

Introduction to Arts & Crafts

What is Arts & Crafts?

Arts & Crafts encompass a whole range of activities that people engage in where they create or make things that are decorative and/or useful in nature. Arts & Crafts covers an entire range that is so broad there is quite literally something for everyone.

How do I know if it is an art or a craft?

Art is original work created which can be created from a variety of media. A craft is work created from a kit, template or set of instructions that can be replicated by anyone.

What are the different kinds of Arts & Crafts to explore?

Basket weaving (knotting & tying)	Liquid Embroidery (painting)
Beadwork (knotting & tying)	Macramé (knotting & tying)
Braiding - hair/fiber (knotting & tying)	Metal Art (other)
Calligraphy - Creative Writing (painting)	Model Building (painting or other)
Candle making (heritage or other)	Needlepoint (sewing)
Cartooning (art)	Origami & Paper craft (other)
Ceramics (painting)	Paint-by-number (painting)
Cloth Crafts (heritage or other)	Painting (art)
Cold Ceramics - Plaster craft (painting)	Paper Toile (other)
Collage (other)	Punchloop Embroidery (sewing)
Collections (hobby or other)	Quilling (other)
Counted Cross Stitch (sewing)	Quilting (heritage or sewing)
Crochet (heritage or sewing)	Sand Art (other)
Carving (wood working or other)	Scrap booking (other)
Decoupage/Modpodge (painting)	Sculpture (art)
Drawing (art)	Soap making (heritage or other)
Embroidery & Crewel (sewing)	Stenciling (painting)
Fabric Painting (painting)	String or Wire Art (knotting & tying or other)
Floral arranging & design - dry/silk only (other)	Tin Punch
Holiday decorations (other)	Toile Painting (painting)
Jewelry making (other)	Weaving (knotting & tying)
Knitting (heritage or sewing)	Woodburning (other)
Latch Hook (other)	Woodworking (other)
Leathercraft (heritage or other)	

The list above is by no means complete, but it serves to demonstrate just how varied arts & crafts activities can be.

Throughout the year we will check member's progress on their chosen arts & craft projects and share them with the group, learn about finishing and displaying craft

projects and judging Arts & Crafts projects (both your own work and that of others). In addition, members may research arts & crafts subjects for sharing with the group, such as craft projects that work well for groups, researching and finding new types of craft projects, seasonal type craft projects (spring, summer, fall, and winter), uses for arts & crafts projects such as gifts for family and friends or selling items to earn income, etc.

Welcome to the exciting world of Arts & Crafts!

Your First Assignment

Choose a type of craft from those listed on the first page or one not listed there that you are familiar with. Write that type of project below (tole painting, model building, etc.):

Below describe specifically what your project will be (cross stitch picture from kit, building origami boxes, etc.).

List below the materials/supplies you will need to complete this project.

Is this something you already know how to do or will you need to learn how to do this type of project?

Estimate how long you believe this project will take you to complete.

By the next project meeting you should have planned your project, acquired the needed supplies and started on your project. Be sure to bring it with you to the next project meeting to share with your leaders and fellow members!

Bonus – For Halloween, pumpkin carving is an Arts & Crafts activity. If you enjoy carving pumpkins, carve a pumpkin and take a picture of your pumpkin (lit or unlit) and bring it to the next meeting for a club pumpkin carving contest. All members who participate will receive a prize.