

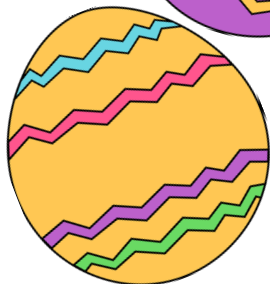
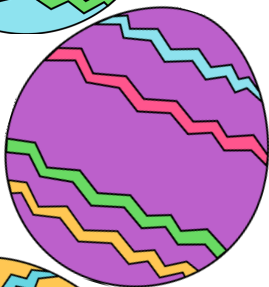
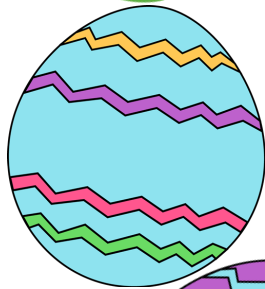
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April, May & June 2017

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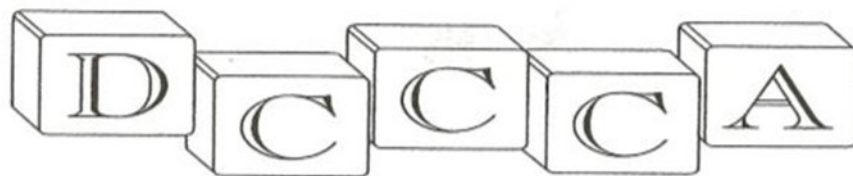


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# Letter from our President

## A Long Story, Short

While still wet under the collar, my youngest son staring out into a crowd at my side, blurted loudly, “Mom, look at all these people and they have feelings and lives just like ours. How can that be... to the all of us?”

1958 was a good year. I was the first born, to an eventual family of four brother's and a baby sister bringing up the tail end, my freshman year of college. This is how I cut my teeth on care giving, taking charge, and bearing much responsibility. My siblings might best describe that as.... overbearing, bossy and being a miss goodie two shoes! Ah...the good old days! In spite of contentious sibling rivalry, we cherish many great memories growing up together, and surviving each other!!

Fast forward to adulthood. A working wife and mother of two young boys, expecting a third, trying to balance it all. While relishing parenthood and with such positive hopes for the future, I felt at times overwhelmed, under prepared and wholly inadequate. Somehow these children of mine, survived me!

It was 1991 when I was laid off from my job with the state and became a stay at home mom. Somehow we were managing financially, yet I eventually wanted to contribute by working from home. That is when I started childcare for a family of two. Little did I realize it was the humble beginnings of a career now spanning over two decades.

By the end of 1992, my marriage had disintegrated and I was facing divorce and managing on my own. With my life in turmoil, I quickly started the licensing process to expand my work and income, as quickly as possible. Little did I realize that this would be the means for me to raise my sons and literally rebuild my life from the ground up.

In 1994, I relocated back to Douglas County, seeking the emotional support of extended family and the opportunity to start over. It literally involved purchasing a home that was uninhabitable, yet possessed lots of potential. Little did I realize it would morph into my crazy version of a 23 year fix and flip! Except.....I still live and work here!! Life very gradually went from barely surviving to thriving.

It was not an easy personal or professional journey by any means. The love and support of family made it possible. My work was crucial, and raising three sons paramount. Many times I felt overwhelmed, under prepared and wholly inadequate.

My home in Parker was first licensed in 1995, with very little furniture, no pictures on the walls, weeds and dirt in the yard, yet it possessed lots of potential. Children under my wing were regarded and treated as family, while concentrating on the basics...safety, health, growth and development, nurturing and fun. Pre-school was not part and parcel of my program except for informal learning. Professional mentoring from an early childhood educator in my family, and joining the DCCCA was instrumental in slowly building and establishing my child care business and program.

In 2005, I jumped at the opportunity to take advantage of a scholarship to attend college and obtain my director certification. Upon completion, little did I know..... my whole life experiences and this recent education, intertwined to change my total outlook and goals around childcare. I realized the magnitude of my work and my profound place, as an early childhood educator and caregiver! It became my passion, a ministry, a calling. Many times, I still feel overwhelmed, under prepared and wholly inadequate.

Those of us in this calling, each with our own unique stories and experiences, have built our programs from the ground up. We have seen countless changes through the years, in licensing, in family's, in children, in needs and expectations. How have we adapted and changed? What has helped and supported us? Do we value what we bring to the table? How do we advocate for our business, our children, our families? What particular challenges test our attitude and thwart our goals? Do we sense, acknowledge, and celebrate our own personal growth and development. At the end of the day, how do we take care of ourselves?

For today, please know your DCCCA remains dedicated to serving and representing you in a profession that has since come into the spotlight, yet is at times undervalued and misunderstood. We ask that you feel free to communicate and share with us. Perhaps give back and contribute to making our organization stronger.

Above all....laugh. Without stress, our life would be empty!! We are women, we are invincible, we are tired!

Good night.....sleep tight.

Angela Rosales

# Douglas County Child Care Association

## January, February & March, 2017

### 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$8,770.43</b>
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Income:	Membership		\$50.00	
	Class 1/10 Fees		\$576.00	
		Total Income	\$626.00	
Expenses:	Board Meeting		\$14.10	
	Telephone		\$160.04	
	Education— 1/10 class		\$576.00	
	Website		\$220.50	
		Total Expenses	970.64	

<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$8,425.79</b>
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**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Taboada,**

**DCCCA Treasurer/Membership**

# Referral Recap; Jan., Feb., & March, 2017

Location: Castle Rock	Jan/Feb/ March	Location: Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree & Centennial	Jan/Feb/ March	Location: Parker	Jan/Feb/ March
Calls for under 2	11/8/8	Calls for under 2	9/10/13	Calls for under 2	6/6/4
Full Time:	5/2/3	Full Time:	2/6/8	Full Time:	5/6/2
Part Time:	2/3/0	Part Time:	7/4/5	Part Time:	1/0/2
Calls for over 2	3/1/6	Calls for over 2	4/7/6	Calls for over 2	2/2/4
Full Time:	3/1/4	Full Time:	1/5/5	Full Time:	0/2/1
Part Time:	0/1/2	Part Time:	3/2/1	Part Time:	2/0/3
Before & After School	0/0/0	Before & After School	1/2/0	Before & After School	0/0/0
Drop In's	0/0/0	Drop In's	0/0/1	Drop In's	0/0/0
Night's or Weekends	0/0/0	Night's or Weekends	0/0/0	Night's or Weekends	0/0/0
CCAP	0/0/0	CCAP	0/0/0	CCAP	0/0/0
Tot. Kids for Month	14/9/14	Total kids for the Month	14/19/20	Total kids for Month	8/8/8
DCCCA WEBSITE	9/6/7	DCCCA WEBSITE	5/6/6	DCCCA WEBSITE	8/5/7
PROVIDER/FRIEND	0/0/0	PROVIDER/FRIEND	5/6/6	PROVIDER/FRIEND	0/0/0
USED BEFORE	0/0/0	USED BEFORE	0/2/3	USED BEFORE	0/0/0
OTHER:	2/2/1	HUMAN SERVICES	1/0/1	OTHER:	0/2/0
OTHER:	2/2/1	OTHER:	0/0/0	UNKNOWN:	0/1/1

Next News-  
letter  
will be:  
**JULY**

Please remember to keep in  
touch with your area referral  
with your openings & once  
you fill an opening.

Thank you

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ADCO General Daycare Insurance	303-893-5770	
Adults and Children Alliance	1-800-433-8108 Ext. 2028	<a href="http://www.acainc.org/partners.html">www.acainc.org/partners.html</a>
Allstate Insurance	303-833-5588	
Assure Child Care	1-855-818-5437	<a href="http://www.assurechildcare.com">www.assurechildcare.com</a>
Cherry Creek Insurance Group	303-799-0110	<a href="https://www.travelers.com">https://www.travelers.com</a>
Child, Inc.—Liability Insurance	1-800-844-8288 Ext. 108	
Child Care Insurance Professional	1-800-819-9992	
Dan Gillespie, Insurance Broker	303-656-6912	
Daycare Defender	1-800-414-1066	<a href="http://www.dcdefender.com">www.dcdefender.com</a>
DC Insurance Services, Inc.	1-800-624-0912	<a href="http://www.dcins.com/contact-us.html">www.dcins.com/contact-us.html</a>
Farmers Insurance - Daniel Cashmore	303-979-0315	
Mike Boling Markel	1-888-515-8537	
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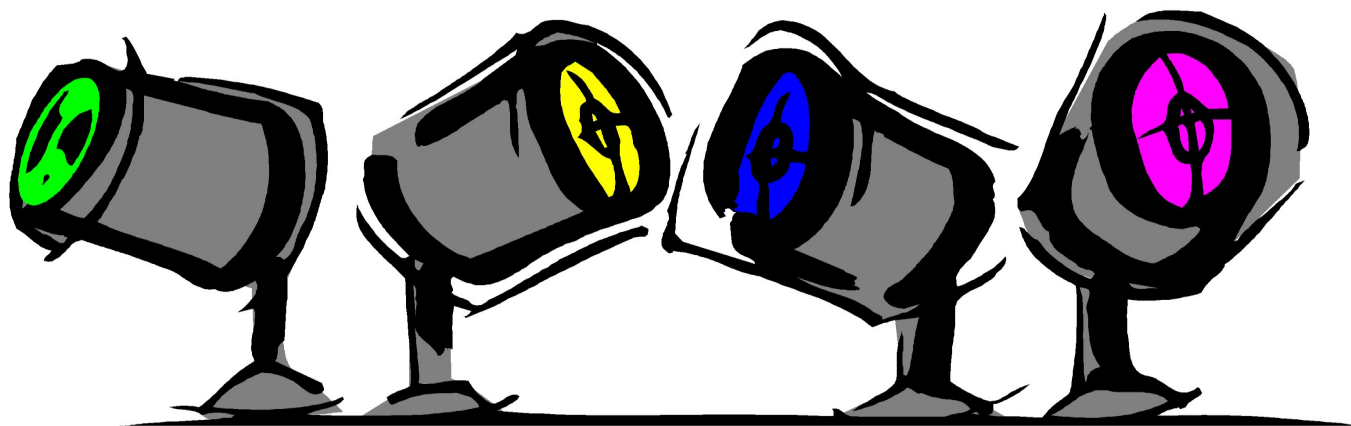


# In the Spotlight

**Connecting with early childhood education  
peers on a personal and professional level!**

**Elizabeth Chase**

Hello! My name is Beth Chase and I am a Child Care Licensing Specialist with the Division of Early Care and Learning for the Parker area. I have worked in the role of licensing specialist for the past 8 years and have a bachelors degree in Child Development from California State University Chico. Prior to being a licensing specialist, I worked in child care for 6 years in roles ranging from Aide to Director and developed a love for working with children. Although I do not work directly with children anymore, I find my job very rewarding because I know that I am helping providers maintain a healthy and safe environment for the children in their care. I enjoy visiting different providers each day and observing the great programs offered to children. Outside of work, I enjoy exercising, camping and spending time outdoors with my husband and two sons, ages 5 and 3. Through my experience in this field, I realize the impact we have in working with children as their experiences in early childhood shape them for the rest of their lives. I look forward to working with and getting to know the wonderful providers of Douglas County.





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24 Hour Child Protective Line	303-271-4131	
Immunization Line	303-237-7178	
Colorado Dept. of Health	303-692-2035	
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<b>Kids Nutrition Company</b>	<b>303-987-4851</b>	
<b>Southwest Food Program</b>	<b>719-573-2246</b>	
<b>Wildwood Food Program</b>	<b>303-730-0460</b>	

## *A great lesson on Stress*

A young lady confidently walked around the room while explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'...

She fooled them all... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile.

Answers called out ranged from

6 oz. to 16 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it.

If I hold it for a minute, **that's not a problem.**

If I hold it for an hour, **I'll have an ache in my right arm.**

If I hold it for a day, **you'll have to call an ambulance.**

In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down.

Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up Tomorrow..

- 1 \* Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- 2 \* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you must eat them.
- 3 \* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 \* Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5 \* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- 6 \* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7 \* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8 \* Never buy a car you can't push.
- 9 \* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10 \* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11 \* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- 12 \* The second mouse gets the cheese.
- 13 \* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14 \* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 16 \* Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 17 \* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all must live in the same box.

18 \* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19 \* Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you to-day

### AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

## Components of Positive Adult/Child Interactions by [Cathy Abraham](#)

**Identifying and validating of feelings**

**Asking open-ended questions**

**Talking with children - not at them**

**Speaking with the child at their eye-level**

**Using the child's name**

**Modeling social skills (not interrupting, saying "please" and "thank you," etc.)**

**Encouraging problem solving**

**Using descriptive praise and reinforcement**

**Stating directives in a positive way**

**Offering choices, and respecting their choices**

**Children are warmly acknowledged upon arrival**

**Talking with the child about what is of interest to *them*, with a balance of child-initiated and adult-initiated conversations**

**Each and every child receives positive attention from the teacher throughout the day**

**Awareness of the impact of the tone of voice, and utilizing it as a teaching tool**

**Adults admit mistakes, modeling for the children that mistakes and accidents are okay**

**Displaying appropriate affection with the children**

**Circulating throughout the classroom**

**Acknowledging children as unique individuals**

**Teachers are involved at times in the children's play**

**Enjoying and appreciating the children - smiling and laughing sharing in their discoveries and milestones**

# April & May craft ideas



Mykidsguide.com

## Umbrellas:

Using cupcake liners, fold them in half. Poke a hole in the center of the crease in the liner to put the pipe cleaner through. Bend over the top of the cleaner so it won't come back through the liner, and fold up a hook at the bottom of the pipe cleaner to make a handle, glue onto blue paper. Have the kids make raindrops with blue paint & finger prints.



Planning Playtime.com

Planningplaytime.com

## Name Flowers:

Cut a flower for each letter in the child's name. Label each flower with their letters. Glue onto a pre-cut green stem and some leaves. See pg. 15 for pattern of flower.



Theinterestedparent.com

## Plate Umbrella:

Using a paper plate, have the children decorate the outside of the plate anyway they choose. Once they are done, "cone" the plate up and staple together. Push a pipe-cleaner through the middle top of the plate, roll over the end of the cleaner so it doesn't come out. Bend the bottom of the pipe-cleaner up to make a handle.



# April & May craft ideas



**HYACINTH**—I'VE DONE THESE CRAFT A FEW TIMES, AND THEY ARE VERY EASY, COME OUT VERY PRETTY AND THE KIDS ENJOY IT.. ON A PIECE OF WHITE

PAPER DRAW A GREEN STEM AND LEAVES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STEM. HAVE THE KIDS USE THEIR FINGER "DIP IN THE PURPLE PAINT, DAB ALONG THE STEM, THEN DIP IN THE BLUE PAINT, DAB ALONG THE STEM. YOU CAN MIX THE COLORS OR DO SEPERATE COLORS OF FLOWERS IF YOU CHOOSE.

IDEA: [DALIMOUSTACHE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://DALIMOUSTACHE.BLOGSPOT.COM)



USING PURPLE BACKGROUND. CUT A STRIP OF GREEN PAPER, & FRINGE THE END TO APPEAR AS GRASS, GLUE ONTO THE BACKGROUND PAPER. HAVE THE KIDS GLUE THE CUT GREEN STEMS AND LEAVES ONTO THE BOTTOM OF THE STEMS. USING WHITE CIRCLES, MAKE A LOOSE CONE SHAPE OUT OF EACH CIRCLE, GLUE THE CIRCLE ENDS OVERLAPING TOGETHER, THEN GLUE ONTO BACKGROUND. MAKE A YELLOW MIDDLE AND GLUE TO CENTER OF THE CIRCLE.

[STYLOWI.PL](http://STYLOWI.PL)

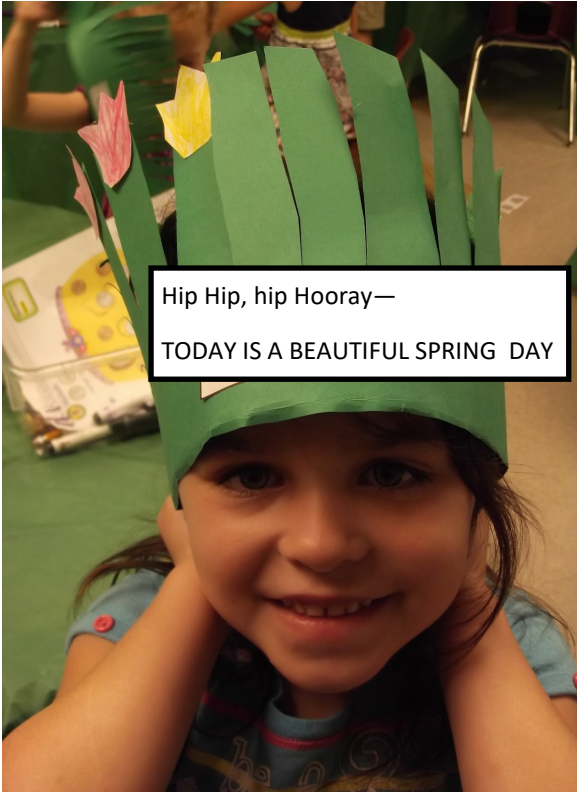


**CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE.** THIS IS REALLY PRETTY AND EASY. USING A WHITE PAPER BACKGROUND, DRAW A TREE TRUNK & BRANCHED ON IT., **OR** USE THE PATTERN ON NEXT PAGE AND COPY ONTO WHITE CONSTRUCTION PAPER. A BIT FASTER. HAVE THE KIDS USING A PIECE OF BUBBLE WRAP, DIP IT INTO PINK PAINT AND PRESS THE BUBBLES ONTOP OF THE BRANCHES. CONTINUE UNTIL THE BRANCHES ARE COVERED. MAYBE A FEW ON THE GROUND

[GLUEDTOMYCRAFTSBLOG.COM](http://GLUEDTOMYCRAFTSBLOG.COM)



# April & May craft ideas



Using a long piece of construction paper (12x18), fold in half longways.

Make cuts from the folded edge down about 1 inch apart and to about 2 1/2 inches from the bottom

Glue different flowers to the top end of each “blade of grass.” (see pg. 15)

Add a strip saying “Hip, Hip Hooray, Todays

A beautiful Spring Day!!”

Attach both ends together around child’s head.

[lochelskindergarten.blogspot.com](http://lochelskindergarten.blogspot.com)



Using a Fork & yellow paint, have the kids make a circle dipping the fork into the paint and Scraping it onto the white paper.

Either use green paint and make a stem. OR cut a stem from green paper and glue onto the white paper and let dry before starting to paint.

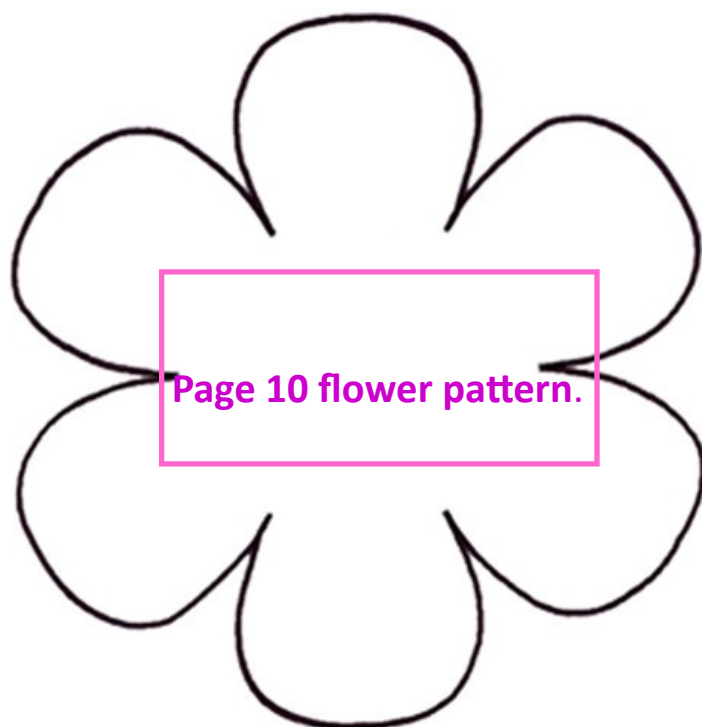
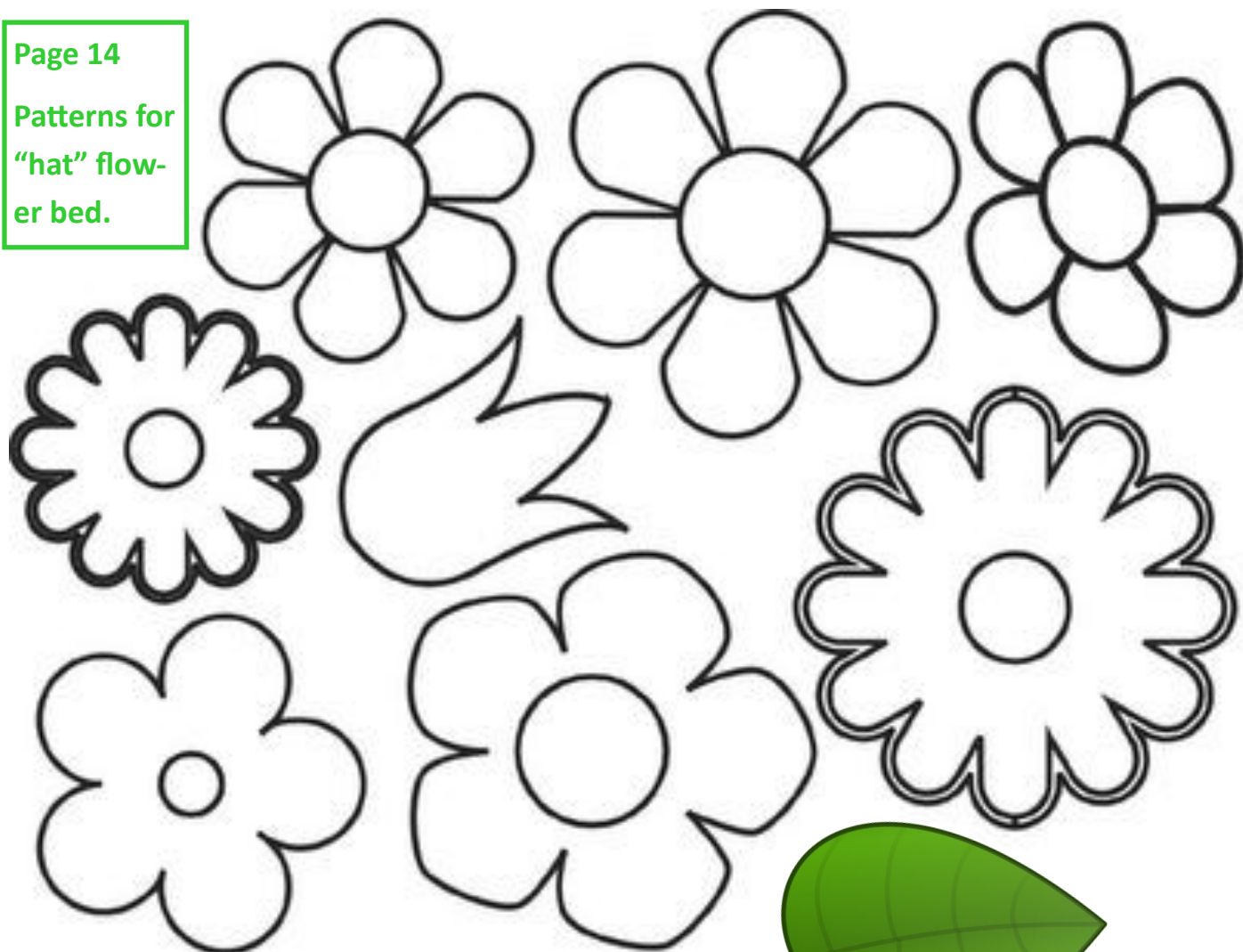
Maybe have the kids make 2 or 3 Dandelions on their pages??

Let dry.

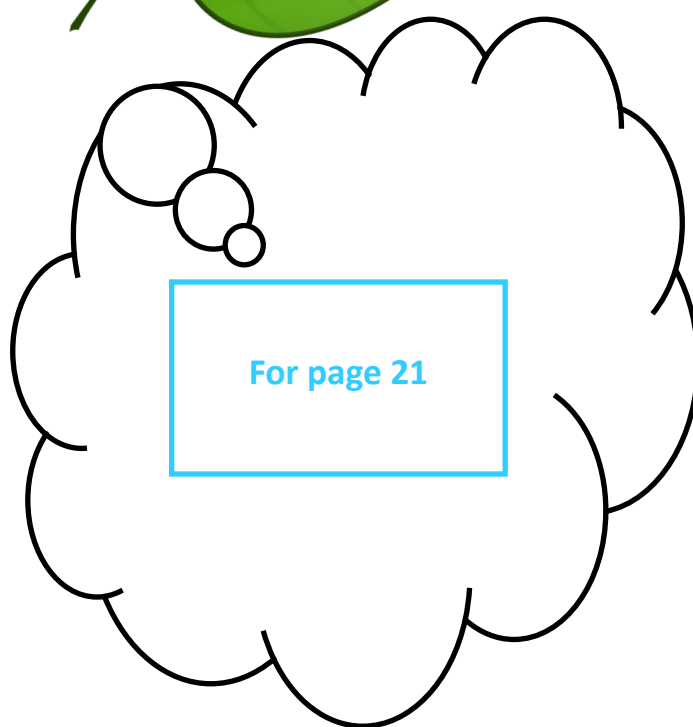
[www.sassydealz.com](http://www.sassydealz.com)

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Patterns for  
"hat" flower  
bed.



Page 10 flower pattern.



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## EASTER SONGS/FINGERPLAYS

Five little Easter eggs, lovely colors wore,  
Mother ate the blue one, then there were four.  
Four little Easter eggs, two and two you see,  
Daddy ate the red one, then there were three.  
Three little Easter eggs, before I knew,  
Sister ate the yellow one, then there were two.  
Two little Easter egg, Oh what fun!  
Brother ate the purple one, then there was one.  
One little Easter egg, see me run,  
I ate the last one, and then there were none.

### **Rabbit Doesn't Have A Tail At All**

*(Sung to "London Bridge")*

Rabbit doesn't have a tail at all,  
Tail at all, tail at all  
Rabbit doesn't have a tail at all  
Just a powder puff.  
His ears are longer than his tail,  
Than his tail, than his tail  
His ears are longer than his tail  
It's a powder puff.

### **Easter Eggs—***(Sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells")*

Easter eggs, Easter eggs  
Eggs of orange and blue.  
Here' are lots of colored eggs,  
All for me and you.  
Chocolate eggs colored brown,  
Jelly beans bright green.  
Aren't these the most beautiful eggs  
That you have ever seen?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Following Directions: Umbrellas



1. Color the girl's umbrella yellow.
2. Color the boy's umbrella red.
3. Color the girl's jacket orange.
4. Color the boy's jacket green.
5. Color the girl's boots red.
6. Color the boy's boots purple.
7. Color green spots on the girl's umbrella.
8. Color black spots on the boy's umbrella.
9. Color the girl's face brown.
10. Color the boy's face orange.

Unit: [www.creativeclassroomconnections.com](http://www.creativeclassroomconnections.com)

## May Day Music

May 1, 2017

### May Day's - Original Author Unknown

Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"

May Day's here, May Day's here,  
Sun Shines bright, sun shines bright.  
Birds and Butterflies are in flight,  
Blooming flowers are such a sight,  
Everything feels just right,  
May day's here!

### May Basket—Original Author Unknown

Sung to: "Did you ever see a Lassie"

Did you ever see a May basket, May basket, May basket?  
Did you ever see a May basket, that looked so good?  
I worked for hours, then filled it with flowers,  
Did you see a May basket that looked so good?

### I made a May basket—Original Author Unknown

Sung to: "a Tisket, a Tasket"

A-tisket, A-tasket, I made a May Day basket.  
I filled it up with flowers bright,  
and hung it on the door just right.

A-tisket, A-tasket  
I made a May Day basket.  
Flowers are a sign of spring,  
And all the joy that it can bring.

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## May Day Ideas (5/1/)

1. Lay a colorful store-bought [cup](#) top-side down on pretty paper & trace the outline. Remove, and draw petals radiating from the circle.

2. Using [scissors](#), cut triangle shapes from the center of the circle to the rim (trim the bottoms of the triangles if they're too long). Or use pattern on next page

3. Slide the cup inside the flower and fill with treats. Garnish with a leaf made from paper.



### Paper Plate Basket:

Have the kids bake some cookies. Make this box from a regular paper plate and fill the box with the cookies. Tie a bow around the box and the kids can give it to their family as a May Day gift.

[BABYCENTERBLOG](#)

### Supplies For Making a Paper May Day Basket

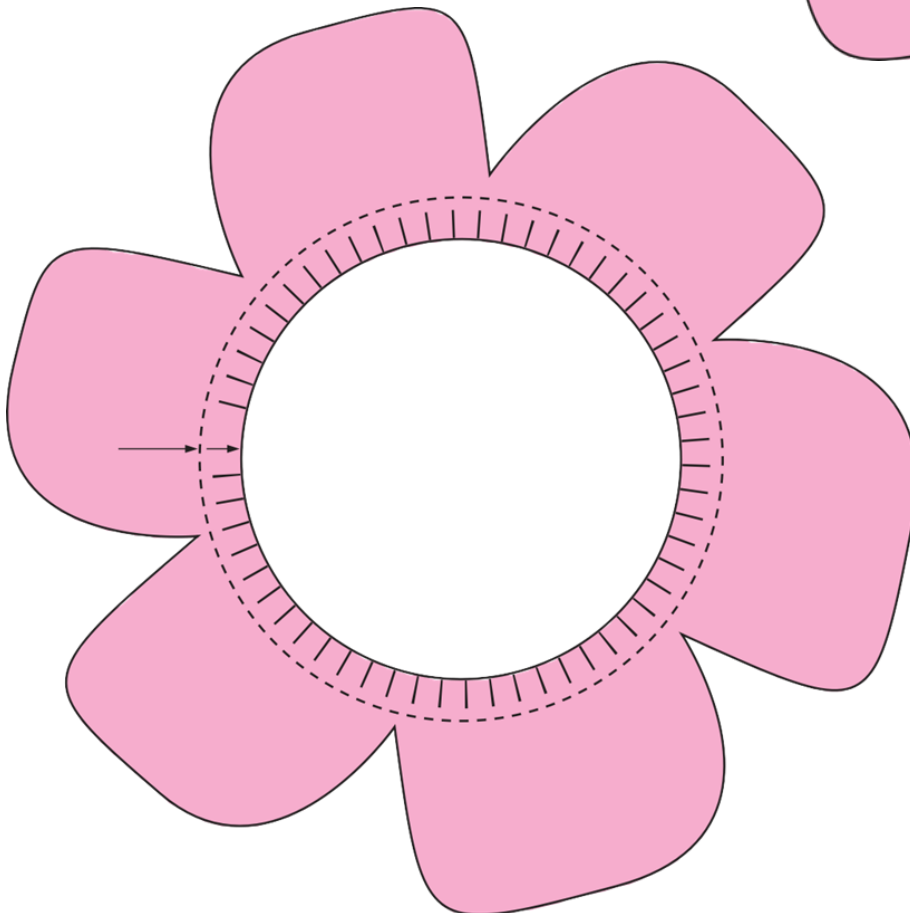
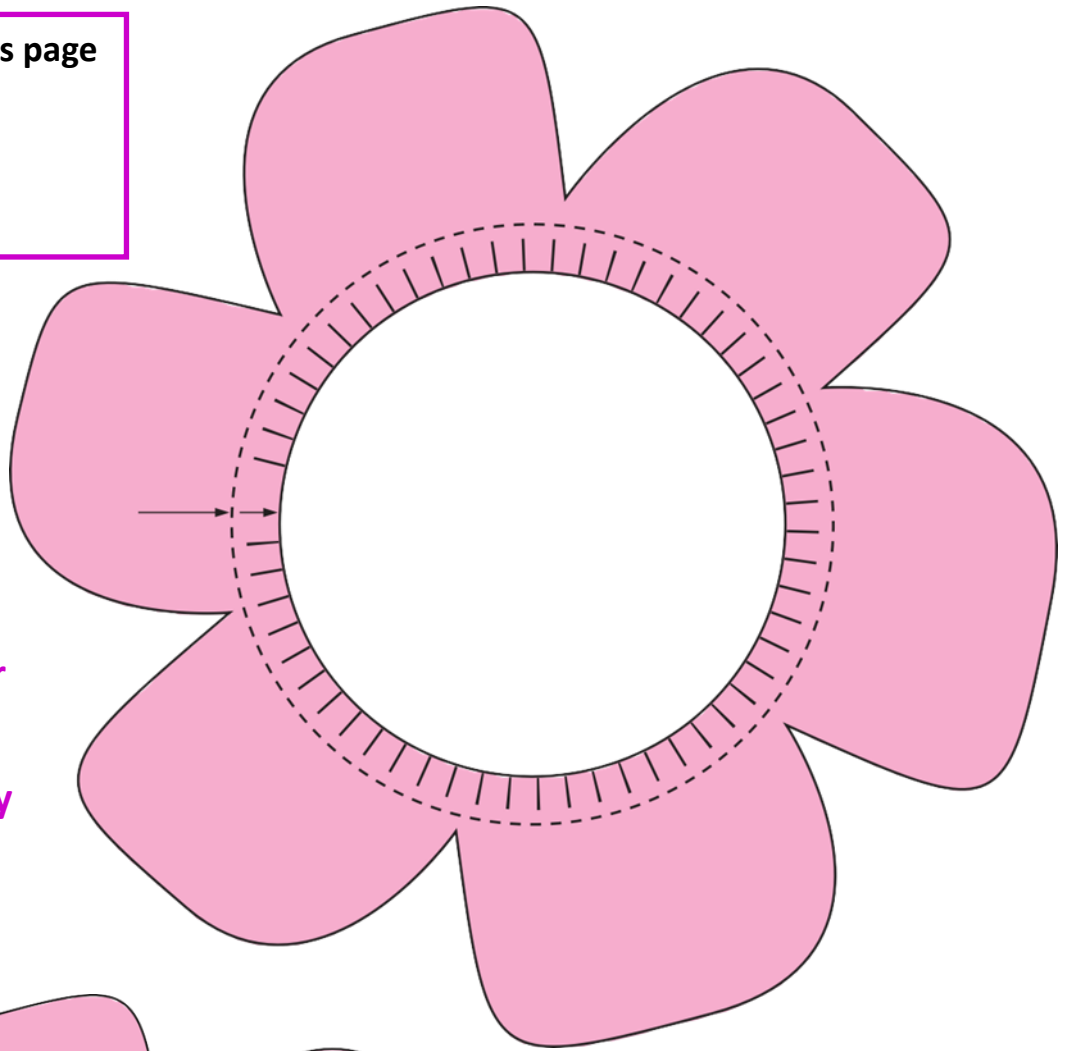
- two-sided heavy (card-stock weight) scrapbooking paper cut to 8 1/2" X 11"
  - wrapped candy for the flower centers
  - double sided tape or a glue stick
  - scissors
  - long craft sticks found at a craft and hobby store
- a small piece of ribbon or string for attaching the tag.



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**LARGE  
PATTERN**

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**SMALLER  
PATTERN**



# Cinco-de-mayo

MAY 5TH



[REDROKO.COM](http://REDROKO.COM)



## What you'll need:

Styrofoam or paper cup; Mini paper plate

1" wide strip of brown felt & 1/4" wide strip of both red and orange felt.

Acrylic paint in red and sunflower (tan/yellow)

Medium pom-poms in red, green, yellow, orange, white.

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Paint paper plate and Styrofoam cup with sunflower paint. Let dry and repeat. Paint the outer edge of the plate rim red. Let dry completely.
2. Hot glue the Styrofoam cup to the center of the paper plate to form your hat.
3. Glue the brown felt around the bottom of the Styrofoam cup (the edge that is touching the plate) to make the hat band. Glue the red and orange felt over the brown to create stripes.
4. Glue the pom-poms to the red edge of the paper plate, alternating colors as you go (green, white, red, yellow, brown, orange, green, white, etc).

## EASTER EGG MARACAS

1. Get plastic Easter Eggs
2. Fill 1/2 way with rice or popcorn kernels
3. Put on the lid on the egg and using white tape, tape the egg in-between 2 plastic spoons.
4. Decorate the tape with markers & shake away.



## ANOTHER CINCO DE MAYO IDEA

# TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS



[HEYLETSMAKESTUFF.COM](http://HEYLETSMAKESTUFF.COM)

IDEA ALSO FOR: 4TH OF JULY USING RED, WHITE  
AND BLUE PAPER—MAKE SMALLER FOR FIREWORKS

PICK COLOR OF LARGE SHEETS OF TISSUE PAPER. THE MORE SHEETS OF PAPER YOU USE, THE FLUFFIER THE FLOWER WILL BE. BUT USE **AT LEAST** 3 PIECES.

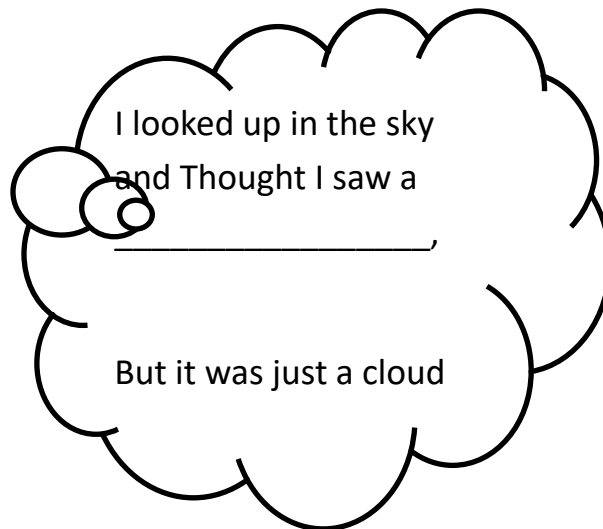
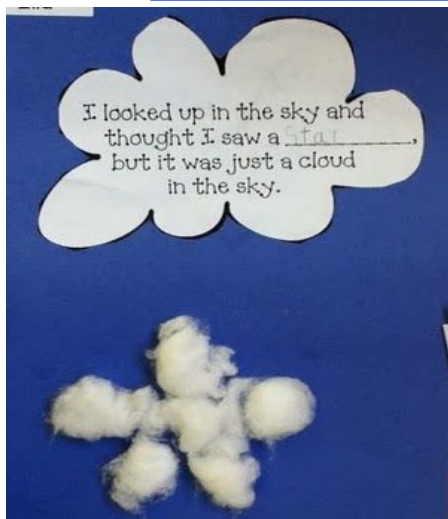
PILE THE TISSUE PAPER ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER EVENLY. THEN FOLD ACCORDIAN STYLE (LIKE IN A FAN).

FOLD THE FOLDED FANED STRIP IN 1/2 AND CUT THE EDGE AS DESIRED (SEE LEFT)

USING A PIPE-CLEANER WRAP THE END OF A PIPE CLEANER AROUND WHERE YOU FOLDED THE STRIP IN THE MIDDLE AND TWIST. UNFOLD PAPER.

ONE BY ONE TAKE 1 PIECE OF THE TISSUE AND CAREFULLY BRING IT UP TO THE MIDDLE, CONTINUE IN THE SAME MANNER UNTIL ALL PAPER IS SEPERATED. IF NEEDED TO MAKE THE STEM LONGER, ADD ANOTHER PIPE-CLEANER TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST ONE AND TWIST.

## Anytime ideas



[www.tekyteach.blogspot.com](http://www.tekyteach.blogspot.com)

Go outside on a puffy-cloudy type day. See what the clouds look like to the kids. Have each child make what he saw using cotton balls.... (Star, airplane, bird, if he/she comes up with something hard to make, have him/her notice something else).



Have the kids thread Fruit Loops onto a pipe cleaner. Form into a shape. Twist the 2 ends together and add a string to hang up outside for the birds to eat.

[Sweet and Simple Living](http://www.sweetandsimpleliving.com)



Small motor idea: All those tubes you end up with, save. Punch hole throughout the tubes and have the kids use straws and push the straw into one hole and out another hole on the other side of the tube. Good eye hand coordination, patience, etc.

[www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)



# June ideas



[diycraftsfood.trulyhandpicked.com](http://diycraftsfood.trulyhandpicked.com)

Trace oval type shapes around both of the child's feet on to white card stock paper, give about 3/4 inch extra room around the feet. Place the white paper on a piece of square-like cardstock leaving a little bit of space (1 1/2—2" between the 2 feet and about 1" around the outside edges of the feet when child is standing on the paper for extra room.

Paint the bottom of the child's feet, and place them on top of the paper and press each foot down to get the best possible impressions.

When dry, add 2 strips of colored paper over the toes add a bead or small pendant to cover where the 2 strips meet at the toes, glue the other sides of the strip's down diagonally on the paper to look like a flip flop.

## Easy Paper Plate Watermelon CRAFT



**Watermelon from  
1/2 of a paper  
plate.**



**Handprint  
strawberry**



**Popsicles**

**"I'm hooked on  
Daddy"**



**Father's day craft/  
gift idea.**



## 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS!!!



Using black paper (cardstock) works best). Make Fireworks using glue. Then use glitter to color the glue. The LET DRY.



These are very pretty, unless your child is old enough to work the glue themselves, you'll need to help. When using the glitter to sprinkle onto the glue, be sure you're watching close by with the little ones. As pretty as this turns out, its easy for them to get glue on their fingers, into the glitter then wipe their eyes, so please be care. Have fun.





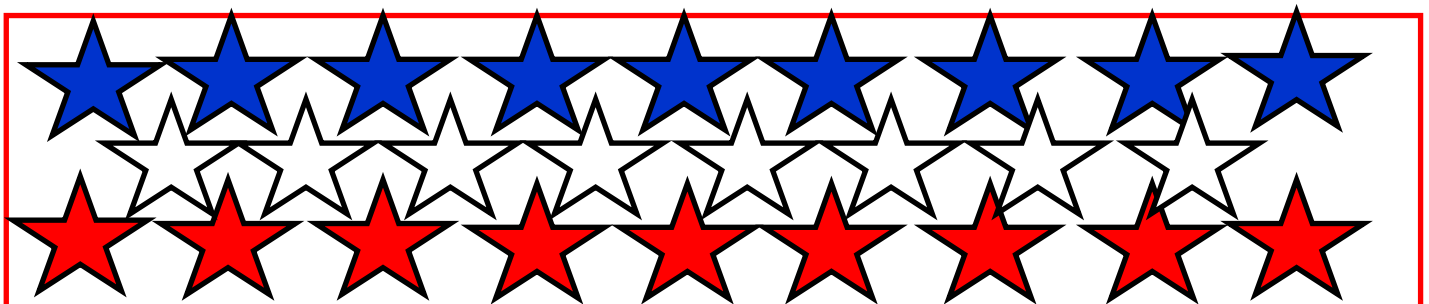
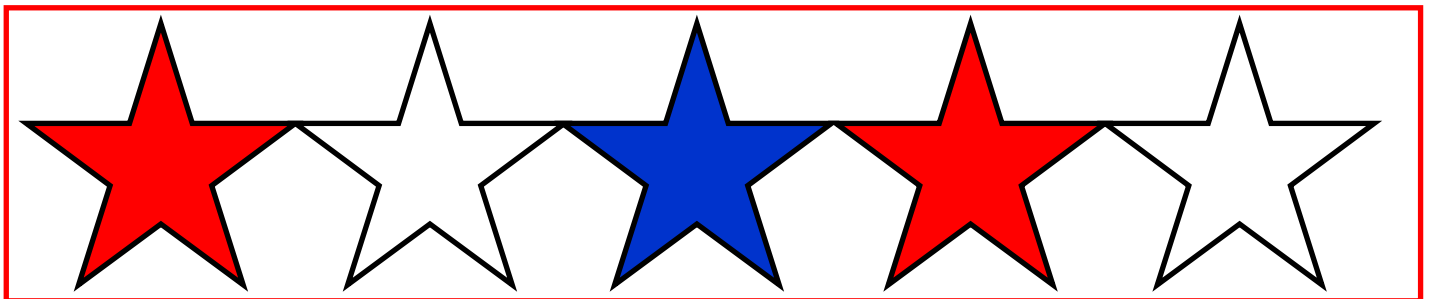
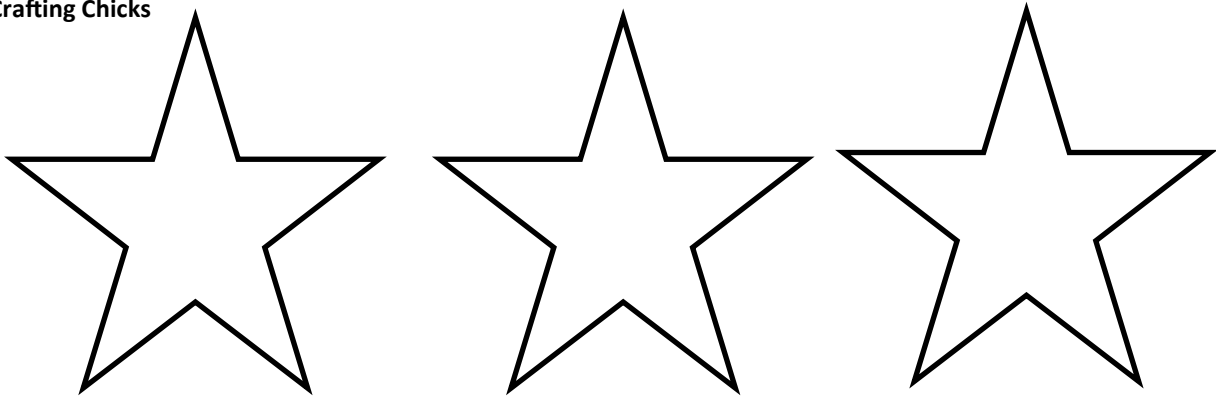
# June/4th of July



Using a piece of construction paper (8x12) fold in half long ways. Cut 1' strip's from the fold edge to the open edges, stopping about 1 inch from the end of the unfolded edge. Open the paper, decorate as desired then roll into a cylinder shape and staple the ends together. Add about a 1 inch strip of paper as a handle.

Some ideas to decorate are below:

The Crafting Chicks



## FLAG DAY &

### 4TH OF JULY IDEAS

FLAG DAY—PAINT CHILDS HAND AS A FLAG, STAMP ON WHITE PAPER AND WHEN DRY ADD A LARGE STAR STICKER ON TOP OF THE BLUE SQUARE.



**THIS IS CUTE.**

**HAVE THE CHILD FIRST STAMP THEIR BLUE PAINTED HAND ON THE TOP LEFT SIDE OF A PIECE OF WHITE PAPER.**

**THEN THE CHILD DRAWS THE RED LINES WITH THEIR FINGER. MAKE PENCIL LINES FOR THEM TO TRACE OVER IN RED.**

**LET DRY.**

[CHOOSINGTODAY.WORDPRESS.COM](http://CHOOSINGTODAY.WORDPRESS.COM)



American Flag  
Cookie Bars



**DECORATE A COOKIE OR RICE KRISPIE TREAT AS A FLAG USING WHITE FROSTING, RED PULL APART LICORICE STRINGS AND BLUE M&M'S**  
**YUM!!!!**



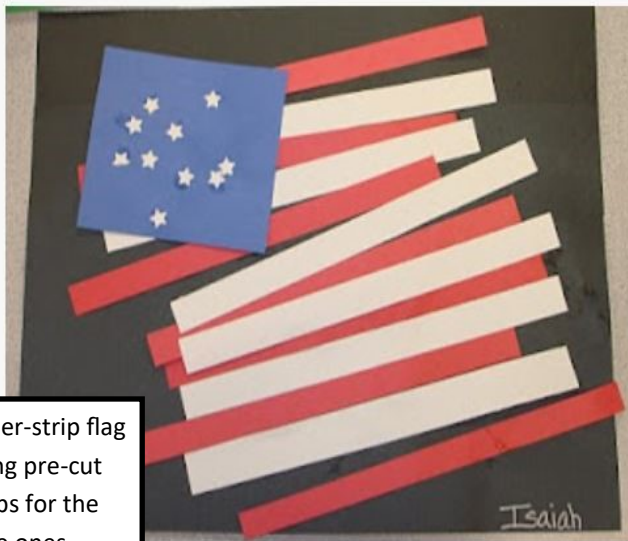
# ALL TODDLER CRAFTS

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[FUNFAMILYCRAFTS](http://FUNFAMILYCRAFTS)



Star Man



Paper-strip flag using pre-cut strips for the little ones.

Cut a star from card stock paper. Put glue all over the star and have children put square of tissue paper on top.



Using glue mixed with water and brush down the tissue paper let dry.

Painted handprint on a rectangular piece of blue paper, glue onto a jumbo popsicle stick. Add ribbon if desired.



Use brown paint and paint child's hands. Print each hand on light blue paper palms touching. Add Eagle head, eye & beak.



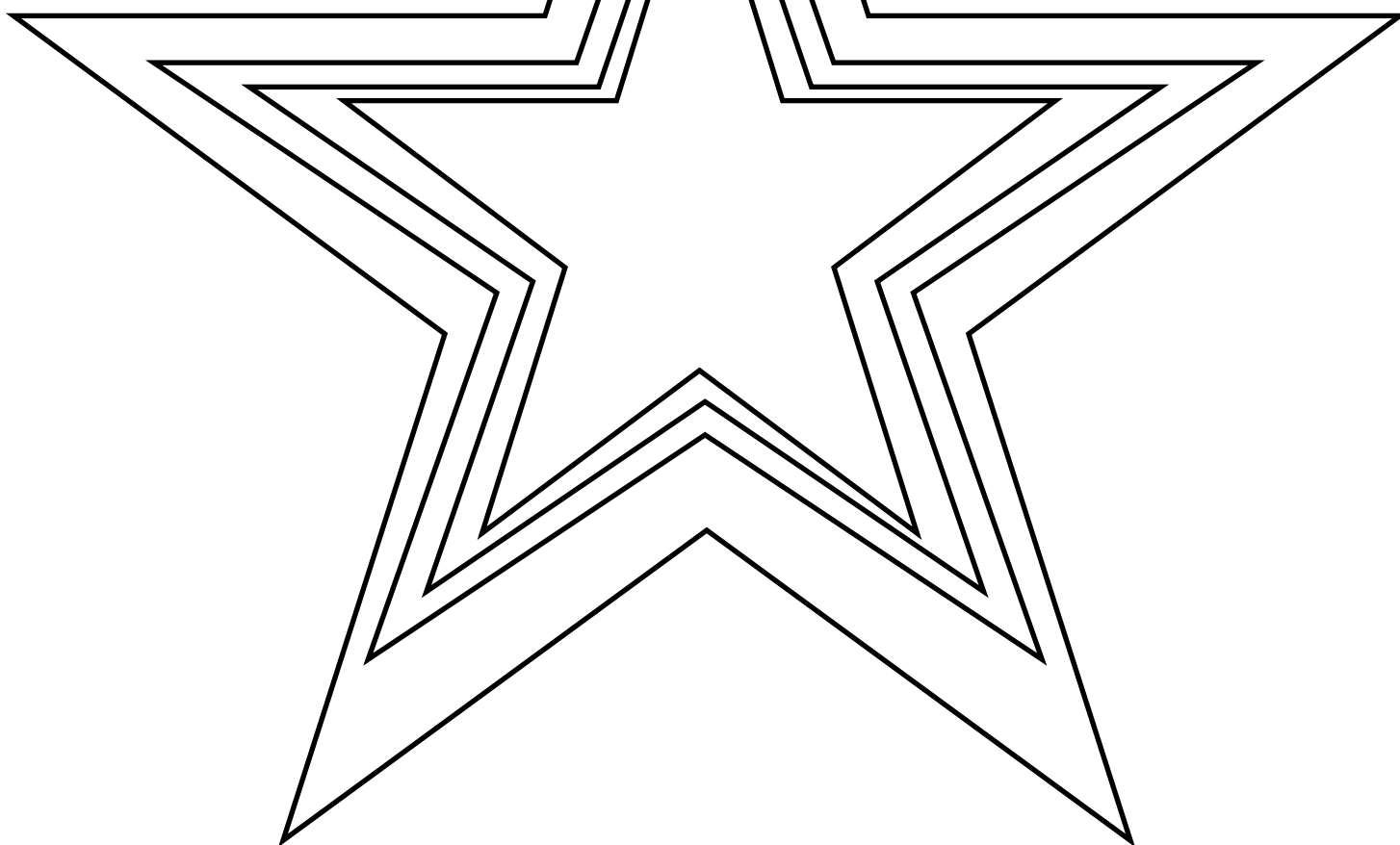
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**CHOOSE THE SIZE YOU WANT**  
**for any star craft you choose.**