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LETTER FROM

Dear Readers,

The main purpose of *DIY Crafts* is to give easy yet beautiful craft ideas to my readers. I want to influence people to be engaged into crafting with a passion and have a love for it. Crafting allows you to release all your anger and aggression that is built up within you. It also allows people that are passionate about art to show people their talent and love for art.

In this magazine, I would like to express my creative side. I would like to see this magazine succeed and gain many more subscribers. This magazine deserves more subscribers because it has many different ideas included such as: recipes, crafts, DIY ideas, and so on. I believe that many people would enjoy trying these recipes and craft ideas, they are fun to make and end up looking or tasting amazing!

I have encountered many personal experiences in the making of this magazine. Some include dealing with people that do not really like to give you things on time, it is very frustrating! You have to spend half of your time just chasing them down or finding another person to make you that item before the deadline. But, not all my experiences were bad, I ran into many people with amazing writing or artistic abilities. I was very surprised at how amazing their talents were!

People that I have seen with these amazing abilities and talents include Sara Cooper and Halle Kalwitz. Sara created for me an ad for my magazine that was marvelous; I do not even know how to put into words how good I thought it was! Halle wrote me a news article for my magazine that was extremely creative! I never would have thought of paint starting on fire! It was brilliant!

I had many struggles in the making and editing of *DIY Crafts*. Some of the more obvious ones are making all my sells that I

promised I would make on time for the deadline. I also had problems with people not giving me the items I needed on time, which I do understand; it is difficult to make many items by one deadline. At one point in this project, I had promised to thirteen different people that I would make them something by one deadline, big mistake! I would start making items right after school and would not end until ten o'clock just to finish everything on time! Boy was I tired!

In addition to the numerous struggles in this magazine there were also various successes. One example is while I was making my items for other people's magazines. Whenever I finished an item, I would feel like I accomplished something, although it was a small accomplishment, I still felt good about it. Another success that I had during this magazine is finishing my cover. Again, this may seem like a small and unimportant accomplishment but to me it was a pretty big step. For the background of the cover, I took a picture of a melted crayon art canvas that I had made. I made the canvas that same night so I was rushing to get it all done. I then had to add all the little details to make the title and sub headers easy to see and read. I think it turned out pretty well!

As I had said earlier in this letter, two entries that really caught my attention are made from Halle Kalwitz, and Sara Cooper. Sara had made me a hand drawn ad for a craft store. Now, I knew that Sara was extremely talented at drawing, but this ad just blew me away! All the detail that she had put into it was breathtaking! I am sure that it would have taken hours to finish! If you would like to see all of the detail and effort put into this ad, it is located on the inside cover of this magazine! Halle had made me a two plus news article about a new paint company who's paint had started a fire. It was remarkably creative and obviously had taken a lot of effort and time

THE EDITOR

to write! I never would have even thought of an idea as crazy as this but Halle made it work in a way that many other people could not do. It was outstanding! If you would like to read more about this news article, it is located in this magazine on page twenty.

Sincerely,

Taylor Kalwitz

Taylor Kalwitz
Editor in Chief, *DIY Crafts*



LETTERS TO

Dear Editor:

In your last article you recommended me a new string for sewing. It was not worth the advertised price and did not do what it said it would. I bought the deluxe package of string because you recommended it but it did not hold for me to sew with. I was sewing a sweater for my sister and the string kept breaking. You have no idea how aggravating it is to have to re-thread a new string every stitch. When I finally finished the sweater it was very frail and brittle. I ended up using an old string I had that was able to do the job right. The price of this package was pretty high in the first place for good string, but not for this. This string was not worth two cents of the five dollars I paid for it. I am really upset with this string and would like you to do something about it. I would never have bought this product unless you recommended it and now I am stuck with a useless string!

Sincerely,

Jacob Ubl

Hortonville, WI



THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I recently purchased a copy of *DIY Crafts*. I hated it. All of your craft ideas were horrible! I tried many of them thinking that different ones may be better than others, but they all stunk. I also tried all of the craft stores that your magazine promoted, and those too were awful. The stores did not have the supplies I needed and the service was the worst I have ever seen. I also tried to do a craft with my nephew. We sat down, had all the supplies (that I had to find in a store that your magazine did NOT talk about), and were ready to go. We read through the instructions, and immediately were confused. Your instructions were impossible to figure out! We had spent tons of money on the supplies and we couldn't even do the craft thanks to your magazine's bad writing. That was a waste of my money—just like it was a waste of my money to buy your magazine. Please, you need to make drastic changes!

Sincerely,
McKenzie Rasmussen
Miami, Florida



Dear Editor:

I decided to write and tell you about how much I loved your magazine! I just loved your colorful ads. I have bought every single product that your magazine *DIY Crafts* suggested. One thing that I do not like in you magazine is some of the crafts are too hard and complicated to make. So one suggestion I have is to make more crafts that inexperienced people can make. Otherwise, keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Whitney Baumann
Hortonville Wisconsin

Saving Disaster Décor

By: Zong Xiong

Have you ever wanted a cute and pretty decorative design, but just did not have the time and money to go shopping for them? Well, if you answered a yes, read the rest of this article. I will be telling you how to make simple, yet beautiful tissues flowers. You will need the following items: tissue paper (the colors of your choice), a scissors, green wires (only if you like a stem), and a stapler.

First, choose out the colors of tissue papers you would like. It can be in any order you want, but have to be at least four sheets. Blue, purple, blue, purple. Red, orange, yellow, light orange. White, pink, black, gray. Any pattern you want, you can easily put in order! After you have the colors that you want in your flower, put each sheet one over the other neatly. Make sure the corners meet each other as close as possible.

Then, fold the combined sheets of tissue papers together in the accordion style. Make sure each fold is about an inch wide, or two and a half centimeters. When you are finished with this step, just fold the accordion in half, end to end. To ensure a beautiful end product, make sure that they line up with each other closely.

If you would like a green stem, merely take the wire and wrap the end of it around the center folded part of your accordion. Next, take the stapler and land one on the wire you wrapped around the accordion, this step is to hold the accordion in place. Only use one for neatness, two only if it is honestly needed. Assure that you have enough of the green wire to make a stem with. For a realistic looking stem, just twist the wire for some realistic texture.

Following the stem making, start from the top or the bottom either way will work. Begin to fan out the tissue paper carefully so that the sheets are not stuck together. These flaps are the pedals of your forming flower. Be very gentle with the paper; make sure not to tear them. If needed, straighten out the pedals of the formed flower neatly.

These flowers take less than ten minutes to create if you get used to making them. They get quite easy to make once you have memorized all the steps. Tissue flowers will earn you plenty of compliments, experience in origami, and even save you money. They are great for birthday parties, weddings, dinners, and many more events. Just change the tissue colors and they will easily match the theme.

These flowers can be used at any social event. You can use them at birthday parties, weddings, banquets; you can even give them as gifts. Another use for these flowers is to put them in or on a party favor for decoration.

You can even make them in different sizes! The smaller that you cut the tissue paper, the smaller the flower will be. Just remember, if you do choose to go with the smaller size flower you may not need as many pieces of tissue paper. If you have too many, the flower will become too thick and will look like a colorful blob, not a flower. The same thing goes for if you would like a larger flower. You may want a few more pieces of tissue paper so it looks full and not just one layer.

To customize your flowers the way you want to you can add little details to add just that little needed pizzazz! You can sprinkle glitter or sparkles all over it to make it shine bright. You could even write little

messages on the tissue paper. If you really wanted the flowers to look more DIY crafty, then you could make them out of newspaper instead. It would give the flower a modern and sleek look and would put the finishing touches into any room!

"He was very relaxed, it's exactly what I wanted," Rosario said.

When the field turned for home on the cool, overcast afternoon at Churchill Downs, Normandy Invasion had the lead. But Orb was gearing up and prevailed in the straight, carrying Rosario to his first Derby win.

"Perfect trip. I stayed on the outside. I don't want to be too wide on the first turn. I was hoping somebody in the middle (of the race) didn't push me wide," he said.

Orb ran the 2,000 meters (1¼ miles) in 2:02.89. Orb paid \$12.80, \$7.40 and \$5.40. Golden Soul, a 34-1 shot, returned \$38.60 and \$19.40, while Revolutionary paid \$5.40 to show.

McGaughey, 62, said the victory meant everything to him.

"I'm thrilled to death for (the owners), thrilled to death for the people who put so much time into this horse, and, of course, I'm thrilled to death for

17. Goldencents
18. Vyjack
19. Falling Sky

ished fifth aboard Mylute, the highest finish by a female rider.

D. Wayne Lukas, who won the Derby four times and would have been the oldest trainer to saddle a winner, sent out two runners. Oxbow, with three-time Derby winning jockey Gary Stevens aboard, finished sixth. Will Take Charge was eighth.

The rain that pelted the track earlier in the day had stopped by the time 19 horses paraded to the post for the 139th Derby.

The crowd of 151,616 must have known something, with a surge of late money sending Orb off as the favorite after Revolutionary owned that position most of the day.

Winning co-owners Stuart Janney and Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps scored their first Derby victory. The first cousins are among the sport's blue bloods that include the



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How to Make a Picture Board

By: Cara Byom

Are you bored and looking for something to do? How about making a picture board to hang up and decorate your room?

The first thing you should do to make a picture board is to gather all your materials. You will need fabric and ribbons so pick out a design that you like. You will also need batting, glue, tacks, staple gun, needle nose pliers, tack hammer, glue gun, and cork bulletin board. At Taylor's Craft Store you can find all of these supplies and many more. They have the coolest fabrics and ribbons. The employees are very kind and helpful; you will want to come back again soon. Danny's Home Supplies has things like hot glue guns, tack hammers, and cork bulletin boards that you can purchase.

The second step is to find a workspace where you can work without distractions. Make sure you have enough room to lay everything out. Lay the fabric down on your workspace and cover it with the batting. Next, you will place the board on top of the fabric and batting.

Now, use the staple gun to staple the fabric and batting to the cork bulletin board. Make sure the staples are on the back of the board so they are not showing.

Then, place the board front side up. Take your ribbon and pin the ribbon in a crisscross pattern across the front of the whole board. Next, pin the ribbon down where it meets with other ribbon using your pins and tack hammer.

Take the ends of the ribbon and hot glue them to the back of your picture board.

Now you will probably want to drill a hole in the back of your picture board at the top center. Now you can hang it on your wall. If you don't have anywhere to hang it you could put a nail in your wall and hang it on there.

You now have a picture board where you can decorate your room with your favorite pictures. This would also be a great gift to make and give to a friend or family member. Anyone could use one of these helpful, crafty, picture boards.



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Spicy Chicken Noodle Soup

This zesty and tasty soup can be used to feed your whole family or can fulfill the needs as an easy recipe to make a wonderful appetizer for hungry guests.

Ingredients:

12 Cut Carrots
2 Cartons of Chicken Broth
10 Chickens
4 Jalapeño Peppers
1 Package of Noodles
10 Sticks of Celery
A Pinch of Salt



Directions:

Start by boiling both of your cartons of broth in a large pot. Once it boils, you need to add the carrots, noodles, and chopped celery. Cook the chickens in a large roaster at 600 degrees. Do not forget to pluck out all of the feathers when cooked! When the chickens are done cooking, cut them into small bite size pieces. After that step is completed, you can put the pieces into the soup along with the other leftover ingredients. Voila! Now you can enjoy your delicious and nutritious spicy chicken noodle soup!



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By: Bethany Jennerjohn

Cake to the Extreme

By: Faith Behnke

Have you ever thought to yourself before and wondered if you should make a dessert for dinner? Well, with this “Do it your Own” idea you should easily be able to make at home in your own oven.

The dessert is called Cake to the Extreme. All that it’s made of is: chocolate chip cookie dough, some sort of yummy chocolate square candy, and brownie batter.

Just looking at the recipe may make your brain frizzle a little bit, but when we go through it step by step, it should be a breeze. People will be enjoying this dessert in no time.

Step one is the bottom layer of your dessert. You will want to make some chocolate chip cookie dough. To do that you need: flour, sugar, vanilla, water, salt, baking soda, and chocolate chips of course! Mix everything together in a big bowl. If you have one of those bowls that mixes by its self, it is recommended. You should mix everything until it is well blended. You don’t want to mix it less, because then it will have an off kind of taste. When you’re all done mixing everything, put the cookie dough in a separate bowl. You want the dough to sit about 2 hours so it can get firm.

Step two is real easy. You just need to go to the grocery store and buy a chocolate square candy. My preference is Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups. You probably shouldn’t get a candy that has a lot of caramel inside them. This is because when it melts, it will go on almost everything. Also when the dessert cools down, the caramel will get extremely hard. Most people don’t enjoy their cavities to fall out, or chip a tooth.

Step three is making the brownie layer. For that, all you will need is: brownie mix in a box, eggs, vanilla, and water. You will want to use the same bowl that you used

to make the cookie dough. You want to put all the ingredients into the bowl. You don’t want to stir it too quickly because the brownie powder will explode, and go all over your counter tops. Mix it at a low two or a three. That will make it, so all the ingredients stay in the bowl.

To put this dessert all together is simple; you will need a cupcake pan though. Make sure you spray it, because if you don’t, you will have a difficult time getting your dessert out of the pan. I have learned the hard way, and it’s not fun trying to get your cake out of a pan that wasn’t greased.

The first thing you will want to do is equally put the cookie dough in each little spot on the pan. You don’t want to add too much, because then when everything is in, it will over flow when cooking. Add about a little less than three tablespoons. This will make it so you can everything in all at once.

The next thing you will want to do is add the candy for the second layer of the cake. If the candy is too big for the pan, you can take a knife, and cut it so it will fit.

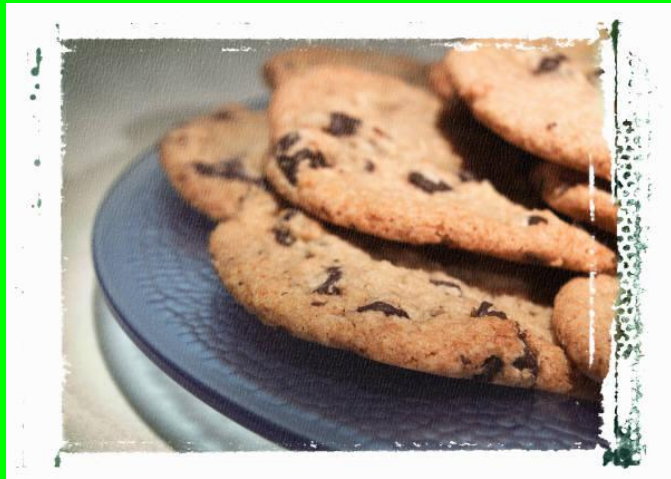
Next, you will need to add the brownie mix. You also want to add it equally to each pan like you did with cookie dough. Only add so much that when it cooks, it won’t drizzle over the side. You just want to add it to the top of the cupcake hole.

When you are about to cook your dessert, you should pre-heat your oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Your dessert should cook for forty to forty-five minutes. If you open up the oven to see how far along your dessert is, you should cook it for a little bit longer. The longer it is in the oven for, the better it will cook.

You don’t want to leave it in the oven for too long, because then it might get a little burnt, nobody likes anything burnt. It takes all the deliciousness out of your dessert.

When everything is done cooking, carefully take it out of your oven. It should just look like brownies on the top. I would poke a little hole in the dessert to make sure it is fully cooked. If not just put it back in the oven for five more minutes.

This dessert is actually making me hungry. I'm going to go get something to eat!



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By: Sydnee Dobberstein

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The Number One Craft Fair!

By: Abby Luedtke

My grandma is currently in the hospital, and cannot pay for the major heart surgery that she needs to get healthy again. Two days after my family and I heard about this I had seen a flyer for the Icingville Craft Fair. Whoever won this craft fair wins the grand prize of fifty grand. When I heard about this, I could not resist. If I would be lucky enough to win this, I could pay for my grandma to get better. I decided to paint a picture of my Grandmas backyard, and dedicate this whole project to her.

My grandma's backyard was absolutely amazing! They had three big gardens. One garden was full of bright colored flowers, the other one was full of all vegetables, and the other one all fruit. They had a water fountain for the birds, and overall just a great backyard.

When I had first heard about the craft fair, I went and sat in the backyard of my grandparents with my canvas, paint, and brush. I started with the things closest to me, and went out from there. It took me close to four weeks to complete my canvas. I showed my parents and they were breathless. I was so surprised it turned out the way I wanted it to. I decided to keep the canvas in the back of my closet, to keep it safe from anything that could happen to it.

It was now two days until the Icingville craft Fair. My whole family including my brother, Carson, who is fifth teen, my sister, Cara, who is eleven and my mom and dad were driving in our SUV to go see my grandma.

When we got to the hospital, everyone become silent, as usual. We checked in at the front desk, and went to the elevator to go up to the fourth floor. We went to my grandma's room door, and knocked, she answered "Come in." All of us went in and gave her a hug. I then said, "So how you

doing Grandma?" She answered, "I'm doing pretty well, and I'm excited you guys came to see me, it's been so lonely lately." My dad said, "Were happy we came to see you too, Chloe has something she would like you to know about." I then said, "Oh.... Ok so at my school they are having a craft fair, and whoever wins this fair gets a prize of fifty grand, I decided I was going to enter, I painted a canvas of your backyard, and if I do win I'm donating the money to you to get your surgery you need!" My grandma surprisingly said, "Oh you're so sweet, but you should use that money for yourself, to be successful. I felt feeling less; all I could do is stand there speechless. After we had said goodbye, my grandma whispered, "Good luck."

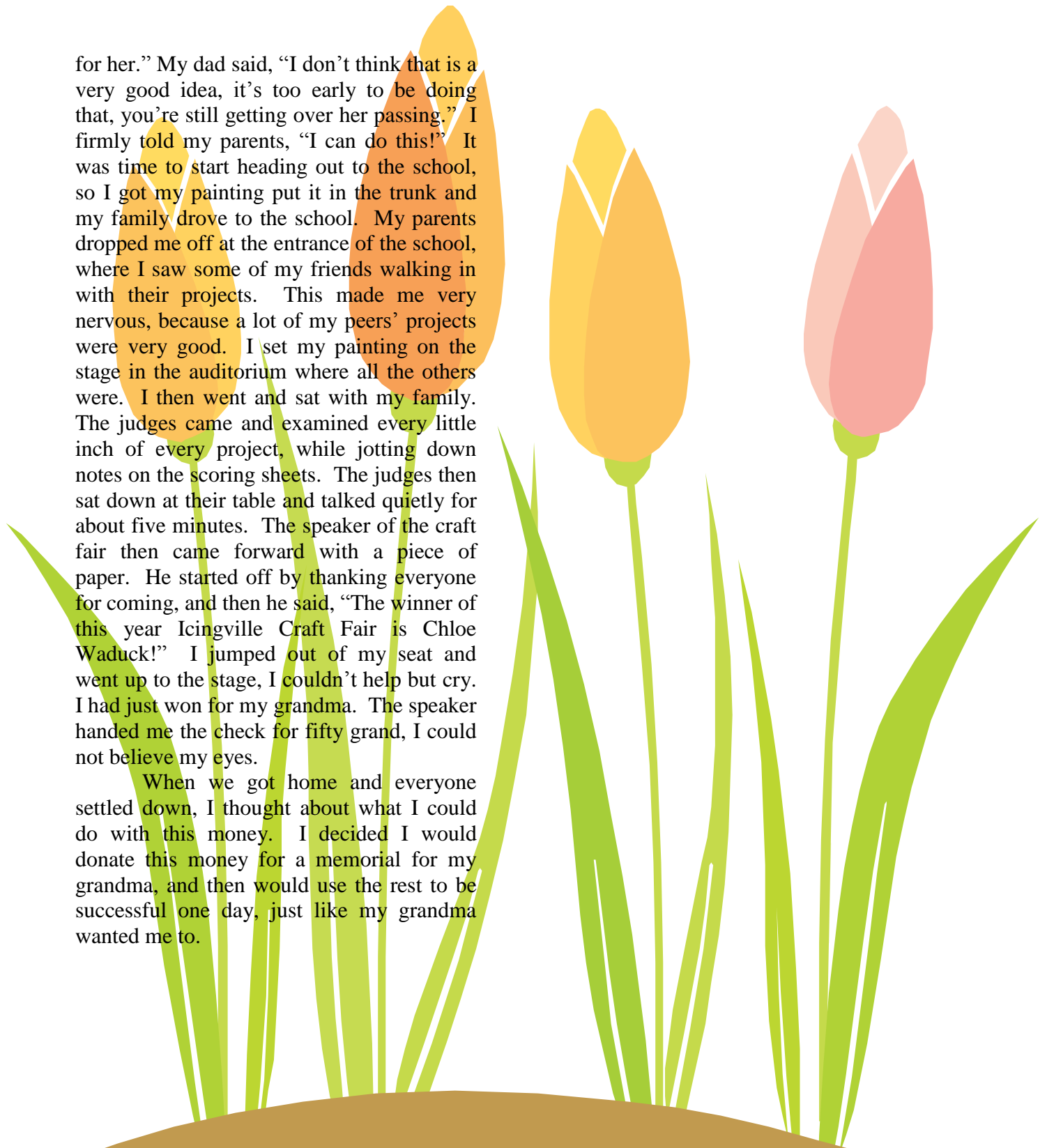
The ride home was complete silence. Tomorrow was the craft fair, and I knew I couldn't let anything get to my head; I had to win this for Grandma. We went home and ate dinner, after this I went up into my room to get ready for bed. I turned off the lights and fell asleep right away.

At about one o'clock in the morning I heard the phone ringing. I heard my mom get up and answer the phone. After she hung up the phone she started crying. I heard footsteps coming down the hallway, and then my door opened, it was my mom, she came and sat by me, her eyes full of tears. She then said, "That was the hospital; your grandma has passed away." I felt like I was dead, I thought to myself how this could've of happened to me. I felt like now all I could do was cry. I had cried myself to sleep, my mom lifted my off of her and left to go to her room.

When I had woke up, all through the house was silent. I didn't want to talk anyways. I went downstairs and my parents were sitting at the table, with breakfast. I sat down not saying, "Good morning!" like I usually do. I then decided to start a conversation. I said, "I still want to participate in the craft fair,

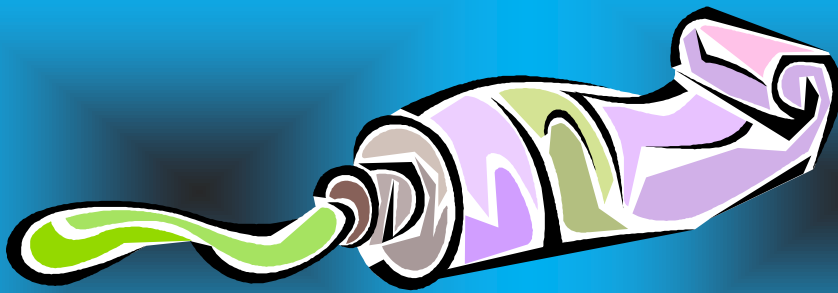
for her.” My dad said, “I don’t think that is a very good idea, it’s too early to be doing that, you’re still getting over her passing.” I firmly told my parents, “I can do this!” It was time to start heading out to the school, so I got my painting put in the trunk and my family drove to the school. My parents dropped me off at the entrance of the school, where I saw some of my friends walking in with their projects. This made me very nervous, because a lot of my peers’ projects were very good. I set my painting on the stage in the auditorium where all the others were. I then went and sat with my family. The judges came and examined every little inch of every project, while jotting down notes on the scoring sheets. The judges then sat down at their table and talked quietly for about five minutes. The speaker of the craft fair then came forward with a piece of paper. He started off by thanking everyone for coming, and then he said, “The winner of this year Icingville Craft Fair is Chloe Waduck!” I jumped out of my seat and went up to the stage, I couldn’t help but cry. I had just won for my grandma. The speaker handed me the check for fifty grand, I could not believe my eyes.

When we got home and everyone settled down, I thought about what I could do with this money. I decided I would donate this money for a memorial for my grandma, and then would use the rest to be successful one day, just like my grandma wanted me to.



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Found in stores near you.

By: Brittany Sager

Complaint Paint

By: Halle Kalwitz

“Tilly Sharpe, an eighteen year old artist from a small town in Jerafrica, had just moved to the art capital of the world,” reports News at 5’s most known reporter, Kim Vertes. “Tilly has been an artist since she was thirteen years old. She said she had used many paints before but none that were as destructive as *Invisa-Paint*.” Kim sat down with Tilly to have an inside interview and got many answers for what had caused the fire, her feelings of the fire, and if she plans to keep painting.

Tilly described her day as a typical Sunday would be. She got up, got ready, and then took her weekly run to Sparkles, the craft store. She only goes to Sparkles on Sundays because she doesn’t have many projects to do that day. When Tilly arrived at Sparkles, she told Kim that the new paint, *Invisa-Paint*, had a new advertisement. The advertisement had many colors on it and said that *Invisa-Paint* is the world’s best paint. Tilly wasn’t quite sure if she should buy this new and exciting paint because she has been using *Capture-Color* since she could remember. Tilly asked many customers in Sparkles what they think of this new paint. Many consumers said that they enjoyed it very much, but one stuck out, he said “*Invisa-Paint* is the best paint you will ever get. I promise you, you will not be disappointed. The *Invisa-Paint* makers make this paint with many organic materials so that it is good for the environment.” Tilly was really excited by now and bought fifteen bottles of *Invisa-Paint* including Glitter Girl, Pretty in Pink, Bunny Blue, Tractor Green, and Perfect Purple!

Kim quoted Tilly as saying, “I had just started my portrait of a picture of my nieces, Izza and Airabella. I just finished and was just about to paint Izza’s glittery hairband, the final touch when all of a sudden, Airabell’s head started on fire!” Kim gasped. “And when I found out what was happening, I freaked out and went searching for a fire extinguisher. When I returned to my art studio the whole room was on fire! Now I started to panic. I packed up as many of my belongings as I could and called the Diamonflo firefighters.”

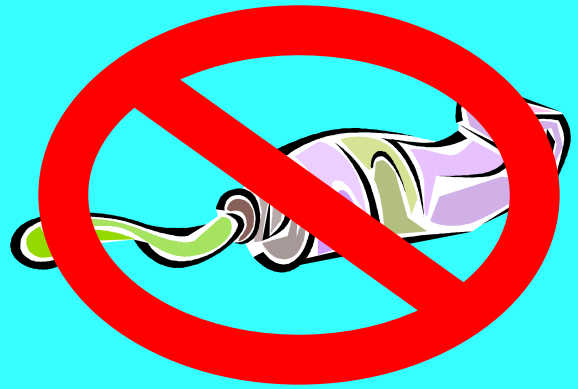
“When they finally got to my apartment they went to the wrong floor since I live on the 79th floor it took them a while to get here. My apartment had already been demolished as well as Mrs. Marke and Mr. Jenks apartments. I felt miserable and responsible for what had happened.” Kim then asked Tilly what her neighbors responses were on the fire. Tilly replied, “Mrs. Marke and Mr. Jenks understood what had happened and that it was not my fault, even though they understood it wasn’t me I felt horrible for what had happened. See, Mrs. Marke has two cats, Barbie and Skipper, they were stuck inside of the fire and now all of their fur is gone and their skin is badly burned. It was a terrible destruction.

Tilly proceeded to tell Kim that she then called her mother when she had calmed down. Tilly said her mother was in tears and was just happy to know that no one was severely injured. Her mother, Jane, told News at 5 that she and Tilly sued *Invisa-Paint* for \$50,000. *Invisa-Paint* understood and did not deny what their paint had done. They paid their \$50,000 and took Glitter Girl off the market for good!

The insurance company that Tilly, Mrs. Marke, and Mr. Jenks have paid for all

the damages that the fire had caused and paid for the apartment building to buy all fire proof walls for every room in the building. Mrs. Marke's cats ended up being fine and grew all of their hair back within three months.

Tilly told Kim that she was now painting for people who have lost personal possessions in fires and other destructive disasters for half the price of her regular prices. Her business has grown and has become very popular in the Middle East. People are very caring and are giving pledges to Tilly for being so strong and helping others in her position. Tilly's last words in the interview were, "I will only use *Capture-Color* from now on!"



DIY Decorating

By: Patricia Walters

If you think that you're un-crafty, don't worry. Follow these simple DIY decorating tips and your house will be the cleverest and beautifully decorated.

First of all, you always need to remember to add your own style and touches to make it one of a kind and exactly how you want it. If you find something you really like or really want to make, just do it, as long as you love it, it will always work!

If you are going to redo a room but don't know where to start, you've come to the right place! You first need to know that color is the most important aspect. You need to find a color theme and stick to it, but make sure you absolutely love the colors, otherwise you will regret them when you're done. For example, some in colors that go really great together are: turquoise, ivory, and yellow, lime green, hot pink, or teal with black and white, and teal with orange and hot pink. Or you could even put a bold color that you really like with white, to make the room a little simpler looking. The colors you pick should ultimately correlate with the decorations you want to add and with the look you want the room have in the end. After you pick colors you will want to decide on a pattern, design or theme you want to decorate the room to. Some examples are for patterns: zigzag or straight stripes either a bold color with white or black and white or whatever else catches your eye. Because overall, its whatever you like.

When decorating, try to stay with one style or vision so it doesn't clash or look cluttered. You don't want to add to many decorations, but you also don't want to add to little and make the room look plain. What you want to do is find the happy medium, but that is something you can only do yourself, because it all depends on what the

decorations are. But what if you have things like old lamps, picture frames, vases, dressers, nightstands, or shelves that just don't match or look modern or good enough for your style, but you really don't want to buy new ones? Simple, paint them with a bold color from your theme and even add fun designs and patterns to them with stencils or stamps. Add personal touches like your favorite pictures in stylish frames. Also make your own curtains and throw pillows by finding your perfect fabric patterns at a fabric store. You can decorate to make it look modern and trendy, shabby chic, simple and clean, or colorful, fun and bold! Find clever crafts to make for storage items and decorations. If you make place to store everything, then the room can't get messy, and it should never look cluttered and loose its stylish look. All you have to do is just go to a craft store and go crazy. Just make your room as unique as you are and don't settle for anything that you truly don't like for your room. We assure that by following these tips to decorating, your room will be DIY fabulous!



A Case of Moldy Clay

By: Paige St. Cyr

Who did this happen to?

A young college student name Taylor Kalwitz was recently hospitalized for being severely exposed to mold in her home. She is only twenty years old and is in her last semester of college to become an art teacher. She is very nice, caring, and sweet. Why would this happen to her, better yet, how?

How did it happen?

This is a very rare case of clay molding. It started on May 2nd, it is now May 10th. The owner of the house with moldy clay recently left the hospital and will be sharing her horrifying experience with us about what had happened. We will be receiving the information at her “new” clean house in Wisconsin. Now with just a memory of the moldy clay in her house Taylor is doing better and is almost finished with her schooling. We may never know how exactly this happened, but we are taking tests and researching the house right at this moment. We then asked Taylor what she did when she saw the mold in her room.

“What did you do when you noticed the mold?”

“When I noticed the mold it looked as if it has been there for years, like someone put it there. It was very disgusting; I never knew clay could get moldy like that. That is all I remember.” We then asked her neighbor Halle Kalwitz, her cousin, who had called the ambulance to the scene. This is what she said, “When I was just starting my morning walk I saw Taylor standing in front of her window and then suddenly fall over, I called the police for an ambulance and ran inside to help Taylor out of the house quickly to get her some fresh air while we were waiting for the ambulance to arrive. The EMT’s said Taylor looked really bad and rushed her into the ambulance and to the

hospital. I went with her in the ambulance just in case she would wake up wondering where she was.

Cleaning the House.

When the cleaners came to clean Taylor’s house they first had no idea how the clay had gotten moldy but had an idea it was because the house was older. They ended up finding mold in the walls. The cleaners had to make holes on the walls everywhere to spray chemicals that will eat away at the mold. They were going to fix the walls once all of the mold was gone. Once the chemicals were all in the walls, they sprayed everything in the house. The chemicals are not dangerous to humans so the cleaners sprayed everywhere. They got the couch, chair, and mattress, and cleaned and wiped down everything. They ended up having to put in new carpets everywhere at no cost for Taylor. They found mold in the kitchen and ended up gutting out the kitchen. They put in a new sink and fridge for free at no cost for Taylor. They ended up painting the walls a crème color. Once the carpets were put in they sprayed all of the carpet with the chemicals, let it soak in and then vacuumed the carpets. The cleaners put all of the furniture back in the living room and bedroom. Then they retiled the kitchen floors and put the table back in the kitchen. Once the day was over the house was fully cleaned and furnished with no mold in the walls, floors, or anywhere at all.

The doctor’s results

When Taylor woke up she had no idea why she was in the hospital. When the doctor walked in he told Taylor she was in the hospital for inhaling mold for so long. She asked if she was okay and the doctor told her she will have to take some breathing tests. The breathing tests showed that Taylor will have asthma for the rest of her life but her breathing can get better in time. The doctor prescribed an asthma inhaler for

Taylor and said she should stay another night just in case.

Returning Home

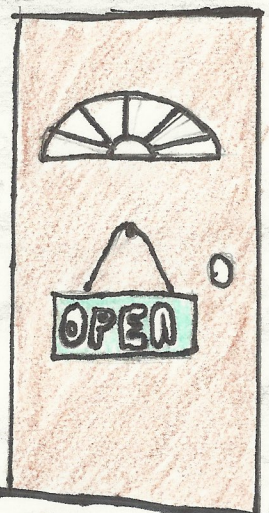
When Taylor returned home the next day she could not believe her eyes. Her house looked so beautiful and smelt so clean and fresh. She loved her “new” house. She then went to the store to buy food and candles. That day she thanked the cleaners for all of the work they have done for her.

One year later, Taylor moved to New York City, New York. She moved in with her boyfriend and a few other friends. Taylor has to go to visit the doctor once a month to make sure her breathing is regular. Taylor’s breathing has been improving greatly from the last time we saw her!



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Melted Crayon Art

By: Taylor Kalwitz

If you enjoy crafts and would like a new and fun project continue reading this article. This article is going to teach you how to make melted crayon art. When it is completely finished, this project looks astounding! It is colorful and brightens up any room.

The first step is to collect all of your materials. For this project, you will need a canvas, your choice of size, many crayons, a hairdryer, lots of newspaper, and a hot glue gun with extra glue sticks.

Next, you will want to separate and group each different color of crayon together. This will make the rest of the project easier to accomplish. After you separate the crayons into different piles, you have to lay them out in the exact order you want them. I suggest doing this step on the canvas so you know how many you need to fit along the top.

Once you have completed this step, you will want to secure the crayons in place on the canvas. To do this you should hot glue each crayon, in the same order you want, onto the top of the canvas. This will be the starting point of the drips. Note that before starting this step I recommend that you place the newspaper down, covering the work area completely.

After this step you can lean the canvas against something so it has an angle that the drips can slide down. I suggest placing it against a wall but be sure to cover the wall because the wax will splatter and may land on it. Also make sure that the canvas is still placed on the newspaper, this is the messy part.

Once the canvas is at an angle you may begin the main part of this project: creating the drip effect. Take the hairdryer and put it on a low setting. Then begin aiming it towards the first four or five

crayons, it may take a few minutes for them to melt and drip. Once those first few crayons start to drip you can move onto the next few and keep going until all the crayons are melted and dripping.

The next step in this project is to allow the canvas to dry. This may take a while so be patient. Once the project is completely dry, you can add your own touches and hang it up!

If you would like more ideas of how to make the picture your own, keep reading! There are many solutions to this problem and they are all very simple!

You can even manipulate the wax to travel in the direction that you want it to! All you have to do is start a drip from a crayon and follow it for a while. Once it passes the spot where you want it to go a different direction, just tilt the hairdryer. It's as simple as that!

One way is that you can add a frame of your choice around it. Or, you could even take a thick tipped sharpie and add writing to the bottom. You could write your favorite quote or even your name!

Another simple way to add your own touch is to form the crayons into a shape. An easy and beautiful shape would be a heart or even a star. You can also choose a color scheme that you think that work well together. Do whatever you want with it! It is your project! Be creative!



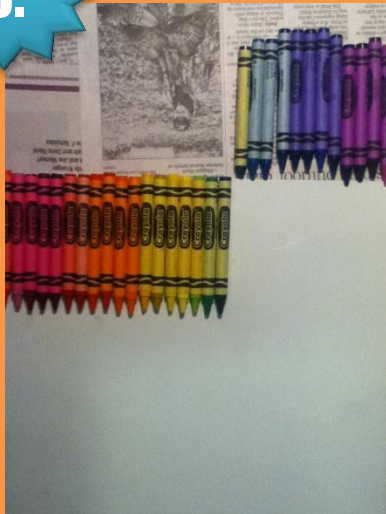
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