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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Break mirrors, plates, or tiles for projects by sealing them in a heavy-duty zip lock bag and breaking with a hammer.	<b>2</b> Keep glue sticks for glue guns in the freezer. It keeps them from getting stringy while gluing.
<b>3</b> Painting & Stenciling	<b>4</b> Apply the lightest color first when stenciling and blend to create multiple color tones.	<b>5</b> Use paper plates as a paint palette. When you are done just throw it away.	<b>6</b> Cover or rearrange sections of a stencil pattern with masking tape to create different patterns from one stencil.	<b>7</b> Mix equal amounts of acrylic color and wood sealer for one step painting on wood.	<b>8</b> Use a turkey baster to move paint from a large container to a small container.	<b>9</b> Use as little paint as possible when stenciling. Less is more.
<b>10</b> Scrapbooking & Paper Crafts	<b>11</b> Lubricate craft punches before using them by punching wax paper.	<b>12</b> Prevent paper from ripping when affixing tape by applying the tape to clothing first to reduce its stickiness	<b>13</b> When printing out on vellum paper use the 'draft' or 'fast' setting. This will ensure the ink dries quicker.	<b>14</b> If your folded cardstock has a jagged edge along it's spine, use fine sandpaper and lightly sand the jaggedness away.	<b>15</b> Wrap ribbons around your focal-point photo to add emphasis.	<b>16</b> For a great page title, cut out letters from patterned paper.
<b>17</b> Fabric, Sew & Stitch	<b>18</b> Reduce bulk by using a lightweight fabric, such as batiste or broadcloth, for the pocket.	<b>19</b> Save used dryer sheets and use them as backing for repairing tears and holes in jeans.	<b>20</b> Use French seams on sheer or lightweight cotton fabrics to prevent seams from raveling.	<b>21</b> Use a magnetized bingo wand to pick up stray pins.	<b>22</b> When sewing oilcloth use masking tape to hold seams down then rip it off.	<b>23</b> Worsted wool, a lightweight suiting fabric, is a great choice for creating durable, wrinkle-resistant garments.
<b>24</b> Kids Crafts	<b>25</b> Q-tips come in handy as paintbrushes and glue applicators.	<b>26</b> Muffin tins, clean laundry soap scoops, film and yogurt containers make great reusable paint dispensers.	<b>27</b> Reuse dried up markers. Dip into water then paint on paper!	<b>28</b> Glue sticks are safe, clean and easy to handle by small fingers.	<b>29</b> Don't rush. Plan ample time for preparation, activity, and clean up.	<b>30</b> Allow children to craft often.PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE and keep it FUN!
<b>31</b> "LOOK I MADE IT MYSELF!" A KIDS CRAFT DAY	 <p align="center"><b>cre8time</b> CRE8TIME National Craft Month Photo Contest March 1 – 31st- WIN \$500 1st prize, \$300 2nd Prize, \$100 3rd prize</p>					