

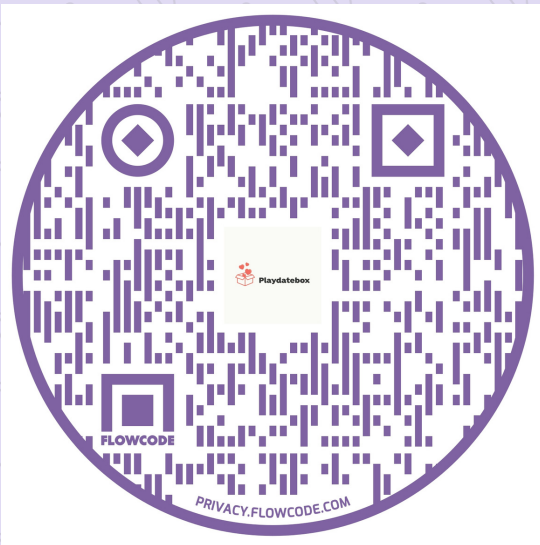
# The Unicorn Fairy Princess

Craft Guide



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Crafts Included in your Unicorn  
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- Flower Fairies
- Play Dough Candy Garden
- Unicorn Headband
- Fairy Wand
- Unicorn Backpack Clip

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# FLOWER FAIRIES

## YOU'LL NEED:

- Silk flowers of varying diameters.
- Pipe cleaners
- Wood beads ( $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter)
- Perler beads
- Markers for drawing facial features

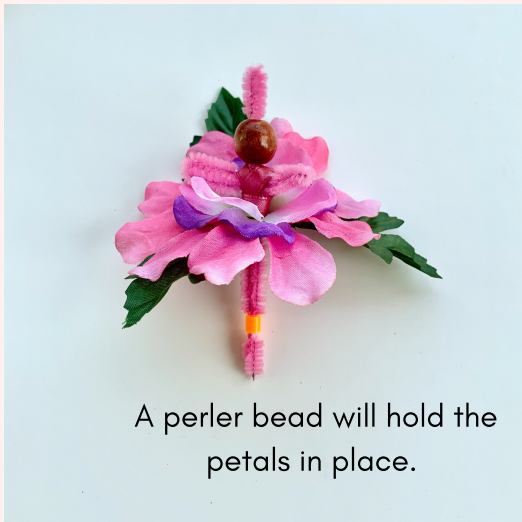


- Gather 3-5 petals from varying sizes of silk flowers. These will become the “skirt” for your Flower Fairy
- Fold a 12-inch pipe cleaner in half. One side will form the right arm and right leg of your fairy, the other will form the left side.
- About 1 inch from the top V of the pipe cleaner, bend another V on each side of the pipe cleaner to form the fairy arms. You’ll still have about an inch of double pipe cleaner poking up. This will hold the head later.
- Wrap a bit of ribbon, twine, wire, embroidery floss, or yarn around and around this section of the pipe cleaner, criss-crossing it around the arms as desired to form the bodice of your fairy.





Thread the flower petals on for a skirt



A perler bead will hold the petals in place.



- Now, thread on the flower petals, beginning with the smallest and graduating to the largest.
  - Secure the flower petals against the bodice with a perler bead. You can glue this in place if desired.
  - Bend the remainder of the pipe cleaner out to form legs and twist a small foot shape on the end.
  - Push a wood bead down onto the protruding top inch of the pipe cleaner.
- Draw eyes and a mouth if desired with a sharp marker.
  - Attach a small flower, leaves, flower centers, or other decorations to the top of the fairy head for hair or hats.
  - If desired, attach two leaves to the back of your fairy as fairy wings.
  - Create more flower fairies and then help them plant a candy garden (See the next craft).





- Heat oil, water, and the peeled crayon in a 1-quart saucepan until the crayon melts and the water is boiling gently.
- Add one packet of the play dough mixture all at once and stir.
- Continue cooking until the dough forms around your stirring spoon and pulls away from the sides of your pan.
- You will continue to mix the ingredients by hand, so don't worry if all of the flour is not incorporated yet.
- Dump the entire mixture onto a cutting board or counter. The mix will be very hot, so use caution and don't begin kneading until you can touch the mixture comfortably. Adding a few drops of essential oil at this point can give your dough a fragrance.





- An adult should knead the dough until it is smooth and cool enough for a child to handle.
  - Working with warm dough is fun for a child, so plan your playdate so your small friend can play with the dough while it is still warm to the touch. Repeat the process until you have 2 or 3 favorite colors of play Playdough.
- Store your play dough in an airtight container in the refrigerator.
  - Make a fairy candy garden by rolling your dough out into a flat pancake and pressing candy slime charms into the dough.
  - You can also make lots of fun shapes with your dough using cookie cutters, or just rolling it between your fingers to make shapes and designs.
  - Can you built some fairy furniture? A miniature bird nest with eggs? A play dough unicorn?







# UNICORN HEADBAND

## YOU'LL NEED:

- A Unicorn headband
- Strips of colorful ribbon
- Glue gun or glue dots
- A piece of white felt (optional)

- Attach 8-10 lengths of 18" long ribbon to the underside of your unicorn headband to make a mane that will cascade down your back.
- You can use glue dots, but hot glue from a glue gun may hold your ribbon more securely. Ask a grownup for help.
- If desired, cover the glued ends of the ribbon with a piece of felt or fabric to hide them.
- Clip the free ends of the ribbon at an angle to help keep the ribbon from fraying.







# FAIRY WAND

## YOU'LL NEED:

- Glitter cardstock construction paper (yours may differ from what is pictured)
- A wand pattern (use ours, or trace your own favorite shape)
- Colored ribbon
- A hot glue gun and glue (ask a grownup for help)
- A 12-inch section of a heavy-duty balloon straw
- Washi tape
- Pipe cleaner, colorful sequins, rhinestones, stickers, or buttons

- Cut 2 matching shapes from glitter cardstock. Our pattern includes a heart and a star. You'll need 2 of the same shape.
- Wrap a balloon straw with glitter washi tape. Begin with the tape extending  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch above the top edge of the straw at a slight angle, and wrap, barber-pole-style down the length of the straw so that the entire straw is covered. Trim the bottom edge of the tape  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch longer than the balloon straw and gently tuck both tape ends into the ends of the straw with a toothpick or your fingers.
- Cut three 12-inch lengths of ribbon.
- Lay each piece of ribbon, slightly overlapping edges onto a .5-inch glue dot. Make sure each piece of ribbon is in contact with the glue.

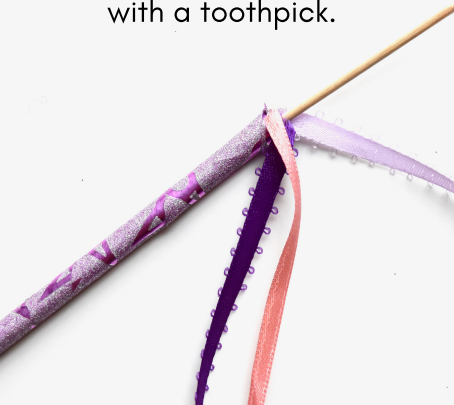




1. Attach your ribbons to a glue dot.



2. Push the glue dot into the end of the wand with a toothpick.



3. Glue the wand to the back of your star or heart shape.





- Using the glue gun, attach the straw to the underside of one of the shaped pieces of glitter paper. (You may use glue dots as well).
- Attach the other side of wand by gluing it back-to-back against the first side.
- Press the glitter construction paper together firmly.
- We'll finish the edges of the paper with a pipe cleaner, so begin by forming the pipe cleaner to match the outside edge of your heart or star.





- Begin at the bottom of the shape where the straw is sticking out, and leave a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " tail of pipe cleaner to tuck up inside when you are finished.
- Run a bead of hot glue all the way around the outside and then very carefully press the pipe cleaner into the warm glue before it sets.
- Continue all around the edge of the heart or star, pressing the pipe cleaner into the glued edge. Trim away all but the last  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of the pipe cleaner when you are finished and tuck both loose edges into the bottom of your shape near the straw. Add more glue, if necessary, to hold it in place. You might want to add a second pipe cleaner for more color or to help hide your glue.
- Decorate your wand with sequins, buttons, or other colorful "bling" then give your magic fairy wand a try by casting a few magic spells.



# UNICORN BACKPACK CLIP

## YOU'LL NEED:

- Colored felt
- Adhesive-backed felt in assorted colors (or regular felt and fabric glue)
- 2 yards of worsted yarn
- A pencil
- A claw clip
- Fiberfill batting
- 1 small googly eye
- A quilting needle with a large eye
- A permanent marker (optional - for adults only)

- Your kit includes a pre-cut unicorn head, plus pieces of adhesive felt to form the mane, horn, eye and nostril.
- If desired, use a marker to make dots all around the exterior edge of the unicorn, each about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch apart. These will help guide your stitching later.
- Thread the yarn into the needle by inserting a folded paper strip into the eye of the needle, folded end first. Once the paper is through the needle, form the folded end of the paper into a "lasso" and insert the end of the yarn through the lasso of paper.
- Tug gently on the paper and pull paper and yarn back through the eye of the needle.





- Tie a knot into the end of the yarn and bring it up between the two layers of felt, beginning at the bottom right corner of the unicorn neck.
- Once the knot is secure, stitch the two pieces of the unicorn head together by drawing the needle and yarn up through both pieces of fabric. Wrap the yarn around the edge of the felt and draw it up through the fabric again and again, with each stitch about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch away from the last one.

Use a whip stitch to sew  
the edges of your  
unicorn together.



When you get to the top,  
sew your backpack clip  
in place.



Stop when  
you reach the  
bottom of the  
neck.



- Once you reach the lower edge of the neck, don't cut the yarn yet! Leave the bottom part of the neck open for stuffing.
- Push stuffing into the open neck hole using your fingers or the eraser end of a pencil. Make sure your push batting into all of the corners.
- Close the neck hole with more stitches.
- Knot the yarn again at the corner, and then stick the needle in-between the two layers of felt to hide the end of the yarn inside.





- After your yarn is knotted, poke the needle up through the neck of the unicorn. Cut the yarn close to the felt, and then stretch the felt a bit so the loose end of the yarn disappears into the inside of the unicorn head.
- Attach the mane, the unicorn horn, the felt eyelid, and the nostril pieces by removing the paper backing to expose the adhesive. You may wish to secure them with glue.





- Attach the googly eye over the eyelid piece with hot glue or a glue dot.
- Snip away the extra unicorn horn on the back piece of your backpack clip.
- Add fringes to the mane by making small snips with your scissors.
- Your clip is finished and ready to attach to your backpack and enjoy!

