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*"Man is driven to create;
I know I really love to
create things.*

*And while I am not
good at painting, drawing,
or music,
I can write software."*

Yukihiko Matsumoto, creator of Ruby.

As I sit and write this newsletter, sounds of kids making the most of their last few precious hours of summer echo on the late summer breeze.

Okay, so I admit that I get a little sentimental at this time of year. For whatever reason, it always seems to me that the fall is a busy time filled with work and routine. This year, however, I am determined to find a little something special about the routine, even though I know that busy-ness will be a constant theme.

To that end, I wanted to take one of the most eco-friendly, simple, and quick ideas from last month's blog and offer up some ideas to bring a little easy creativity into your routine (and mine). The project I am talking about is the Recycled Back-to-School Chic wallet/crayon case posted on the Daylilies blog on Tuesday, August 25th, 2009.

This project was a 30 minute or less project, and very kid friendly (just in case you are looking to get your kids involved in something creative on a cold and rainy fall day), but what if you don't want or need a wallet/crayon case? Well, here are a few other ways to use the very same pattern:

(but before I forget - the pattern is available free for download at www.dayliliescreative.com/patterns and if you are looking for kit, a kit for this project is also available on the Daylilies site at www.dayliliescreative.com.)

1. Placemats: A wonderful and eco friendly way to protect your table this Thanksgiving (or to make any dinner a little more special). If you have your kids help you with this project, they may even want to help you set the table! Follow the directions as for the wallet, but instead of folding the edges over to form the pocket, lay flat, cut to desired measurement and trim with the electrical tape (or duct tape).

2. Coasters: 'Tis the season for warm cups of hot chocolate! Use your old magazines to create a fantastic new discussion piece and coffee table saver for your next meeting or get together! Work as for placemats, adjusting for size.

3. Fridge Frames: What do you do with all that beautiful artwork that your kids bring home from school? Fridge frames are the best way to keep your fridge looking organized and showcase that special piece of art. Weave the magazines according to the pattern for the wallet, but lay flat as for the placemats. Once you have trimmed the outside with electrical tape (or duct tape), cut the inside measurement as desired. Again trim with the tape. Flip the frame over, and apply some adhesive magnet tape. Flip again and you are done - and ready to frame your child's next masterpiece. (This also works well to cover an existing table top frame - just omit the adhesive magnet tape, and use a glue gun to adhere the magazine weaving to the existing frame.)



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