Buttons

Supplies:
Button-maker
Button parts
Paper artwork cut from books, hand drawn, printed from a computer, etc.
Colored pencils, markers, etc.
Scissors

Instructions:
Create artwork using cutter or your own template as a guide. Carefully follow instructions provided with button-maker.

Hints:
- Paper can’t be too thick
- Make sure everything is straight and even pressure is applied
- Tuck artwork in by hand before attaching back badge
- The 2 ½ inch buttons are easier to make
- Extra assembly rings can be purchased (Badge- A-Minit has a sale in the fall)
- Initial cost is about $400
- The button-maker and supplies can be ordered from [www.badgeaminit.com](http://www.badgeaminit.com) and buttonmakers.net

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Book Houses

Supplies:
Pattern for card houses (see attached)
Cover stock
Paperback book covers, thick book pages, or cardstock
Warm glue guns with glue cartidges
Regular glue sticks
Scissors
Pencils
Books, markers, glitter, stickers, etc. for decorating

Instructions:
Copy pattern onto card stock and cut out pieces ahead of time. To make the houses, trace the pattern shaped onto thick paper and cut out pieces. Glue the pieces together with the warm glue. Decorate as desired with pieces of books and other decorations.

Hints:
- Participants may need help cutting out and gluing the houses together
- The pattern size can be adjusted on a copier
- Pattern can be copied on card stock for participants to cut out and use instead of books)

Thanks to craft enthusiasts Maria Eykemans and Linda Farrington
**Decoupage**

**Supplies:**
- Mod Podge original (either matte or gloss finish)
- Sponge brushes
- Items to decoupage (such as drink bottles, small boxes, piece of furniture)
- Books or other papers to decorate with
- Paper plates or containers to hold Mod Podge

**Instructions:**
Prepare paper by cutting into strips or shapes that can be used to decorate object. Make sure object to be decorated is clean (labels on it are okay). One small area and piece at a time, paint Mod Podge on object’s surface and on both sides of paper being applied. Apply paper to object and smooth it out. Continue until object is covered as desired. Let piece dry overnight.

**Hints:**
- Spray finish is available to give items longer wear
- If using books, choose ones with print that is not distracting and trim away margins

Thanks to Claire Cohen, college student and former library page

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**Book Risers**

**Supplies:**
- Hardcover books
- White glue
- Sponge brushes or small rollers
- Gesso canvas primer

**Instructions:**
Remover covers from books and choose up to four books to stack and arrange. Glue books together by spreading glue with brush or roller on parts of books that will overlap. Don’t worry about the pages. Let glue dry. Paint the glued stacked books with Gesso, covering completely. It may take several coats. Let dry overnight.

**Hints:**
- Gesso comes in both black and white--both look great
- Turntables or plastic containers are helpful for proping the books on while painting
- Partipants can work on two projects at once, so each can dry between coats
- Letting glue and Gesso dry between coats is important

Thanks to artist Shiela Hale

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**Repurposing Books**

*Make use of discards and prompt conversation, while creating buttons, houses and more!*

The forbidden acts of cutting, gluing and painting books are irresistible.

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