DIY

CRAFTING with Jane

A Patriotic 4th of July Table

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Be the host with the most American pride by adding these easy DIY patriotic ideas to your outdoor table. You can show your true star-spangled spirit with this up-cycled table cloth, refashioned denim placemats, easy-sew napkins, mason jar lanterns, and simple food decorations.

DIY USA starts today! You'll need a few supplies to get started, but you probably already have most items laying around the house — old bandannas, worn-out jeans, mason jars, tissue paper and a few paper scraps to create the ultimate patriotic table. Grab some fabric glue, or a sewing machine, scissors, and a tape runner, and let's start crafting!

RED, WHITE & BLUE JEAN

For the tablecloth, use 16 bandannas (4) navy, (4) white and (4) red and stitch the like colors together in a row. Then, stitch all three rows together to create a full table cloth. It's that easy! Best of all, this tablecloth also doubles as a great picnic throw.

Crafting note: If you don't sew, you can use *Liquid Stitch* along the edges to glue the pieces together. Liquid Stitch is a handy product to keep in your toolkit. It even withstands the washing machine.

Short on time? Instead of a tablecloth, make a table-runner by simply placing the individual bandannas down the center of the table overlapping just the edges... No sewing, no gluing, no stress!

BLUE JEAN DREAM

For the denim placemats, just cut the backside of the jeans off and you're done! Use the pockets for utensil and napkin holders. How's that for easy?

For the napkins, I found some fabric scraps in my sewing room and cut 20" x 20" squares of patriotic fabric and the same size white fabric. Stitched up all sides of the squares, turned them inside out and top stitched the edges. And look at that, simple, easy, statement napkins.

TEA LIGHTS, ANYONE?

For the tea light lanterns, line the inside of a mason jar with red, white and blue tissue paper. I found it best to tack the top edges of the tissue paper together. Using a battery operated candle only, place a tea light inside the mason jar and illuminate your designs.

PATRIOTIC DOGS

Add some DIY USA decor to your serving platter with hot dog wrappers. Cut 9-inch strips of red and white striped paper. Cut out simple blue stars with a die cut machine, or a pair of sharp scissors, then tack the two together — the perfect embellishment for my franks!