



ORNAMENTS: LITTLE BUTTON FRAMES

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Metal frozen juice lids, plastic yogurt or cottage cheese lids, or equivalent
4” ribbon, metallic thread, or cord
40-60 plain white shirt buttons
25-30 colorful or pretty small buttons & beads

Low temp glue sticks & a glue gun
For the center: a saying printed or written with markers
a favorite image, or
an image cut from a greeting card

THE GLUE

Always use a low temperature hot glue gun and sticks. This glue can be easily pulled off buttons to rearrange, or to salvage the button for another project.

THE CENTER

Cut out the paper for the center of your button frame. This project put a saying on the front and back of the lid. Cut the paper to fit the lid, and glue in place with the glue stick.... or hot glue.

THE HANGER

Select a metallic thread, ribbon or cord from which to dangle your creation. Cut to 4-5” in length, and glue both ends firmly onto the lid. The buttons added later will cover these ends.

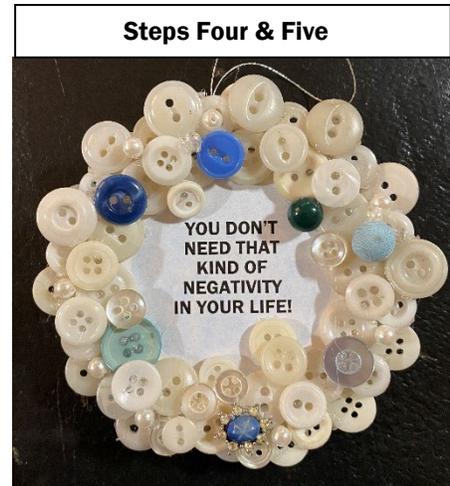
THE BUTTON BORDER, Side 1

1. Glue a ring of buttons on one side, inside the edge of the lid.
2. Putting a bit of hot glue on the rim of each button, glue a second row of buttons to the rim of the lid, placing them between each of the buttons in the first row.
3. Begin a third round of buttons, filling in the spaces between the buttons of Steps One and Two with more buttons, sprinkling in a few colored and interesting buttons.





4. Begin filling the spaces between the buttons of Steps One and Two with more buttons, sprinkling in a few colored and interesting buttons.
5. With the smallest buttons and some beads, fill any gaps that look unfinished.
6. Turn the lid ornament over. Start gluing buttons on this reverse side similar to the first side.
7. Glue a button between each button that was glued to the rim of the lid. Put glue on each side of the underside of each button you are gluing in place, so that it glues the rim buttons firmly together with the buttons you are now placing.
8. Continue working around the lid perimeter, placing the buttons of Step Seven, and the a next layer on top.
9. Start the third layer around this side of the lid.
10. For the final step, place your final smallest buttons and beads, filling in any gaps until you are pleased with the composition.



These personal decorations can be hung on the wall, used as the “bow” on a gift package, given as gifts, hung in a window, or hung on a tree. If a magazine or greeting card image is framed, select buttons that compliment or contrast with the image.

