

4) Creative Creations

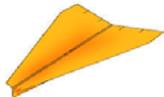
- **Greeting Cards:** Blank pieces of paper, markers, color pencils, or crayons are all that is needed to make creative greeting cards. Fold 8 ½ x 11 inch lightweight paper in fourths or cut card stock in ½ and fold once to make a template for greeting cards.

- **Origami:** Public libraries are a great resource for books on origami. Internet sources also provide a wide gamut of origami information. Craft shops and children's stores often carry origami books & supplies.



- **Wire Twisting:** Short links of lightweight wire, needle nose pliers, and an imagination can evolve into boundless wire creations. Local telephone companies may provide a good source of (free or cheap) wire for twisted works of art. Colored plastic-coated wire can often be twisted without the use of pliers and offers another design element.

- **Paper Airplanes:** ESET curriculum *Flyable Paper Airplanes* 4H-85F includes diagrams for various paper airplane designs. Patterns and folding instructions are included. Go green and use recycled paper.



- Fun Paper Airplanes - <http://www.funpaperairplanes.com/Plane%20Downloads.html>
Free airplane patterns and instructions for several levels including: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Novelty patterns

- **Paper Quilts:** Individually created squares can result in a beautifully unique quilt. Supply paper squares and drawing utensils for individuals to design a personal square. A variety of instructions could be given for the square designs: name, hobbies, favorite activities, family, age, grade, school, etc. Once the squares are created individuals could share about their designs and then tape them together to make a single group creative quilt.

- **Snowflakes:** Fold paper squares in ½ to make a triangle, fold ½ of the triangle partway past the center, fold the other part back to the center, cut the bottom edges to make a uniform triangle. Cut small piece out of the triangle to create a pattern. Unfold to unveil the snowflake.



- **Garland Strings:** (cranberry – popcorn – cereal)
 - Tips for making garland using food products
 - Letting the popcorn sit out for a while to get stale will make it easier to string, because it won't be as crisp and likely to break when you stick the needle in it.
 - It is best to have a needle with a large eye, for easier threading.
 - Waxed dental floss is stronger than thread and it is easier to slide the popcorn down.
 - 8lb. clear fishing line also works well. It is stronger than thread, just as pliable as dental floss, and does not fray like dental floss.
 - Plain, unbuttered, and unsalted popcorn is less likely to attract bugs.
 - Stringing the popcorn in two or three foot lengths, then tying them together, is easier than trying to string one very long strand. A very long piece of garland is harder to manage as it tends to loop back on its self and get tangled.
 - Donate to a nursing home so residents can watch the birds feed on the garland.



- **Brown Bag Beautification:** Personalize a brown paper bag in a number of creative ways. Use markers, crayons, color pens/pencils, glitter, paint, torn paper and glue, etc. This is a good pre-meeting activity especially if everyone will have something which will need to be taken home.



- **Personalized Calendars:** Save the date with stickers or markers. Do you have a list of important dates or activities that are already scheduled? Providing youth with blank calendars which they can decorate and personalize will help them remember important dates as they save the dates on their personal calendars. (Microsoft Office Publisher contains a variety of calendar templates.)

