

# The Center for Arts & Crafts



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# GENERAL INFO

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**Classes are subsidized for Penn State students by your Student Initiated Fee and are offered at reduced fees to those with a valid and current Penn State Student ID!** Class fees for Penn State students may vary from semester to semester depending upon allocated funds.

- Classes and workshops are instructed by Penn State art and art education majors and local professional artists.
- Classes and workshops are non-credit and held in the Ritenour Building or HUB-Robeson Center. Adult classes are designed for Penn State college aged students and older, as well as Penn State Faculty and Staff.
- Students may be responsible for purchasing some of their own materials. Some materials will be provided. Thanks for keeping class fees low!**
- The Center for Arts & Crafts (CFAC) program is a Penn State Student Activities program operated by Penn State students; serving students and the Penn State community seven days a week!
- Check out **Late Night Penn State Crafts!** On Friday nights during the fall and spring semester you can create a different craft each week! The program is held on the ground floor of the HUB-Robeson Center from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. A valid Penn State Student ID is required to participate.

# HISTORY

The Center for Arts and Crafts (CFAC) has a long history of providing an artistic outlet for Penn State students, staff and faculty. It all began in the 1970s and was located on the third floor of the Hetzel Union Building (HUB). Approximately 40 years later, the Center for Arts and Crafts is now located in the lower level of the Ritenour Building and the Ceramics Studio is located in the lower level of the HUB-Robeson Center.

At the Center for Arts and Crafts, learn new artistic skills or improve current skill levels; design, create and appreciate arts, crafts and performance arts; and develop creative thinking, creative expression, and problem solving. The CFAC provides a wide variety of creative opportunities and offers relaxation and enjoyment through classes, workshops, community outreach events and exhibits.



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# CREATIVITY AT HOME

Looking for ways stay creative while staying at home? Because we can't all get together to share in art and creativity, here are a few fun activities you can try out at home with things you may already have on hand. You may have to substitute some supplies based on what you have.

If you have any questions, email [craftcenter@psu.edu](mailto:craftcenter@psu.edu).

## Galaxy Painting

This fun galaxy painting is simple and only requires a few paint colors, a brush or two, and something on which to paint.



Materials needed:

- Paints: Dark Blue, Purple, Black, White
- Paintbrushes: one wide, one thin
- Old Toothbrush (wide paint brush also works)
- Canvas (or something to paint on)
- Cup for water
- Paper Towel

Step 1: Start with your wide brush and dark blue paint and paint using varied brush strokes around the edges, filling in the bottom more than the top.



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## Galaxy Painting

Step 2: Fill the inner part with some purple, blending it in with the blue, still leaving some of the white of the middle of the canvas showing.

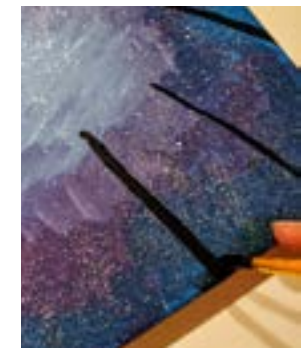
Step 3: Mix a little of the white paint in with your blue and fill in the middle, blending in with the layer of purple.

Step 4: If you want to add any more purple or blue around the edge you can do so now. Using your toothbrush (or widebrush), dip in white paint and flick the bristles towards the canvas to create stars. You may want to practice on a piece of scrap paper to see if you like your splatter effect.

Step 5: Once background is dry, use your thin brush to paint lines along the bottom, with the lines curved slightly towards the center. For visual interest, vary the height of each tree slightly, with taller trees towards the outer edges.

Step 6: Make "arrow head" tips on the tops of your trees with your thin brush.

Step 7: Using short brush strokes and starting from the top, begin filling in your trees. The sections of pine needles should be shaped like an umbrella, each section slightly wider than the section above it. Continue this on each tree.



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# Zentangles

Zentangles are a great way to relax while doodling.

Materials needed:

- paper
- ruler
- black ink pen

Step 1: Use your ruler and ink pen to measure out and draw a square border of any size.

Step 2: Start with drawing random lines that intersect across the square, can be straight or curved lines.

Step 3: This creates sections. In each section, draw different repeating patterns. Use your imagination or check online for pattern ideas!



# Toilet Paper Tube Desk Caddy

Have some toilet paper tubes laying around and want to find a creative use for them? Try making a fun desk caddy!

Materials needed:

- Tubes, cut to different lengths
- Glue or Mod Podge
- Patterned scrapbook paper
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Cardboard piece for the base
- Embellishments, such as ribbon
- Paint (optional)

Step 1: If you want to paint the inside of your tubes to cover up the brown paper, do this first.

Step 2: Cut paper to fit the length of the tubes. When measuring for the circumference, be sure to leave at least a half inch to overlap around it.

Step 2: Glue paper on to tubes with regular school glue or mod podge.

Step 3: Embellish each roll as you desire- wrapping ribbons or gluing buttons on the outside.

Step 4: Decorate the cardboard base for your tubes- base should be slightly larger than the tubes, when tubes are bunched together. Base can be round or square and can be decorated with patterned paper glued on top of it.

Step 5: Place the tubes on the base as you want them. Then, picking up one at a time, hot glue the base of each tube and secure and secure it to base. You may also want to add a line of glue in between tubes for more stability.



## Mason Jar Lantern

Mason jars are great for crafts and have a wide range of possibilities, including mini lanterns.

Materials needed:

- Mason Jar
- Puffy or Glass Paint
- Glue (hot glue works best)
- Glass Beads
- Tea Light
- Wire & Jewelry Beads (optional)

Step 1: Draw your design on the outside of the mason jar with the puffy paint. You can do flower designs (like our sample), simple lines, squiggles, or basic shapes. You may want to print out a simple design to place inside the jar to trace.



Step 2: Once paint has dried, adhere the glass beads around the outside with glue, either as the center of a flower design or spaced throughout your chosen design.

Step 3: Measure a piece of wire for the lid by wrapping it around the outside, twisting in the middle, making sure to leave each end roughly 3" in length.

Step 4: (optional) Place beads on wire, leaving a half inch at the end. Twist the end up to either wrap around itself and tuck it in the bottom of the bottom of the last bead, or wrap around the last bead.

Step 5: Place tealight in the bottom of the jar and enjoy!

## Fleece Tie Pillow

A great way to use a few leftover pieces of fleece is to make a fun fleece tie throw pillow!

Materials needed:

- Fleece pieces, cut in a square 20" x 20" is a good size
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Stuffing
- Pencil (optional for marking fringes)
- Fabric Markers (optional)



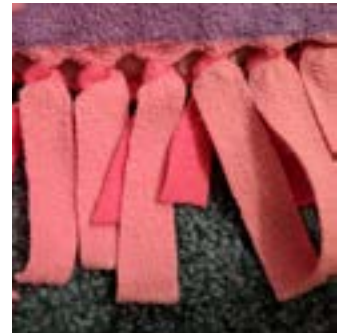
Step 1: Place the square pieces on top of one another, and make sure outer edges are lined up. Cut fringe strips the whole way around the outer edges. Fringes should be roughly 3" long and 3/4" wide. When you get to the corner, you will cut a notch out, as shown in the photo.



Step 2: Begin tying the fringes on the front to the ones on the back piece. Tie three sides together.

Step 3: Place the stuffing in on the open (untied) side.

Step 4: Once stuffing has been placed, continue tying the final remaining side.



Step 5: Decorate with fabric markers, if desired.