

QuiltWorks Northwest and Beads & Beyond

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Don't ever lose your place...with a fun or fancy bookmark.



A bit of wool, some ric-rac or fabric, coordinating pearl cotton and a needle. Stitch an initial, a flower, or just some pretty design onto the bottom half a 1 ½" x 3" piece of wool (fold is at the top). Fold the wool in half and stitch around the perimeter to close around a 1"x8" strip of ric-rac. Kids love them! And so do the Big Kids!

Serve It Up With Style! (or Serve Up a quick Hostess Gift)



Take a plain vanilla set of serving utensils (salad servers make a great first project) and add some personal style with beads and craft wire. Select beads and craft wire (in a gauge that fits the beads – 20g – 26g is fine, choose according to the style of your blanks). You can go playful or go elegant. Cut a piece of wire that is 3 times the length of the utensil's handle. Use round nose pliers to begin a spiral at the end of the wire. Use chain nose or flat nose pliers to stabilize the wire as you wrap the spiral to the desired size. String your beads on the wire. With the spiral placed at the base of the handle, wrap the wire around it, arranging the beads as you go. Trim the end of the wire, leaving enough to make another spiral or some decorative wraps. If the beads seem a little loose, tweak the wire on the back of the handle to make some decorative bends and tighten the beads.