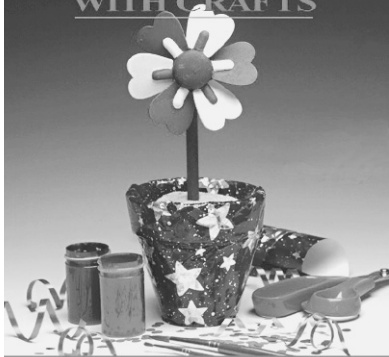


CRAFTY IDEAS

Patriotic Creativity

(NAPSA)—This Independence Day, people across the country are likely to be celebrating in red, white and blue. That's because a special promotion is providing both good, old-fashioned American fun and a way to express one's patriotic spirit through crafts.

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This summer, craft stores will offer Independence Day-themed activities.

Celebrate America with Crafts, sponsored by the Hobby Industry Association (HIA), will be marked at craft retailers nationwide with special classes, demonstrations and projects geared to the July 4 holiday theme. From crafting a handmade flag to decorating a parade float to creating festive decorations for the home, this promotion provides crafters and non-crafters alike a chance to reveal their inventiveness and American spirit.

"We hope that *Celebrate America with Crafts* inspires people to craft a keepsake to commemorate this year's Fourth of July celebration," says Don Meyer, director, consumer and public relations, "Crafting is such a great way to relax, have fun and spend quality time with loved ones."

For more information about *Celebrate America with Crafts*, which will be held June 16 to 29, call your local craft store or visit www.i-craft.com.