

## 20 Crafting Ideas Under \$20

Explore 20 fun and budget-friendly crafting projects! Each idea uses simple materials, many of which you may already have at home. Follow the step-by-step instructions and diagrams to create unique DIY crafts.

### DIY Painted Rocks

1. Find smooth rocks and clean them.
2. Use acrylic paint or paint pens to decorate them.
3. Let them dry, then seal with a clear varnish for protection.

### No-Sew T-Shirt Tote Bag

1. Cut off the sleeves and neckline of an old t-shirt.
2. Cut the bottom into strips and tie them together to create the base.
3. Optionally, decorate with fabric paint or iron-on patches.

### Recycled Jar Lanterns

1. Clean an empty glass jar and remove labels.
2. Decorate with tissue paper, lace, or paint.
3. Place a tea light or LED candle inside for a glowing effect.

### Homemade Bath Bombs

1. Mix baking soda (1 cup), citric acid (1/2 cup), cornstarch (1/2 cup), and Epsom salt (1/2 cup).
2. Slowly add essential oils and a little water until the mixture holds together.
3. Pack into molds and let them dry for 24 hours.

### Popsicle Stick Picture Frames

1. Arrange and glue popsicle sticks into a square or rectangle.
2. Decorate with paint, stickers, or buttons.
3. Attach a photo and glue a string loop on the back to hang it.

### DIY Paper Flowers

1. Cut petal shapes from tissue or crepe paper.

2. Layer and wrap them around a floral wire, securing with glue or tape.
3. Fluff the petals for a natural look and display in a vase.

## **Cork Coasters**

1. Cut cork into round or square shapes.
2. Paint designs or use decoupage to decorate.
3. Seal with clear varnish for durability.

## **Fabric Scrap Keychains**

1. Cut fabric scraps into small strips.
2. Braid or tie them around a keyring.
3. Add charms or beads for decoration.

## **Mason Jar Snow Globes**

1. Glue a small figurine to the inside of a mason jar lid.
2. Fill the jar with water, glitter, and a few drops of glycerin.
3. Seal the lid tightly and shake to see the snow effect.

## **DIY Tie-Dye Shirts**

1. Twist and fold a plain t-shirt.
2. Secure with rubber bands and apply fabric dye.
3. Let sit for 6-8 hours, then rinse and dry.

## **Marbled Nail Polish Mugs**

1. Fill a container with water and add a few drops of nail polish.
2. Swirl gently and dip a plain mug into the water.
3. Let it dry and hand wash only.

## **Salt Dough Ornaments**

1. Mix flour (2 cups), salt (1 cup), and water (1 cup) into a dough.
2. Roll out and cut shapes with cookie cutters.
3. Bake at 250°F (120°C) for 2 hours, then paint when cool.

## **Handmade Bookmarks**

1. Cut cardstock into bookmark shapes.

2. Decorate with watercolors, stickers, or pressed flowers.
3. Punch a hole and tie a ribbon for extra style.

### **DIY Mini Canvas Art**

1. Use small canvases or cardboard as your base.
2. Paint abstract, floral, or quote-based designs.
3. Let dry and display or gift them.

### **Recycled Magazine Bead Jewelry**

1. Cut old magazine pages into long triangular strips.
2. Roll tightly around a toothpick, glue, and let dry.
3. Thread onto string or elastic for colorful jewelry.

### **Egg Carton Flowers**

1. Cut egg carton cups and shape them into flower petals.
2. Paint and decorate with buttons or beads.
3. Glue onto a stem or use for wall decor.

### **DIY Suncatchers**

1. Arrange plastic beads in a metal cookie cutter.
2. Bake at 400°F (200°C) until melted.
3. Let cool and hang in a window with a ribbon.

### **Upcycled CD Mosaic Art**

1. Break an old CD into small pieces (carefully).
2. Arrange and glue them onto frames, coasters, or wooden boards.
3. Seal with Mod Podge for a smooth finish.

### **Handmade Paper Notebooks**

1. Cut scrap paper to the same size and stack.
2. Fold in half and staple or sew along the fold.
3. Decorate the cover with fabric, stickers, or artwork.

### **String Art Creations**

1. Hammer nails into a wooden board in a shape or pattern.

2. Wrap colorful string around the nails to form a design.
3. Secure the ends and display as wall art.