



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

September 2011

Isn't this some crazy weather we've been having? I think Saturday we went from 95 degrees in the morning, down to 60 after the rain. I think today feels like fall, which makes me think of Christmas. Anybody making any interesting or different gifts for Christmas this year? Keep us in mind for Show & Tell, even if it's still a work in progress. We are drawing to the close of our fiscal year, which means time for officer elections again. So be thinking about offering to run for an office and give it a try for a year. I promise it won't be painful.

- ☀ This month's craft will be a pumpkin made out of a clay pot. We will be spraying the finished product with ClearCoat, so let's all pray for nice weather so we can do that outside. You do not need to bring anything.
- ☀ The tile project we did last month went over quite well. Some had trouble with too much ink on the stamps, causing blurring or running. I think the key is less ink and a longer drying time. I know some people made multiple sets for gifts. I guess if we're always trying something new, there's bound to be lessons learned along the way.
- ☀ Remember — Don't park in the Credit Union spots when you come for our meeting.
- ☀ Last month's charity was school supplies and money for the Henry Davison back to school event.
- ☀ This month we will collect school supplies and money for two Marion schools, Linn Grove and Wilkens Elementary. They have also requested hats and mittens for this winter, so we will keep that in mind.
- ☀ If anyone has suggestions of charity projects, please let one of the officers know.
- ☀ Tags for the Craft Fair are available from Jan O'Brien, 377-8111 or Darlene Ozburn, 377-1974. Tags are \$2.50 per bundle (approximately 100 tags per bundle).

This Month at a Glance
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Happy Birthday!
September
15th—Thelma Goetsch
October
2nd—Sue Viall
7th—Jan O'Brien
9th—Darlene Ozburn
16th—Marlene Simon
20th—Suzy Baxa
23rd—Michelle Bell

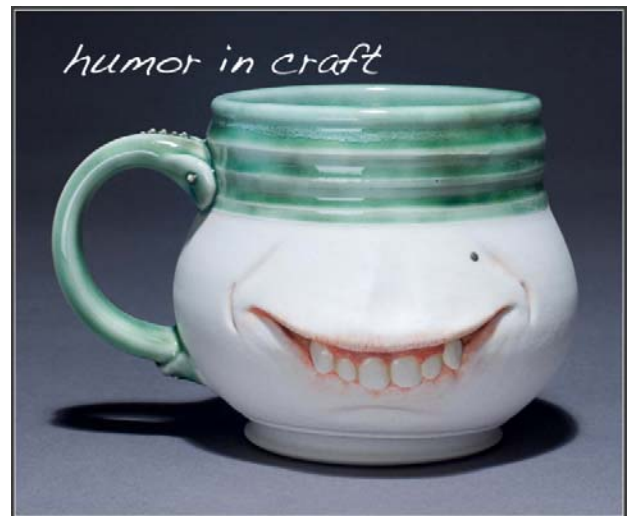


Instant Human -- Just Add Coffee



Creative Crafts

Sometimes it is very hard to come up with a new crafty idea, but here's a few shots of people that really think 'outside the box'.



Satisfaction is seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

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For those of you that like to Participate or Attend craft shows, here's an upcoming one:

2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

CRAFT SHOW

Shellsburg Elementary

Saturday December 3, 2011

ONE DAY ONLY

Selling hours: 9 to 4

Setup 7:00 a.m.

(food will be available)

\$20/space (some with electricity)

LOTS of room!!! (space 10' x 8')

LOTS of vendors!! (50+)

LOTS of advertising!!

LOTS of fun!! (Visits from the GRINCH!)

for application and information

Call Elayne 319-540-6243

Call NOW to reserve your spot!!

Do those crochet terms and abbreviations have you stumped? Read on...

Pattern: A set of written instructions that may or may not result in creating the object in the picture. Most patterns include a list of supplies, but this is for your amusement only. After all, Amazonian Rhesus yarn in smoky turquoise does not exist, and cannot be obtained. Patterns also have fun-to-do math problems, such as 1 dc in next 7 dc (34 dc made)...?!

Yo: Yarn Over, meaning you need to wrap your yarn over your hook. Of course, this assumes the yarn doesn't split, fray or tangle. If this happens, yo then stands for, "Yell Outrageously."

Dtrtrc: Double-treble-treble-crochet. This is a stitch where you yo four zillion times, insert hook in stitch and pull through the next two loops, repeating until all loops are off the hook, or until the end of time, whichever comes first.

Reverse sc: This stitch is the lefty's revenge on all of us righties—for once we have to work backwards, too!

Catalog: A dangerous device that hypnotizes crocheters. It lulls them into a catatonic state, causing them to spend the family's grocery money on patterns and yarn. It may also be an evil plot to cause the downfall of the American economy.

Hook: A device permanently attached to a crocheter's hand. It is also connected to her blood supply, and if for some reason it becomes dislodged from her hand, she breaks into a sweat and starts to feel faint. If the hook cannot be immediately replaced, the only valid substitute is a catalog (see above).

Yarn: The only reason sheep farms still exist! It's also what crocheters buy when they have money; if there's any cash left over, they buy food and clothes.

Doily: This seemingly innocent item looks like a table protector, but if someone actually tries to put a wet glass or an ashtray on it, the creator will instantly turn into a snarling Doberman. Use doilies at your own peril.

Cat: A non-mechanical device used for unraveling afghans, unwinding skeins and keeping one's lap warm. A cat requires daily maintenance in the form of light stroking.

Dog: Another non-mechanical device that is used for chasing down balls of yarn and putting tooth-mark engravings in wooden hooks. It's a high-maintenance item that does not store easily.

Baby: A valid excuse to crochet something.

Housework: An ancient rite that was performed by some B.C. women (Before Crochet). Historians believe it may have had something to do with a device called a "vacuum cleaner," which was kept in closets now occupied by yarn.