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TYPE



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Hello!

My name is Morgan Yarborough and I am a senior graphic design major at Winthrop University.

This book was developed as part of my senior thesis; I wanted to find a way to incorporate my love for typography with my love of crafting. Put the two subjects together and you get this book which combines the two in a way which gives the reader the opportunity to make the projects in order to spruce up the place they call home.

I hope you enjoy it and have fun delving into the world of craft-ography!

- Morgan

In order to make things easier, follow the icon system located to the right in order to get a brief overview of the difficulty and cost of each project before diving into them.

ICON SYSTEM:



The basic supply list contains needed materials that are used at least 3 times throughout the book. In order for the projects to flow smoothly, it would be a good idea to already have these items on hand!

BASIC SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Scissors
- X-Acto Blade
- Ruler
- Alphabet stamps
- Pencil
- Glue
- Tape

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BLOCK PARTY

Are you always looking for that one decoration to add to your side table or mantle? These wooden blocks can be stacked to spell a word or used as a game piece for games you create!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Wooden block
Self-Adhesive Vinyl
X-Acto
Letter stencils

- 1) Clean the surface of the wooden block.
- 2) Take the stencil of your letter and place it onto the self-adhesive vinyl.
- 3) Cut out the letter with your X-Acto blade and place the cut-out onto one of the sides of the wooden block.
- 4) Do the same on all other sides with the designs or letters that you choose.

* **Fun idea: Make it into a fortune teller.**
Y = Yes, N = No, M = Maybe, T = True
F = False, etc.



HANG IT UP

Garland displays are something that can be made for every occasion. Here is just one example of how you can bring typography into your home in order to form a fun focal point.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Paint Chips
Ruler
X-Acto
String
Stencils (optional)
Hot glue gun

- 1) Starting with your stack of paint chips, use the stencils (or you can freehand the letters) and trace the letters onto individual paint chips.
- 2) Next, using the hot glue gun, apply glue to the top section of the back of the paint chips and attach them to the string.
- 3) Let the glue completely dry and then choose a spot to display the garland around your home. You can hang it on a mantle, across a bar, behind your couch, the possibilities are endless!



SMOOTH COASTING

Have you ever noticed that coasters are never around when you need them? This easy tutorial will help you make some classy coasters that you can customize to match your space.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Leather scraps

Scissors

Fabric or permanent marker

- 1) Cut the pieces of leather into your desired shapes. Don't limit yourself to just squares...give hexagons and triangles a try!
- 2) Create your letter pattern or write a word or quote on the leather by using either a fabric or permanent marker.
- 3) Use and enjoy!



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KEEP IT CLEAN

If you're the type of person who likes to make their dinner guests feel important, this project is for you! Learn how to make dinner napkins more fun and personal.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Cotton napkins
String / Twine
Scissors
Fabric marker

- 1) Take your napkin and wrap it around the desired utensils.
- 2) Tie it all together with string or twine.
- 3) Make sure the area that you want to write on is smoothed down.
- 4) Take your fabric marker and write a letter or word onto the napkin. Personalize one for each of your guests or match them with a holiday.
- 5) Place them on or beside the plates and make your dinner table fancy!



STIR IT UP

Are you looking for more ways to make parties with friends more fun and detail oriented? Use these wooden stirrers to help label drinks and add fun to everyone's cups.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Paint pen / Permanent marker
Wooden skewers
Wooden beads
Glue

- 1) You can start by deciding to paint your bead or leave it natural.
- 2) If you decide to paint the bead, let it dry before painting the letter onto it.
- 3) Using your paint pen, paintbrush, or whichever method you prefer, write the letter onto the bead.
- 4) Glue the beads onto the edge of the skewers.
- 5) Let it dry.
- 6) Stick it in your drink and give it a swirl!



YOU JUST GOT SERVED

Want to push your dinner party to the next level? Incorporate a custom serving tray into your table display, then sit back and laugh as everyone asks you where you got it from.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Serving tray
Leftover paint chips
Glue
Clear Sealant

Tip: Remember that garland display project from the living room section? This is your chance to use the leftover letters that you cut out from the paint chips.

- 1) Make sure your serving tray is wiped clean of any debris and is dry.
- 2) Depending on if you like the color it is already, your next step could be to paint it. If this doesn't apply to you, move on to the next step!
- 3) Place the letters that you have left over from your garland display on the tray and move them around on until you like the layout.
- 4) Using a strong adhesive, glue the letters down into their desired spots.
- 5) If you want an extra level of protection on your tray, wait until the glue has dried and then cover the base of the tray with a clear sealant.



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DRINK IT UP

What screams classy more than metallic lettering? Using any glass cup and safe marker you can find, and write out some inspiring words or quotes.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Glass Cup
Tape
X-Acto
Metallic calligraphy pen

- 1) Starting with your glass cup and glass safe calligraphy pen, lightly write out your letter, word, or quote onto your cup.
- 2) Next, go back over the design again making the curved sections of the letters darker.
- 3) Make a set of these and display them proudly in your kitchen.

***Fun Idea: Keep your cups looking good for longer by hand washing them!**



CHEESE & THANK YOU

If you're a fan of wine and cheese parties (like myself), you know that all the details count. Use these instructions to come up with your own cheese plates that everyone will be talking about.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Polymer clay
X-Acto
Alphabet stamps
Baking sheet
Oven
Rolling pin
Scissors

- 1) Roll out the clay to about a 1/4" thickness. Cut out squares or rectangles to desired size.
- 2) Using the stamps, stamp out the various kinds of cheese that you want to include.
- 3) Bake the clay on a baking sheet in the oven at 275 degrees for 15 minutes or follow the instructions on your clay package.
- 4) Remove from oven and allow the clay to cool before attempting to touch it.
- 5) Cut up some cheese, place it on the plates, pair it with some wine and have a good time!



TAKE A REST

Sometimes the best crafts are the ones that are small and discrete. You know that spoon rest you may have sitting on your counter? Well it's time to spice it up.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Spoon rest or small bowl
Food safe paint pens

- 1) Wipe your spoon rest clean.
- 2) Using your paint pens, write a letter or word that makes you smile everytime you see it. That way whenever you pick up or lay down your spoon, it brings some joy into your life!



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WRAP IT UP

A more customizable and cheaper option for wrapping paper. Feel free to push the limits and make your presents even more creative to be the best ones at the party!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Kraft Paper
Alphabet Stamps
Ink Pad
Scissors
Tape
Ruler

- 1) Roll out the kraft paper and cut the amount of from the roll that you plan to use.
 - 2) Using your stamps and ink pad, stamp whatever you want your word, letter, or quote to be on the paper.
 - 3) Wrap up your present.
- *Fun idea: You can tie it all up with a nice bow, some twine, or ribbon. Don't forget to include a cute note (but more on that next)!



TAG - YOU'RE IT

These tags have a multitude of purposes. Use them as gift tags to your presents, label things around your home, or show off your calligraphy skills!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Watercolor paper
Watercolor paints
X-Acto
Alphabet Stamps
Ink Pad
Ruler

- 1) Using your watercolor paints, take a wet brush and swirl the colors around on the page using whatever colors and thickness is desired.
- 2) Next, cut out the tags in to whatever shapes you want.
- 3) Go a step further and punch a hole in the top, attach some string, and now you have a tag that can be used on gifts or for labeling things around the home!



BEDROOM

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CURTAIN CALL

Why shouldn't typography be incorporated into your bedroom? A subtle but fun place to use it is on your curtains. You can decide what words, letters, numbers, or symbols you want to display and show it off!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Alphabet stickers
Curtain
Fabric spray paint

- 1) In a well ventilated space, lay your curtain flat onto a clean area.
- 2) Next take your alphabet stickers and place them all over the curtain in the order you desire. The placement could be random or you could have them spell out words.
- 3) Take your fabric spray paint (it's important that it is specifically for fabric!) and lightly coat the curtain until there is a good layer of color.
- 4) Slowly peel away the alphabet stickers.
- 5) Allow the curtain to dry for at least 30 minutes. Now you're left with a one-of-a-kind curtain to hang in your bedroom or around your home!



SLEEP TIGHT

The heart of the bedroom is indeed the bed. It ties the space together nicely and gives you another opportunity to use typography in the home whether it is on the headboard, sheets, or pillows.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Headboard
Paint
Paint brush
Sandpaper

- 1) The material your headboard is made of determines the kind of paint that you use.
- 2) Next, take your paintbrush and paint of choice and pick out a spot on the headboard that you want your quote or word to go.
- 3) Write out whatever you want!
- 4) Once it dries, take a small piece of sandpaper (if your headboard is wood) and distress the design a little in order to make it blend in better.



LIGHT IT UP

If you have not been able to tell already, typography is the light of my life. What better way to show that off than through a craft involving a light?!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Lamp shade
Alphabet stickers

- 1) Start by unplugging your lamp and laying it on it's side for easy access to the inside of the lampshade.
- 2) Take the alphabet stickers that can easily be read the same way front and back. (Take notice of the letters used in the photo to the right.)
- 3) Attach the stickers to the inside of the lampshade. You can place them randomly or spell out words.
- 4) Plug your lamp back in, turn on the light, and enjoy your simple but classic masterpiece!



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SOAP FRESH, SOAP CLEAN

A fun alternative to the boring bar soap found in bathrooms every place you turn. Personalize each bar for yourself or make some to give as a gift!

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

X-Acto
Glycerin Soap Base
Soap Mold(s)
Microwave
Microwavable Safe Container
Foam Sheet
Ruler

- 1) Take your foam sheet and cut out your letter(s) of choice.
- 2) Start the soap mixture by cutting down the glycerin soap into smaller pieces if they are originally large.
- 3) Put these pieces into a microwave safe container and heat for 15 seconds or until the entire mixture stirs smoothly.
- 4) Alright, here is where you have to move fast so the soap doesn't harden in the container. Pour enough of the soap mixture into the mold to fill it halfway.
- 5) Let the mixture harden for 5 minutes.
- 6) Take your foam letter, and make sure to stick it down onto the soap backwards.
- 7) Heat up the remainder of the soap for another 15 seconds.
- 8) Using quick skills and a toothpick (or another small and pointy object), hold down the letter as you pour the rest of the soap mixture into the mold.
- 9) Let the soaps cool for about 2 hours before you attempt to remove them from the mold.



DISH IT UP

Are random things always littering your bathroom counter? Make this neat little dish and give all of those things a place to call home.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Oven bake clay
X-Acto
Oven safe bowl
Rolling Pin
Jar to trace
Oven
Alphabet stamps

- 1) Take your polyclay, break it apart, and roll it out with a rolling pin until you get it smooth and flat.
- 2) Next, cut out a circle shape relative to the size of your bathroom-counter-godies and use your alphabet stamps to demboss the letters or words you want to include. One suggestion is to label what you want the bowl to be used for: hairbows, q-tips, etc.
- 3) Take your circle and mold it into a bowl.
- 4) Follow the baking instructions provided on the clay package.
- 5) Let it cool completely before removing.
- 6) Next, you can leave the bowl exactly how it is, paint some colors onto it, paint the edges, whatever you want!



A ROOM WITH A VIEW

Why should your bathroom walls be bland? Dress them up with something other than paint and make all of your guests envy your fun artwork.

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

Canvas
Alphabet letters
Spray paint
Glue

- 1) Take your canvas and lightly and evenly section it out with a ruler and pencil depending on how many letters long your word is.
- 2) Take your alphabet letters and space them out on the canvas according to the marks you made in step one.
- 3) Glue the letters down onto the canvas.
- 4) Next, in a well ventilated area, spray paint the entire canvas the color of your choosing. This will give the letters an embossed effect.
- 5) Let it dry completely before displaying it in your bathroom.



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