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**"I merely took  
the energy it  
takes to pout  
and wrote  
some blues."**

Duke Ellington

**"Let yourself  
be silently  
drawn by the  
stronger pull  
of what you  
really love."**

Rumi

### Tis the Season...

*Thanksgiving...Halloween...  
Christmas...New Year's...  
'Tis the season for decorating,  
giving, and celebrating!*

I am always amazed at how accessible and abundant the creative ideas, resources, and patterns are on the internet (and at the library). With sites like [Etsy](#) (and Daylilies once we get the site fully up and running), artists are just a mouseclick away from shoppers. And with other forums and blogs like [Craftster](#), (and Daylilies of course), ideas and patterns are right at your fingertips. There couldn't be a better time to try your hand at a little creative project.

Even if you aren't normally a creative person, now is the time to start. Throw a little extra spice into your regular soup recipe or take on a really

big project like a new set of Christmas stockings for your family; add some Thanksgiving sentiments to your glassware at your family turkey dinner (don't know what I am talking about? Check out that [blog post here](#)) or create that perfect handbag to match your holiday wear this year (and... if you do, make sure to take part in the [handbag challenge](#) for a discount coupon at the Daylilies shop). Whatever you decide to do, creativity is a wonderful thing to add to the routine of your life.

We are just starting a forum to talk about your creative projects on our [Daylilies Facebook page](#). I would love to see your pictures and hear all about your projects this festive season. If you have comments or questions, or just want to share, I hope to see you there!

Happy Creating!  
*Debra O'Connor*

### Great Reading! Recommended Reads...

#### For Adults:

This month, our very favourite find was *Handmade Nation* by Faythe Levine and Cortney Heimerl (published by Princeton Architectural Press). This book, and soon to be documentary, traces the resurgence of the DIY movement by speaking with artists across the United States. Each artist featured explains what they do, how they started their involvement in the DIY movement and why they continue to work in this creative industry. This book is filled to the brim with great photographs and lots of thought provoking conversations. If you are looking for inspiration, or just good shopping ideas, this book is worth the read.



#### This Month's Faves!

This month's favourite (product in the studio) has definitely got to be our new Stockmar Beeswax Crayons. When we first tried them out, we were uncertain. How would beeswax crayons stack up to the old favourites? Would they work the same? What would the colours be like?

And in one swipe of the red crayon across a blank page, it was easy to see: these are not your ordinary crayons. These are better.

#### Why?

It seems like such a huge claim to say that the Stockmar Beeswax Crayons can be better than the same old crayons we are used to – the kind that we grew up with. – but they are. Right off the start, as we opened up the protective tin, we knew that things were going to be good. These crayons were bigger and easier for hands to hold (little or big hands). And as the gentle scent of beeswax surrounded the tin and the crayons, we knew that colouring with these crayons was going to be a very enjoyable experience. And the crayons did not disappoint. The waxes were soft, the colours bright, and the crayons were

definitely easy to colour with. Not only that, but these crayons have worked great on any surface we have tried – both papers and fabric. In fact, we love to use them on fabric. (The colours transfer well to fabric and stay on through cold water washing even without heat setting!)

And...

These crayons are safe! Stockmar is a company that prides itself on quality products, strives to use only quality materials and safe production methods. Their company information states, "Stockmar products in no way impair or harm people's health and the environment." Read more about [Stockmar's commitment to quality here](#).

And...

Not only that, but these crayons are available in sticks and also in blocks for even the littlest hands!

Stockmar Beeswax Crayons are available in 8 colour sets (8 sticks or blocks in a protective tin) by [clicking here](#) or are also sold as part of our Create-A-Pal and Colouring Craze kits.



## More Thoughts from the Blog: Digging Deeper into September's Ideas

When we focused on the positive aspects of a temporary glue with our 'on the blog' projects in September, we didn't pay much attention to how this glue can serve in more permanent applications. Just in case you missed the posting though, we posted a recipe for a miracle glue – easy to make and fully food grade. This glue is strong, versatile, safe, and water soluble (which means it sticks great until it gets wet). Here is the recipe as we

found it on [canteach.ca](http://canteach.ca):  
Envelope Mucilage:  
6 tbsp pure white vinegar  
4 packets of unflavoured gelatin  
1 tbsp of peppermint extract  
Bring vinegar to a boil and add gelatin. Stir until completely dissolved and add peppermint extract. Mix well.  
Just a warning though – it only takes a little glue to stick a lot, so you may only need to make half this recipe.  
This glue has great potential when used with

tissue paper or tracing paper – because of its transparency- to create a faux 'frosted' effect on glass. When combined with geometrical patterns, the glue, tissue paper and a piece of glass in a frame would make a fantastic stained-glass type of wall hanging. As long as this hanging is not placed in a window with condensation, the piece would remain permanent. What a great idea for decorations throughout the festive season!

## Halloween Specials in our Webstore...Save 25%!!

There is no better time to be creative than at Halloween.

Think costumes, make-up, funky ghoulish treats, games, and decorations... this is one fun, and very creative season!

So – for this reason, Daylilies is excited to offer 25% off Halloween



supplies at the webstore. That is 25% off face paint (we carry Artemis all natural face paint too), window crayons, Halloween felt, colouring kits and anything else you find when you follow [this link](#) or click on Halloween at the Daylilies webstore.

Be sure to order soon to get your supplies for the big day!

## Great Reading! Recommended Reads...

### For Kids:

Kid's crafting books are often filled with boring and silly craft ideas to keep kids busy. This month's book, Paper Fantastic, written by Joe Rhatigan and Rain Newcomb and published by Lark Books, "...is NOT your ordinary paper crafting book". Paper Fantastic teaches kids challenging and inspiring paper crafting skills that will help them make all sorts of neat things – paper bracelets, boxes, masks, wall hangings, ornaments and more. This is a book that is filled with all things paper – from the basic folding, cutting and gluing, to the more fun and advanced modeling and collage. Once your kids have mastered the lessons in this book (and made some very funky things in the process) they are encouraged to use their new-found skills in other areas.



Find us on Facebook!

[Find us on Facebook](#) for daily updates on goings on in our studio, in the blog and in the webstore. Also – starting October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – a new forum place to discuss your creative projects, comments and questions.

We hope to see you there!

## Coming Soon to Daylilies:

- Artist Nancy Yule, Cambridge, Ontario, textile artist, is sharing her beautiful journals, scarves and more with us in our Ready-to-Enjoy shop – just in time for Christmas!
- Woodcarver and employee of Daylilies, shares even more of his beautiful hand carved game boards in our Ready-to-Enjoy shop – another perfect Christmas gift
- New Creativity Kits for Kids are coming soon – watch for Create-A-Pal packages for kids ages 3 and up – and Colouring Craze for kids ages 2 and up – coming to the webstore soon! (New plans are also in the works for Building Board game kits, Create-A-Yo-Yo kits, and Making Music kits.)
- Organic Hand knitted Teddy Bears – these cute bears and bunnies are hand knit just for your little one with 100% organic cotton and stuffed with all natural wool stuffing.

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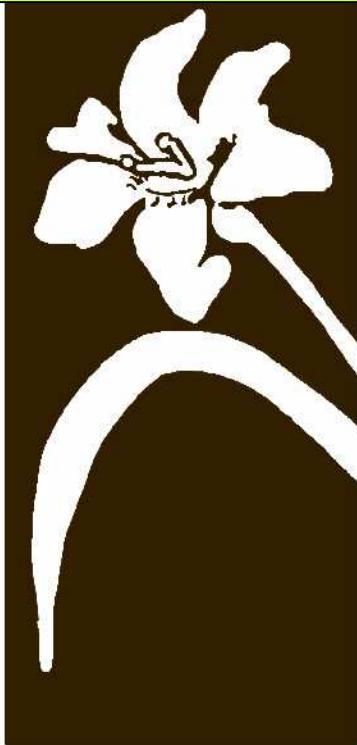
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