

Heritage Craft – Bible Scan Projects

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Supplies for project:

Bible, book, letters (or whatever) to scan
Card stock
String, yarn, or embroidery floss
Scissors or cutting tool
Ribbon

Tools for Project:

Computer with software to manipulate scans (eg Microsoft Publisher)
Printer
Scissors
Hole punch for Pyramid box

General Instructions:

Scan several pages of bible or book

Import a scanned image into software such as Microsoft Publisher. (Insert → Picture) Crop a section of the image (Format → Crop. Bars will appear at the center of each side of the image. Hold the left mouse button down and drag the side(s) inward to create a square or rectangle approximately 2-3" x 2-4"), then Rotate it (Format → Rotate → Free Rotate – A circle with an arrow will appear when you hover over any of the corners of your image. Hold the left mouse button down and drag the corner to rotate the image.) Import another image, crop and rotate. Repeat until you have an 8 ½ x 11 "collage." It's OK if parts of the image extend beyond the 8 ½ x 11 area. The effect you are striving for is that you cut up a book and glued the pages randomly onto a background.



If you want a double-sided paper, you can create a different collage or use the same one and print on both sides.

Print your collage on cardstock on one side or both sides depending on the project.

Project 1: Angel Wings

Create a pattern for angel wings – Fold an 8 ½ x 11 paper in half and sketch out a wing pattern. Cut it out and open up the fold. Play with cutting and sketching until you are satisfied with the look of the wing pattern.

Print your collage on both sides of a piece of cardstock.

Trace wing pattern on cardstock and cut out. Wrap string around center section of wings about 10 times. Make hanger out of string.



Photo by Emmeline Roddy

Project 2: Pyramid box

Print collage onto one side of card stock
Print pyramid box pattern onto blank side of card stock. Pattern can be found at: <http://sassafra.typepad.com/files/boxtemplate.pdf>
Cut out box pattern on outer line. Instructions for folding can be found at: <http://www.linesacross.com/2012/05/paper-pyramid-gift-boxes.html>

Punch holes, at top of flaps. Thread ribbon through holes, insert small gift and tie ribbon into bow.

Makes a charming box for jewelry or a chocolate truffle.



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Attached below is the collage from my great-grandmother's 1870 German bible. Feel free to use it if you don't want to make your own.



Heritage Craft – Photo Rock Paperweight

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Supplies for project:

Light colored rock with good flat surface
Photo – scanned, adjusted for size, and printed on color laser printer.
Acetone nail polish remover
Cotton balls
Piece of felt

General Instructions:

Scan a picture and insert into a Word or Publisher document. If picture has writing or an obvious left-right direction in the picture be sure to Flip Horizontal (find on the Format tab under Rotate). Print picture using color laser copier or printer.

Put picture face down on rock. Dab at back of picture with a cotton ball saturated with acetone. Thoroughly saturate paper and press down. Hold the picture steady so it doesn't smudge. Lift up corner of the picture to see how it's transferring and dab more if necessary. Note: I find I really need to SATURATE the paper with the acetone. I have even carefully poured a bit of acetone and then dabbed to push the toner onto the rock

When picture has transferred to your satisfaction, let it dry. Glue a piece of felt to the bottom of the rock.

Tips: Don't choose a picture that is too "busy." Make sure photo has good contrast. Rock should have a good flat surface without crags and dents. Rock should be light colored and not have a lot of obvious flecks of color on it.



Heritage Craft – Jar O’Questions and Book O’Answers

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Supplies for project:

Glass jar
Journal (composition books work well for this)
Scrapbooking paper
Mod Podge
Cardstock



Tools for Project:

Scissors and/or paper cutter

General Instructions:

Decorate your journal. I glued on scrapbook paper and a label I created.

Decorate your jar. Use paint, stickers, acid etching compound, fabric, scrapbook paper or anything that suits your taste.

Fill jar with strips of paper each containing a story prompt. Plain paper is fine or print on blank side of scrapbook paper

Ideas for where to find story prompts:

500 Prompts for Narrative and Personal Writing - http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/13/500-prompts-for-narrative-and-personal-writing/?_r=0

Journal Writing Prompts for Life Story Writers - <http://www.familyhistoryproducts.com/journal-writing-prompts.html>

52 Questions in 52 Weeks - <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/52-questions-52-weeks/>

Oral History Interview Question Lists - <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/Oral-History-Interview-Question-Lists>