



# for Auld Lang Syne

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## Ring in the New Year with handmade style!

These quick and easy projects make for perfectly sparkling décor, whether you choose to celebrate with a quiet night at home or host a lively party for dozens.

### Happy New Year Banner

#### MATERIALS

- › 12-inch piece of silver glittered cardstock
- › Old sheet music
- › Sewing pattern tissue
- › Three-dimensional glitter alphabet stickers
- › Silver metallic thread or embroidery floss
- › Large scalloped circle paper punch or die
- › 1/8-inch hole punch
- › Die cutting machine (optional)
- › Metal ruler
- › Cutting mat
- › Craft knife
- › Tapestry or large-eye embroidery needle
- › Scissors
- › Pencil
- › Glue

#### Instructions

1. Use craft knife and metal ruler to cut sheet of silver glittered cardstock into three 4-inch-wide strips.
2. On wrong side of strips, start at one end and make a small pencil mark every 3 inches along one edge. Repeat on other side, this time starting 1.5 inches from end (refer to figure 1).
3. Using pencil marks as guides, cut 4-inch strips of glittered cardstock into triangle shapes using craft knife and ruler (figure 1); you will need 16 isosceles triangles for pennants. Set four pennants aside for blank spacers; remaining 12 pennants will be embellished and lettered.
4. Punch or die cut 12 scalloped circles from old sheet music.
5. Cut twelve 1- x 10-inch strips from sewing pattern tissue.
6. Accordion-fold entire length of one strip of pattern tissue, then form into a rosette and glue in place on center front of a pennant piece. Repeat with remaining tissue strips until you have glued rosettes onto 12 pennants. TIP: *Tissue rosettes don't have to be perfect; just "smush" them into place and trim away excess if needed.*
7. Glue a scalloped circle of sheet music onto center front of each tissue rosette.
8. Spell out "Happy New Year" by adhering one three-dimensional glitter alphabet sticker to center front of each pennant.
9. Use 1/8-inch hole punch to poke two holes in top left and right corners of each pennant. Use a tapestry or large-eye embroidery needle to thread pennants onto metallic thread or embroidery floss, starting and ending with a blank pennant and inserting a blank pennant between each word. Tie a small loop in each end for hanging.

#### SUGGESTED PRODUCTS

Refer to the list below for specific products used in samples.

##### American Crafts

"Wisecrack" Thickers Chipboard Letters  
Heavy Weight Silver Glitter Cardstock

##### Fiskars

"Seal of Approval" Large Squeeze Punch  
1/8-inch Circle Hand Punch from Fiskars

##### Spare Parts by The Paper Studio

Clock Face Icons  
Clock Faces Vintage  
Round Number Tiles

##### Tim Holtz by Idea-Ology

Metal Game Spinners

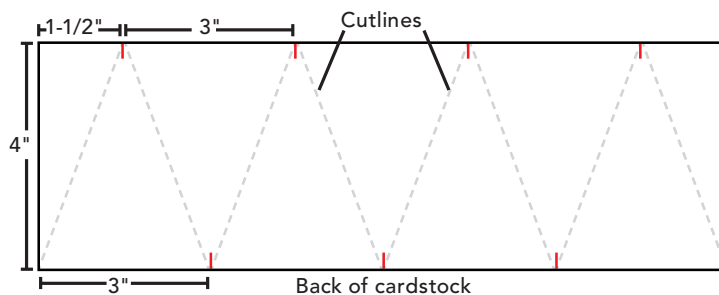


FIGURE 1



## Embellished Bottles

### MATERIALS

- > Small glass bottles
- > Assorted clock face and hand embellishments
- > Metal number embellishments
- > Scalped circle paper punch
- > Scraps of silver cardstock and sewing pattern tissue
- > Rhinestone beads (sample used beads taken from floral wedding picks)
- > Crimp beads
- > Silver ribbon
- > Jewelry wire
- > Needle nose pliers
- > Wire cutters
- > Scissors
- > Three-dimensional foam stickers
- > Glue

### Instructions

1. Play with assorted clock faces, punched paper, pattern tissue, beads and other embellishments to plan desired arrangement of bottle decoration. See image captions for arrangements used in samples.
2. Assemble bottle embellishments by using jewelry wire, crimp beads, three-dimensional foam stickers and glue as needed.
3. Cut a length of silver ribbon and glue to back of each finished arrangement. Let dry.
4. Tie arrangement around glass bottle, layering it atop a scrap of lace if desired. Trim excess ribbon as needed. *TIP: Omit ribbon and instead attach your piece to a pin back or headband for a fun New Year's Eve accessory!*

Here, three multi-sized clock face embellishments are topped with a small clock hand and rhinestone bead. "2013" stamped metal tags are glued to a glittered cardstock flag and glued onto largest clock face. Entire arrangement is tied to bottle atop a scrap of tan lace.



For this piece, three rhinestone beads are strung atop a clock hand and face. Two rhinestone floral picks are attached to back of clock face and then entire arrangement is glued onto a scalped circle of glittered cardstock, with the aid of 3D foam stickers to create depth.



On this bottle, a rhinestone bead is strung through two clock face embellishments, which are then glued atop a small rosette made from sewing pattern tissue. Ribbon is glued to back and then tied to glass bottle atop a scalped circle of glittered cardstock.




## "Cheers" Wallhanging

### MATERIALS

- › Silver plastic charger plate
- › Two plastic clock faces
- › Pair of clock hands
- › Rhinestone button
- › Sheet music
- › Cream cardstock
- › Silver glittered cardstock
- › Three-dimensional glitter alphabet stickers
- › Three-dimensional foam stickers
- › Scalloped circle paper punch
- › Metal ruler
- › Cutting mat
- › Craft knife
- › Silver spray paint
- › Spray adhesive
- › Saw tooth picture hanger
- › Pencil
- › Glue

### Instructions

1. Cut a circle from sheet music that fits inner circle of charger plate. Spray paper with adhesive and adhere to charger plate. TIP: *Can't find a silver charger plate? Spray paint one!*
2. Spray paint two clock faces silver. Adhere to bottom right of charger plate as shown in sample. NOTE: *Most clock faces come backed with adhesive and will stick to plate without extra glue. If this is not the case, just use a couple dabs of strong craft or hot glue to hold in place.*
3. Layer and glue together clock hands and rhinestone button, removing shank from button if needed. Glue clock hands in place at center of largest clock face and let dry completely.
4. Cut six triangles from glittered cardstock that measure 2 inches wide and 3 inches tall. Punch six scalloped circles from cream cardstock and glue each to front of silver pennants. Adhere three-dimensional letters to front of each, spelling out the word "cheers."
5. Arrange pennants across top left of charger plate as shown in sample and adhere in place with three-dimensional foam stickers.
6. Turn finished plate over and glue a saw tooth picture hanger in place at center top of plate back. Allow to dry completely before hanging. 

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