

Rockwell Collins Craft Club Newsletter

August 2014

It's sweetcorn time again :)

I've already frozen a few bags with more to do this weekend. We've practically been vegetarians this week with all the stuff from the garden this time of year. I have been keeping busy sewing lots and lots of baby bibs this month. Mostly I have been using that PUL fabric, but am also making some out of denim.

☀ This month's craft project is coasters made out of felt. We will be trying it with plain solid colors and also some of the new printed design felt. It will be a cutting/weaving type of project, something we have not done before.

☀ Last month's we all made our funny little bikini's out of washcloths. Thanks go to Esther for finding that project at a shop in Branson. We're always on the lookout for new ideas.

☀ Our charity for this month and last month is school supplies for Henry Davison Youth Center's Back to School project. The due date was last week, so Arlys did the shopping and we have to finish collecting the money this month for what she already spent. Thanks, Arlys, for all the running around and shopping and delivering you do on our behalf. If you already have some school supplies you want to bring, we will definitely find a home for them. Otherwise, we will be collecting cash this month.

☀ Club member Jan O'Brien has asked that if you use the refrigerated type of Coffee-Mate creamer, please save her the bottles with red lids for a craft project she would like to do. Jan's phone number is 377-8111. Here's a picture of what they look like.

This Month at a Glance

Next Meeting:
Wednesday
August 20
at 4:30 Main Plant

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Happy Birthday!

August

3rd—Rita Urbanek

11th—Lynn Mitchell

24th — Jean Strait

26th—Dee Roman

September

26th — Jan Berridge

18th — Kim Miller



Here's a fun way to sew a pillowcase. It comes from the PBS show **Sew It All TV**.

Teaching Techniques by Vanessa Vargas Wilson

Pillowcase Project

Easily stitch a finished pillowcase in no time using French seams. A great first sewing project for kids, finish one to sleep on tonight, and then stitch another for charity.

Supplies

Supplies listed are enough to create one pillowcase to fit a standard size (20"x26") pillow.

24"x44" rectangle of cotton fabric (body)

12"x44" rectangle of coordinating cotton fabric (cuff)

Matching all-purpose thread

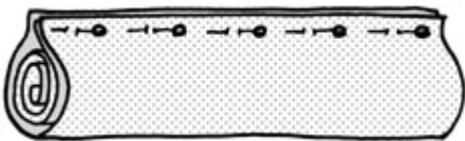
Sew It

Use 1/4" seam allowances.

With right sides together, align one cuff rectangle long edge with one body rectangle long edge. Pin, placing the pins parallel to the edge.

Fold the cuff upward. Roll the body fabric into a tube toward the cuff.

Fold the cuff over the fabric tube. Wrap the cuff around the fabric tube, aligning the remaining raw edge with the pinned edges **(1)**.



Remove the lengthwise pins and reinsert them perpendicular to the raw edges, pinning all three layers; stitch.

Pull the body fabric right side out from the tube; press.

With wrong sides together, fold the rectangle in half lengthwise; pin.

Stitch the long and short raw edges; press open the seams. Trim the seam allowances to 1/8", and then clip the corner.

Turn the pillowcase inside out. Stitch the same long and short edge again.

Turn the pillowcase right side out; press.

Easily make a pillowcase for a girl, boy or any bedroom décor simply by changing the fabrics.

I found this recipe in Taste of Home.



Chocolate Billionaires

Ingredients

- 1 package (14 ounces) caramels
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 1 cup crisp rice cereal
- 3 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1-1/2 teaspoons shortening

Directions

- Line two baking sheets with waxed paper; grease the paper and set aside. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the caramels and water; cook and stir over low heat until smooth. Stir in pecans and cereal until coated. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto prepared pans. Refrigerate for 10 minutes or until firm.

Meanwhile, in a microwave, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip candy into chocolate, coating all sides; allow excess to drip off. Place on prepared pans. Refrigerate until set. Store in an airtight container. **Yield:** about 2 pounds.

Nutritional Facts 1 ounce equals 172 calories, 10 g fat (4 g saturated fat), 4 mg cholesterol, 51 mg sodium, 20 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 2 g protein.

Begin somewhere; you cannot build a reputation on what you intend to do.

If you missed the sign-up days for the Rockwell Craft Fair, please contact Jan O'Brien at 377-8111 or talk to her at our meeting. Tables are \$20 each this year and Jan always has tags with her for purchase.

The dates for this year are Thursday November 6th thru Saturday November 8th.

The show has always been the first weekend of November, but as we found out last year, if it's too early, Halloween gets included and that's not a good night for craft show business ! So, this year they went to the following weekend to avoid that issue.

There are still some open tables, so if you, or anyone that you know is thinking about it, give Jan a call. It is open to Current Rockwell Employees, their spouses, Retired Rockwell Employees, and their spouses. No vendor items (like Pampered Chef or Tupperware), and no selling other people's items.

Jan will have tags available at this month's meeting.

Press button for maid service. If there's no answer . . . do it yourself !

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