent marker.

Highlight your illustration with watercolor paint, and finish with a layer of dimensional gloss.



paper maché for all seasons

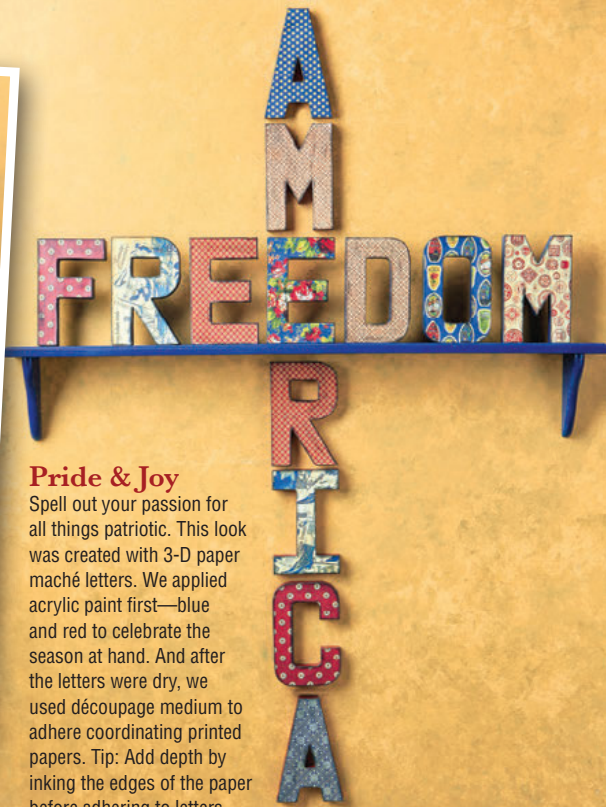
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**Carnival Kick** This treasure chest is a triumph of over-the-top Mardi Gras décor. Can you believe it started out as bare paper maché? We began by applying black paint, and when the paint was dry, we added printed papers and glitter alphs. Then, we filled our tricked-out trunk with shiny beads and handmade masks. Where's the party? Right here!







### Pride & Joy

Spell out your passion for all things patriotic. This look was created with 3-D paper maché letters. We applied acrylic paint first—blue and red to celebrate the season at hand. And after the letters were dry, we used découpage medium to adhere coordinating printed papers. Tip: Add depth by inking the edges of the paper before adhering to letters.



### Star Player

Summer fun is the focus of this star-spangled décor. To make your own, paint a star-shaped paper maché box in a neutral acrylic. When it's dry, use découpage medium to adhere printed papers to the inside. Then finish up with a bevy of embellishments, including a quirky ticket dispenser and a realistic admission ticket, both available in the Card and Party Department.





## « Open Book

This story could have turned out a million ways. But when it was time to embellish the outside of the album, we went for all-out antique. The cover of this book features distressed floral print paper and faux crocodile skin specialty paper along the spine.

## ≈ Family Way

Here's a sculptural take on the traditional family photo album. We added a collection of mini-frames (available in the Scrapbooking Department) that were hand-painted to coordinate. They're simply mounted on stacks of foam board.



## ≈ Turn the Page

This look book may be faux, but it has all the ambiance of a dusty, antique store hardcover. It's all about the artful application of paint, paper and embellishments. For example, the sides feature acrylic paint, dry-brushed to mimic ancient pages.



## « Instant Antique

Take the shine from off-the-shelf papers, like the ones we used on our bookish photo box, with ordinary acrylic paint. Nothing fancy here... just dab a little paint onto cheesecloth. Then wipe it on until you achieve the desired affect.





## Boo to You!

It's hip to be square? Nope, it's hip to be... scared! That's why you'll want to whip up a boo-worthy buffet using paper maché boxes and a few simple supplies. Get creative with the execution—stack them, flip them upside down or even outfit them with handles. With these fun and easy projects your next Halloween bash is sure to be a scream!



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**1.** A cylinder-shaped box, paired with an oversized box top, makes a boo-tiful dessert tray!

**2.** Kick that boring bucket, and make a one-of-a-kind treat pail instead! This piece features black paint, harlequin print tissue paper and some very scary die-cuts.

**3.** Make a terrifying tiered dessert tray by stacking cylinder-shaped boxes and round box lids. That's custom-made partyware, people! Your mummy would be proud.

**4.** This simply spooky ghost tote features basic black paint and strips of orange paper. We adhered an oversized round lid to the bottom of the piece for added stability.

**5.** Don't be afraid! It's just another quickie treat tray! Group together boxes and lids in a variety of sizes to lend interest and balance to your overall tablescape. So fun!

**6.** This box is ready to travel! We made a simple handle by covering jute twine with black netting. We punched holes in the box and knotted the handle into place.



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## Advent Aspect

This piece is a practice in day-to-day paper maché! It's a merry little Advent calendar, custom-made for a girl who loves to sew. To make it, we painted and papered a collection of tiny paper maché boxes. Then, we sweetened them up with a bevy of embellishments from the Scrapbooking Department. Finally, we mounted them on foam board and popped them into a pink-painted frame.



## It's a Gift

They're so pretty to look at, but just look what's inside! It's itty bitty gifts—one for every day of the month! Since this Advent calendar was made for a budding seamstress, we tucked in things like thread, needles, thimbles and measuring tapes.







## On the House

Make a paper-maché house into a candy-coated Christmas cottage. We began by painting this piece and adding a generous dusting of iridescent glitter before the paint dried. Then, we went to town with oodles of holiday embellishments.





## « Greenery Scenery

You'll want to deck your cozy cottage with every little sign of the season at hand. And that includes miniature wreaths and snow-covered trees. Our wreaths are sold near the dollhouse supplies. We added the festive bows.

## ≈ At the Door

We used faux pine and glittery berries to deck the itty bitty doorway, and we framed the windows with sections of hand-painted dowel rods. Love the framed signs?

They're sold near the dollhouse miniatures. We added the jingle bells and glitter.



## ≈ By the Hearth

From the polka-dot walls to the merry mantel, this house has everything a happy holiday could want. We went for printed paper and a dollhouse fireplace, altered with glitter. The candles and the frames are dollhouse supplies too!



## « Through the Roof

Shingles, jingles and joy. That's how you raise the roof on this paper maché Christmas décor. The dollhouse shingles were painted a shimmering green and dusted with sparkly glitter. The icicles are hot glue dripped to perfection. And the snow? It's faux, of course!

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