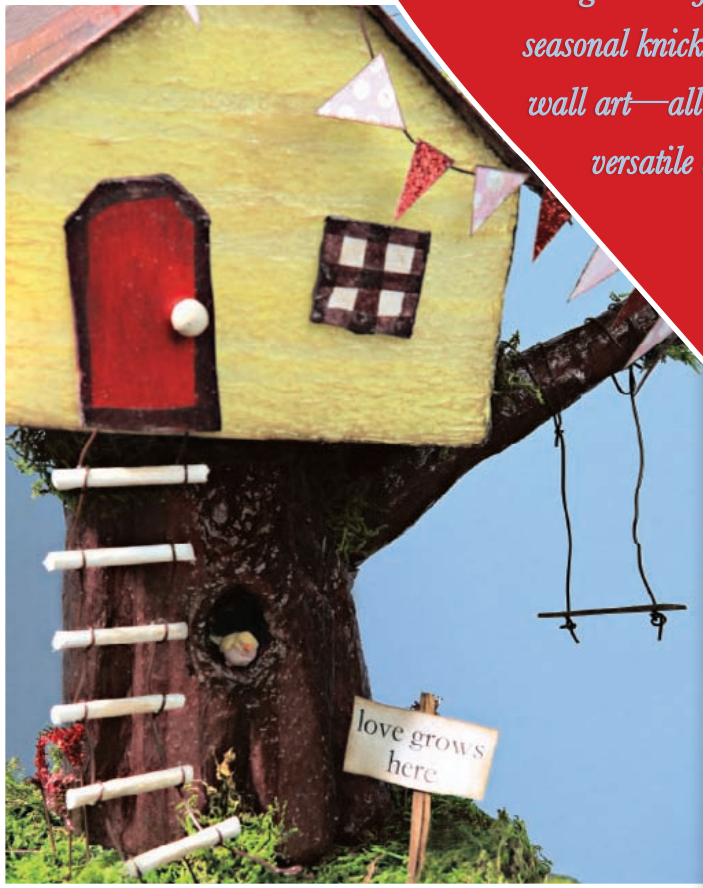




For the Love of Foam!

*We've got ideas for everything from
seasonal knickknacks to quirky
wall art—all made using our
versatile craft foam!*



house proud

From the moss-covered base and the realistic tree trunk (artfully carved from foam blocks with a heated foam cutter) to the miniature birdies, this look is an absolutely artistic feat of foam!



^ pennant, please

Triangles of cutie-pie papers—we even threw in some glitter paper—were adhered to bendy wire to create a miniature pennant banner. So cute!

« The stucco-like detail comes from tissue paper that was *découpage*d to the surface of the foam. After drying, we wiped on some brown ink for added dimension. **Tip:** We also used the tissue paper technique on the tree trunk and the roof. What a fun and versatile technique!

hang out Want to get the hang of working with foam? Try your hand at a cheery little mobile! Wrap a wreath base with felt, and suspend from simple jute twine. Then, cut out some clouds to dangle beside a group of handmade felt hearts.

« **under a cloud** A serrated knife worked wonders on our cloudy cutouts. When we had the shapes we wanted, we used a craft knife to smooth the edges.



^ **bowed over** Simple strips of felt, knotted and shaped into dainty bows, disguise hot glue residue and ends of felt. And they're absolutely adorable!

tip talk

Let's get a grip on working with foam! Here are some valuable tips and tricks!

To Cut: Craft knives, serrated knives or heated foam cutters (*sold near the foam*) are best. For a cleaner cut, try waxing your knife blade with an old candle... the wax helps the blade to slide through the foam.

To Paint: As a rule, check the manufacturer's instructions for

compatibility. Oil-based paints (including most spray paints) can melt porous, textured foam. Use only acrylic or water-based paints. If you're all about spray paint, stick to foam that has a smooth, non-porous surface.

To Glue: We recommend Foamtastic™, which is specifically formulated for foam and works great for large and complex projects. A low temperature glue gun also works well, but is best used for smaller projects.



have a ball This wreath will impress... and it's easy to make! Wrap a foam wreath base in strips of torn paper—we used a heavy wrapping paper for the look shown. Then, cover a bevy of petite foam balls with more paper strips (*artfully crinkled for texture*) and hot glue to the base as shown.





we three trees

It's a happy holiday in contemporary color! For this look, foam cones got decked out with squares and squares of vibrant tissue paper. First, cut tons of 3" x 3" squares in desired colors. Then, push the eraser end of a pencil into center of square, slightly wrapping paper up around pencil. While the paper is still on the pencil, use a low-temperature glue gun to add a dab of glue to paper and gently press onto surface of cone.



seasonal sway Need a blank canvas for a world of adorable seasonal crafts? You'll find it with foam! Carve it... embellish it... paint it... and turn it into tons of sweet, just-for-fun décor. You can start with a fabulous Fourth of July firecracker. **Step-by-step instructions on the next page.**



supplies:

- Foam Tube
- Patterned Paper
- Wooden Beads
- Ribbon
- Nylon Cording
- Foam Cutter
- Xyron® Machine
- Adjustable Hole Punch
- Craft Hammer
- Tape
- Circle Template
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun



1. Using the heated foam cutter, cut foam tube into sections. We cut two 3 ¾" sections and one 3" section for a variety in size.

2. Cut printed paper to cover each section of foam. Then, use hot glue to adhere paper to foam, as shown.



3. Use circle template to trace a 1½" circle to cover the bottom of each firecracker. Then, use hole punch and craft hammer to punch a hole in the center of each round, as shown. Cut ribbon to desired length before pulling through the hole and securing with tape.



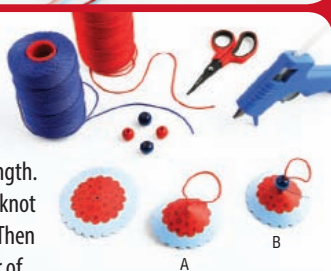
4. Use hot glue to secure a circle to each firecracker, as shown.



5. Use circle template to trace a 3" circle and a 2" circle for each firecracker. Cut out the circles—you may wish to scallop the edges, as shown. Use Xyron® to apply adhesive to the smaller circle. Remove backing, and layer as shown. Then, use hammer and hole punch to create a hole in the center of the layered circles. Finally, use scissors to make a cut from the edge of the layered circles to the center hole. This will allow you to form a cone in the next step.



6. Cut nylon cord to the desired length. Tie the ends in a knot to create a loop. Then insert into center of layered circles (A). Bend circle into a cone, and hot glue to secure. Slide wooden bead onto loop (B).



7. Secure cone to firecracker, as shown.