



Three Home Decorating Crafts to Make Your Table Sparkle!

Whether you are a veteran hostess or novice entertainer, adding a little sparkle to your table can create an elegant look and feel. There are some creative ways to bring unique and classy elements to your table that will have your guests oohing and aahing over your stylish taste and artistic ability. Here are some simple beaded decorations that you can make as individual pieces or as a complete tableware collection that are guaranteed for success!

Beaded Napkin Rings

Strolling through your favorite home décor store can leave you inspired or left with home decorating envy. If you were impressed with the beaded napkin rings that you spotted at that cute boutique, you can get the same look for half of the cost by doing it yourself! Start by choosing a variety of types and sizes of beads. By using larger, more unique beads like glass or [natural beads](#), you can create a more dramatic effect. Spend some time online shopping and collecting unusual beads of different variations, so your creations will be one of a kind.

Materials:

- Assorted colored beads (recommended: glass and plastic beads – 6" to 8" when laid end-to-end)
- Thin wire (can coordinate to match the color of your beads)
- Small pliers or tweezers
- Scissors

Approach:

- Arrange beads in the order that you want them to appear on your napkin ring.
- Cut a piece of [bead wire](#) that is 2" longer than the length of your beads when laid end-to-end. Using the small pliers, make a "knot" shape at one end of the wire, to prevent beads from falling off.
- String beads onto the wire. Once finished, "knot" off the remaining end of the wire.
- Lay the string of beads on a table, centering the beads on the wire. There should be about an inch of wire protruding on each end.
- Holding the wire where the beads end, bring the ends together forming an "O" shape.
- Extend the beaded wire so that it overlaps and creates two rows of beads. Take one end of the wire and wrap it around the opposing piece of wire until there is no more wire to wrap. Repeat for the other side.
- You should now have a beautiful napkin ring with two lines of beads at the top. You can keep them together, or pull to make a bit of an oval shape.

Beaded Candle Holders

Ever wonder how to make beaded candle holders? This fun candle craft idea will enable you to easily transform a basic votive into a sophisticated piece of art straight from the shelves of your favorite store.

Materials:

- Beading wire (available in crafts and discount stores)
- [Wire cutters](#)
- Glass or plastic beads (varying colors and sizes recommended)
- Glass votive candleholder
- Hot-glue gun and hot-glue sticks



Approach:

- Gather a variety of unused candle holders or votive candle holders from the store
- Cut beading wire about 10-12"
- Thread a bead through the wire, wrapping it twice to secure it. String the rest of the beads on the wire, securing the last bead the same way as the first by wrapping it around twice.
- Wrap the beaded wire around the candle holder. You can increase or decrease the length, just make sure to secure the end of the wire by wrapping twice.
- Secure one end of the beaded wire on the top of the candle holder with glue. Continue wrapping the wire around the candle holder, gluing about every inch. Secure the end of the wire with glue at the bottom edge of the candle holder.

Decorated Glass Stemware

You can continue using the theme established with your other [beaded decorations](#) by using the same beads and wrapping the wire the same amount. Or, you can choose to create a new look with new beads and a different approach by using more or less wire to wrap about the base of the wine glass.

Materials:

- Assorted colored beads (recommended: glass and plastic beads – 4" to 6" when laid end-to-end)
- Thin wire
- Small pliers or tweezers
- Scissors

Approach:

- Lay out your beads in the order that you want them to appear.
- Cut the wire to an appropriate length. Keep more wire if you want more coiling at the base of the stemware.
- String the first bead on the wire and wrap wire twice to secure the strand. Continue stringing the remaining beads to the desired length. Finish the strand by double wrapping the last bead as well.
- Loosely wrap wire around the base of the glassware, allowing enough room to remove the decoration, if necessary.
- If desired, intertwine the beaded strand or keep in a distinct coil in case you will be removing it often for cleaning.

Always remember that by using coordinating bead colors and different bead varieties in the different bead projects, you can create an entirely new tabletop collection. With these fun home decorating crafts, you can create a fantastic new look for your next party at home!