

## Craft Corner

### Spider Hat

Children as young as 2 years old can help make this wiggly Spider Hat.



#### **Materials:**

- 2 sheets black construction paper
- White construction paper or google eyes
- Stapler
- Glue
- Black pen, marker, or crayon
- Scissors or paper cutter (to be used by an adult only)

#### **Directions:**

1. From 1 sheet of black construction paper, cut 2 long (11") strips each 1 1/2" wide.
2. Staple the strips together to make a crown; adjust to fit the child's head.
3. From the second sheet of black construction paper, cut 8 short (8 1/2") strips each 1" wide.
4. Start with 1 strip and fold it back and forth into 1" squares to make a leg. Repeat with the other 7 strips.
5. Staple 4 strips on each side of the crown for the legs.
6. Cut out white circles for they eyes and draw a black center. Glue onto the front of the spider. Alternatively you can use google eyes.

Wear your Spider Hat throughout the Halloween Season!

*We have over 80 ready to make crafts at [www.Calliope-Creations.com](http://www.Calliope-Creations.com).*

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## Memory Lane

### School Year Scrapbook

Now that the kids are back to school, you can start a scrapbook to commemorate the year. Add one or two pages each month including photos, stories, and other notes about things that were fun. For younger children you may want to just highlight one activity or event per month. Continue adding pages throughout the year for a one-of-a-kind memory album for your child. Alternatively, just plan to do one page per quarter and track the child's entire school career! This is a wonderful project to do with your children to build memories along with the scrapbook.



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## The Spice of Life

### Throw a Family Dinner Party

by Luisa Spriggs

Add some spice to your family dinner. Not oregano, salt, or cinnamon, but something a bit more memorable. At least once a month plan to throw a dinner party to celebrate life and family. It's simple. Prepare a dish that everyone enjoys but you don't often serve. (Try our Taco Party on

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## Introducing Embossing Etc.

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have joined the Calliope Creations' team. I have wanted to put my products on the Internet for a long time and am grateful to Susan and Mary for inviting me to join their site, and giving me the little push and help I needed to make that happen.

I have found the web site to be very user friendly. In the Embossing Etc. section you can find embossing tips, my show list, and a full selection of embossing products. I offer over 500 brass template designs and all of the supplies you will need to create personalized cards, stationery, scrapbook pages, and more. To see more detail in a template design, remember that you can click on any picture in the store to make it bigger.

The Art Gallery provides many project ideas. When you click on the sample design, you will find detailed instructions and a list of supplies you will need to complete the project. Each template that has been used in a sample card also includes a link back to the Art Gallery.

I have many plans for the future. I am hoping to expand my line of products to include more background papers, scrapbook supplies, and template designs. I will also continue adding ideas to the Art Gallery.

I am always interested in what you are looking to find. If you have any suggestions for new products or are looking for a design I don't have, I would like to hear from you. You can email me directly at [verlapage@yahoo.com](mailto:verlapage@yahoo.com). And remember to check our site often to see What's New and Coming Soon.

Sincerely,  
Verla Page

## Cards for All Occasions

### Halloween Party Invitations

Emboss your own Halloween Party Invitations. Start with Fold Over Cards with Envelopes in white or off-white. On the front, emboss a Halloween template of your choice, such as the Haunted House shown below. You can also add a border using the Autumn Leaves Border template, or emboss You're Invited at the top of the card using the You're Invited template. Then on the inside use the You're Invited template to emboss all of the details for the



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party, such as For, Date, Time, Place, and RSVP. Use chalks and glitter to decorate your design on the front. Remember to use aerosol hair spray to help set the coloring. You can also add a design to the back of the envelope, such as Three Pumpkins. Enjoy the party!

*For more card ideas visit our Art Gallery at [www.Calliope-Creations.com](http://www.Calliope-Creations.com).*



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## Family Fun for Everyone

### Taco Party Recipe

To have a taco party, you will need taco shells, fillings, and toppings. Just make up all the pieces, call everyone to dinner, and let them build their own tacos!

We like to use the following ingredients:

- Hard shell tacos
- Flour tortillas
- Meat (hamburger or vegetarian burger crumble-  
Morningstar Farms' works well)
- Taco seasoning
- Beans (black or refried)
- Diced tomatoes
- Diced onions
- Shredded lettuce
- Sour cream
- Guacamole
- Shredded cheese (we like Monterey Jack, Colby  
Jack, and Cheddar)
- Chips
- Salsa

Prepare the taco filling according to directions on the seasoning packet. (If using the burger crumble, use one third less water than the recipe says, then mix seasoning, water, and burger crumble in microwave safe bowl and cook for 5 minutes or until warm.) Toast the hard taco shells in the oven as recommended on the package. Microwave the soft shell tacos for 30 seconds to 1 minute, or until warm.



*Check out other free recipes like this one at [www.Calliope-Creations.com](http://www.Calliope-Creations.com) under Free Family Recipes.*

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page 3.) Eat somewhere special, such as the formal dining room, the living room floor, or outside. Decorate with balloons, streamers, or other festive decorations. If you have children be sure to include them in the preparations. Take pictures, dance, sing, and, most importantly, have a blast! Even clean-up can be turned into a party. Do the waltz, a disco move, or surprise them with a little tune from

the latest hip-hop artist. You can do all of this as you put away the left-overs, wash the dishes, and sweep the floor. Now the celebration is complete. That's all there is, there is no more. Another exotic spice to add to your rack.

*Luisa uses her writing to inspire families and individuals to create positive experiences in their lives. Be sure to catch next month's article on ways to give thanks.*

## *A Note From Our Founders*

Children are back in school, the air is turning cool, fall is in the air, and we are looking forward to Halloween. We always seem to feel a renewed sense of family as we move into the beginning of the "Holiday Season." For us this is a time for baking holiday cookies, putting up decorations, and making Halloween costumes.

While Fall is traditionally the end of summer and the growing season, it often feels like a beginning as well. This seemed an appropriate time to launch our new Newsletter. We hope that, as with our online store, you find this a valuable resource providing ideas and opportunities to schedule your time to reflect your priorities, nurture your spirit, and Live the Life You Dream™.



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We're also excited to announce the launch of our new Embossing Etc. product line. In addition, watch for new Halloween Party Packs for both adults

and children. While you can buy party paper supplies anywhere, our Party Packs are unique because we offer crafts, games, and tips to make your party extra special

As always, we would love to hear from you. Drop us a note at [customer-service@calliope-creations.com](mailto:customer-service@calliope-creations.com). We hope you enjoy this new service and this new beginning to our fall season.

Very truly yours,  
Susan and Mary

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## *Quick Quotes:*

"To dream anything that you want to dream. That is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do. That is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits. That is the courage to succeed."  
--Bernard Edmonds