



## Patriotic Photographs and Childhood Art

Create unique Americana holiday decor by including patriotic art and/or photographs by your children. It's a fantastic way to remember the day every year!

### Flag Canvas:



This is a great project to do at a patriotic holiday picnic with family and friends.



Painting a flag canvas, is one of our favorite activity to do with children (*of any age*). It's wonderful to see how each child views the flag and translates that view into their art.

#### What's Needed:

**Acrylic Paints-** (*craft or student grade*) Red, White, Blue and Yellow/Gold a must.

**Synthetic Paint Brushes-** (*pair brush size to canvas size*) larger brushes work best for this project/

**Stretched Canvas-** (*student grade*)

**Flag Samples-** Photos or actual flags

**Bowl of Water, Paper Towel and Paper Plates**

#### How To Make It:

1. Place a plastic covering over a picnic table.
2. Set material on top. Use paper plates as paint palettes. Squirt paint on paper plate palettes.
3. Set flag samples around.
4. Most canvas has gesso, so children can begin painting without base coating.
5. Let paintings dry. Hang with pride!

## Ceramic Bowls or Serving Pieces:



Ceramic art projects from school also make wonderful serving pieces for entertaining.

This ceramic bowl is new to our children's art collection. It was made by the dear son of a friend. It's an amazing piece as the deep blue glaze is swirled around in the most playful way. A perfect little bowl to serve special sweets on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.



### How To Make It:

1. Road trip to the local ceramic shop is needed.
2. Free formed or molded bowls can be used.
3. Let children be creative with their decorating in colours of red, white and/or blue.

## Patriotic Photographs:



Our photo was taken 1998. A lot has happened since then. Willie the dog has passed, we moved from CA to NJ and the little boy is now 6'4". A wonderful moment in time!

Create unique Americana decorations by framing patriotic photographs of family and friends. It's a great way to preserve memories and add a personal touch to red, white and blue decorations.

### How To Make It:

1. We find our best patriotic photos are somewhat staged.
2. Include the colours red, white and blue in each shot.
3. Flags and seasonal foods can also be included.
4. Because everything is digital take lots of shots. You will surely get a few great ones.
5. Pop photos into a photoshop program to make any corrections.
6. Frame photos. Dollar type store frames work well.