

Juliette's Pastimes

Juliette Gordon Low liked to paint and sew but actually had many pastimes she enjoyed. She also liked arts and crafts such as china painting, sculpting, drawing, ironwork, theater, and writing.

- Choose an art or craft that Juliette enjoyed and share it with someone.
- Research some of the same crafts Juliette studied. Meet with a local artisan to try at least one.



Photo credit: Girl Scouts painting ceramics and Girl Scouts sewing kit, both circa 1930s, Girl Scouts Archive

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Paper Plate Decorating

Juliette Low's home in Savannah, Georgia, has china plates in the dining room that she painted.

Directions:

1. Decorate your own paper plate with paints or by gluing pictures or construction paper shapes to it.

Materials:

- Paper plates
- Paints and brushes
- Glue
- Pictures of flowers and birds
- Construction paper or felt

Silhouettes

These were used extensively in the 1930s by GSUSA to illustrate Girl Scout activities. Make a silhouette of your head and decorate if you'd like. Then you can put it on display.



Materials:

- Strong light
- White and black paper
- Glue
- Pictures, felt, ribbon, etc.

Directions:

1. Attach a large piece of white paper to a solid surface.
2. Place the light so it shines on this surface.
3. Stand between the light and wall and trace the outline of the head.
4. Transfer to black paper and add your own touches.

Pierced Paper

Use the designs to decorate stationary, note cards, and bookmarks. Use the provided designs, or create your own!

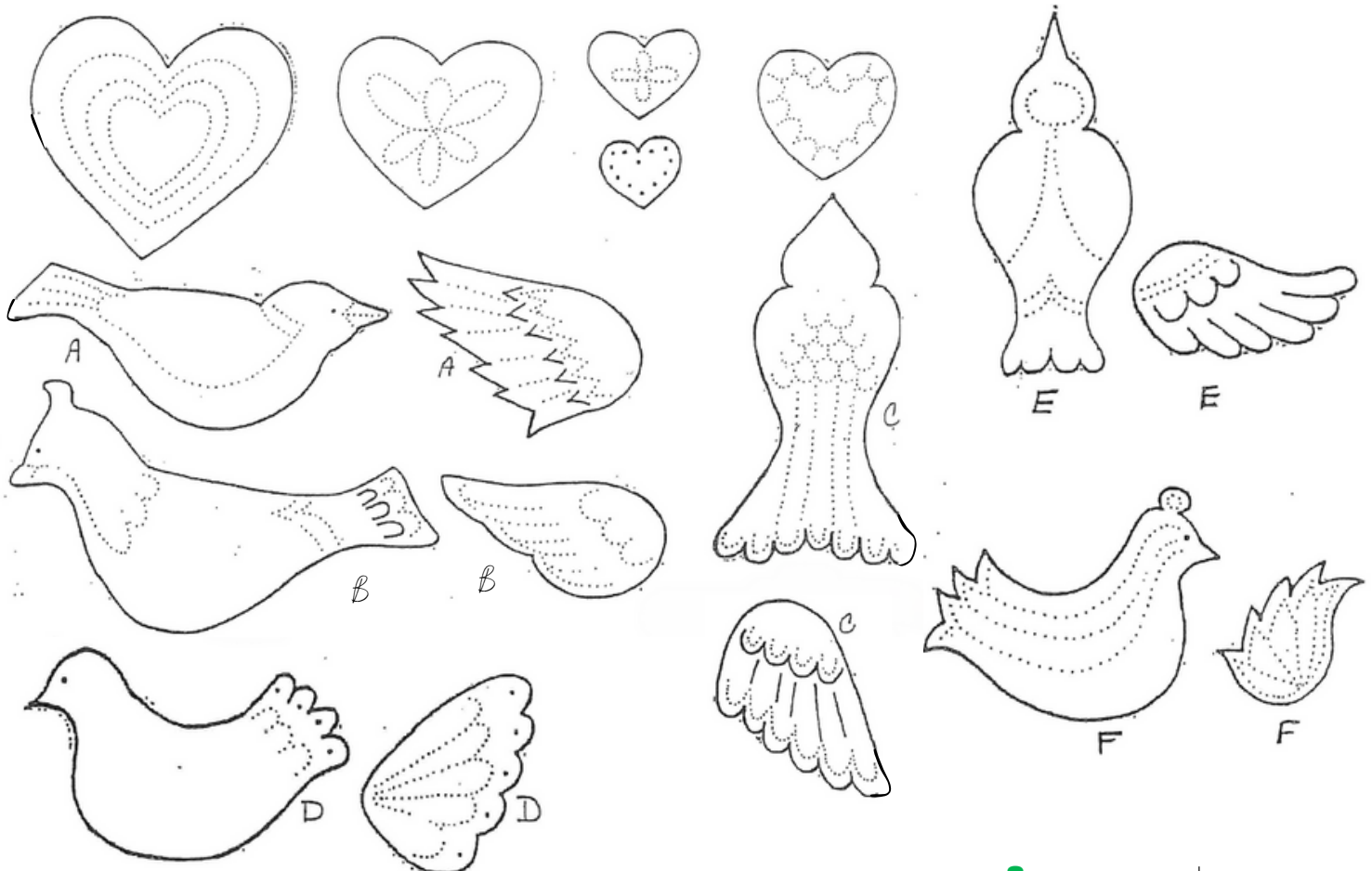
Directions:

1. Paper piercing is usually done from the back but for textural interest, pierce some from the front.
2. Trace the design on tissue paper. Tape tissue on the back of your paper and lay on foam pad. Pierce tissue and paper.
3. Try piercing from the back, all the black lines on the edges, and some of the center lines. Pierce the line holes about 1/8" apart.
4. Pierce the lighter dots from the front.

To make a bookmark: Cut a 1.5" by 8.5" piece of paper. Select a design and pierce. Round top corners. Make hole with paper punch at top and put ribbon through it

Materials:

- Stationary or note cards
- Medium-weight paper like index, cardstock, drawing or watercolor paper
- Tissue or tracing paper
- Masking tape
- Sharp needle, pick, or thumbtack
- Foam pad or foamcore



Bookmarks

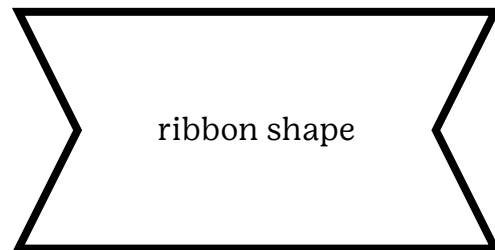
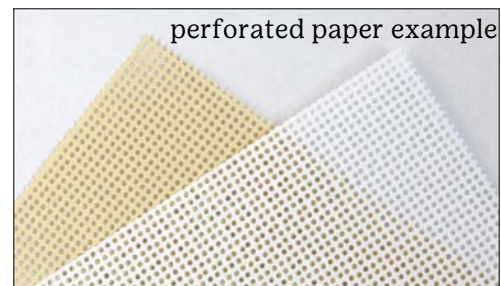
Perforated paper is not a new media. Samplers and bookmarks stitched on paper can be found in many historic sites in the U.S. Stitching on paper prevailed in the 19th Century and the Victorian Era.

Directions:

1. Cut perforated paper the same width as the ribbon and cut the ribbon the length desired (Approximately 1" x 2"). A 9" x 12" sheet of perforated paper will yield about 54 small bookmarks.
2. Center a simple design on the perforated paper.
3. Use 3 strands of floss to sew design on paper.
4. Cut the ends of the ribbon as shown.
5. Either sew the perforated paper to the ribbon or glue it.

Materials:

- Wide grosgrain ribbon
- Perforated paper - approx. 14 holes per inch
- Embroidery floss and needle
- Glue
- Scissors



Buttonpin

Create a custom pin that you can wear!

Directions:

1. Glue lace or string around the edge
2. Glue buttons, pearls, roses, etc. on the wooden piece.
3. Glue pin to back.

Materials:

- Wooden circle or wooden heart, any size
- Selection of colorful buttons
- Lace, colorful string, or yarn
- Small pearls, ribbon roses, etc.
- Pin back
- Hot glue gun

Example of ribbon roses



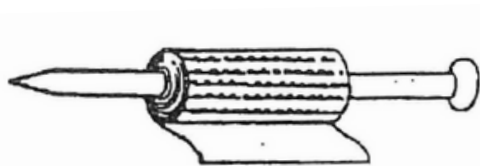
Paper Beads



Children enjoy making paper beads and can be great fun. Use old wallpaper books for patterned paper. For methods and ideas for shapes of beads, see drawings below and the example in the chest.

Directions:

1. Cut paper one-inch wide and approximately twelve-inches long. Taper to a point at center.
2. With round toothpick, or large nail, starting at wide end roll paper down to point. Secure point with glue. Slide paper bead off toothpick or nail.
3. With string (24" is average) thread beads onto string, leaving 6" or 7" of string at each end to tie.
4. The necklace may be made with all paper beads or paper beads may be strung alternately with glass beads.
5. Tie string ends together with overhand knot. A glass bead may also be tied over each end to prevent necklace from becoming unstrung.
6. To wear- slip over head.



wrap paper around a large nail

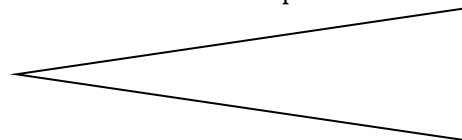
Paper beads with glass bead spacers



Materials:

- Colored paper such as magazines with colored pictures, wallpaper, construction paper, etc.
- ruler
- scissors
- large nail or round toothpick
- glue
- string to thread beads

standard shape 1"x12"



alternate shapes

