

“CUTE AS A BUTTON” INSTRUCTIONS

Create this hand-made photo prop for Valentine's Day, or any day you are feeling crafty.

MATERIALS

- Photo mat
 - I used 11x17 mat with 8x10 display
- Buttons in various colors, sizes and styles
- Glue
 - Elmer's /regular white glue holds okay for this project
 - Mod Podge or craft glue will prolong the life of your frame
- Paint brush or sponge to apply glue (optional)
- Paint pallet or small cap to hold glue, if using a paint brush or sponge (optional)
- Sharpie or paint pen
- Pencil
- Scrap paper
- Clean up supplies such as paper towels
- Additional craft supplies such as stickers, pipe cleaners, scissors, etc.

GLUE YOUR BUTTONS

- Lay out the pattern of your buttons on your frame.
 - To include the words, “Cute as a button!”, leave the top and bottom center spaces of your frame clear of buttons.
- Glue your buttons and let dry 10-15 minutes.

SKETCH YOUR WORDS

- Use a scrap piece of paper to sketch out “Cute as a button.”
 - Your scrap paper should fit within the frame.
 - Mark the center of your frame with a pipe cleaner or pencil
- Fold your scrap paper in half and draw a line down the middle to map out the spacing.
- Use a pencil to lightly write your words.
 - Pay attention to how many letters there are and how they are spaced out compared to the center line.
 - Practice until you're happy with your letters and spacing!
- Trace your words with a sharpie or paint pen.
- Erase the pencil marks.

TAKE A PHOTO AND SHARE A SMILE

- Drop a bedsheet over a door for an instant background
- Edit your photo using your phone app to add a message

CRAFTING TIPS

- Kids don't need direction as much as they need encouragement.
- It can be cheaper to buy a multipack of mats
- Experiment with colors, textures and shapes



Isn't she as cute as a button!?



Happy Valentines Day! 2.14.21