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### **Get Creative This Fall!**

#### MAKE SOME DYN-O-MITE DINO EARRINGS OR A KEYCHAIN PENDANT!

#### **DINO EARRINGS**

What You Need:

These work with any small, soft, plastic toy (I've used little fish, butterflies and frogs, myself).

**Jump rings** 

**Pliers** 

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**Earring Wires** 

Drill

First, drill a hole through a sturdy place in the dinosaur with a small drill bit. Be careful with the drill (I use a small battery-powered drill that can't do much damage to skin but works great for crafts). Be aware of how the toy will hang once it's an earring.

Second, slip a jump ring through the hole and close it. I use 10mm jump rings. They are big enough to maneuver around the contours of the dinosaur, plus they are really easy to open and close with pliers or hands. I like to use more than one jump ring, it gives the earrings a more interesting look.

Third, take small jewelry pliers and open the loop on the earring finding. Put the top jump ring into the loop and close it up. And tada! You are done! These are great little gifts for stockings, or to put on top of larger packages.





### **KEYCHAIN PENDANT**

What You Need: 2 Chain nose pliers

Stringing material: Softflex, Fireline

Beads: Firepolish beads, novelty shape beads, 6/0 seed beads

Findings: bead cups, crimps, clasp



I bet you might have a really cool keychain you got on your travels, and only have so many keys that need keychains. This is a great project for those items! First, find a keychain that you love! Use pliers to open the jump ring for the charm of the keychain. Be sure to open the jump ring by twisting your wrists, versus pulling it open. Take the chain off the jump ring attaching the keychain charm and close the jump ring. Now you have your pendant ready! Get some stringing material and an assortment of beads that match or contrast your focal pendant. String the Focal Pendant aka your cool Keychain treasure. Now, start to load up your stringing material with beads. I chose to make the necklace with multiple strands. Depending on your stringing material, you can finish off your necklace by tying a knot, or you can use some

findings to finish the string, then just add a clasp! It's a fun project. Now you have a really cool piece of jewelry that has a special meaning to you and has great memories!



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It's Turkey Time! Oh yeah! Happy Gobble Gobble!

### Crafty Black Book: Upcoming Events for November

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH FRIDAY NIGHT LIBERTY - FIRST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH

Friday Night Liberty is a monthly first-Friday evening of FREE open artist studios, galleries and events throughout NTC Promenade Arts & Cultural District. Free parking. Free Admission. The Freedom to explore, wander and enjoy our growing cultural campus. Be sure to visit the NEW Velvet Klaw Studio in Barracks 19, Studio 203! Starts at 5 p.m. www.ntcpromenade.org/what.php

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH LANTERN FESTIVAL AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMIES

There will be with a broad variety of products for the upcoming holiday season, such as beautiful gifts, handcrafts, and holiday decorations. Children's games, German bratwurst and a lot of holiday food. There will also be a lantern walk.

3035 Ash St. -92102, 4 pm to 8 pm, www.aeacs.org

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH SAN DIEGO ROLLER DERBY BOUT

Don't miss the last bout of the season for San Diego Roller Derby. This month the SDRD Starlettes will take on the Prison City Derby Dames! Tickets are \$12 online or at the door! Doors open at 5 pm, bout starts at 5:30 pm at Skateworld—6907 Linda Vista Rd.—92111 www.SandiegoRollerDerby.com

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH VELVET KLAW STUDIO GRAND OPENING

Come and check out this place. It's a printing & graphic design studio with a great boutique featuring unique items. Refreshments will be served.

2690 Historic Decatur Rd, Studio 203, -92106. On the corner of Dewey & Hist. Decatur, second floor, Barracks 19 Building. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD CRAFTY CONSPIRACY AT VELVET KLAW STUDIO

Our monthly craft get together! Come hang out, craft, craft swap, just get away for a bit at our Crafty Conspiracy. We hope to see you there! **Velvet Klaw Studio, Studio 203, 7p.m.-9 p.m.** 

www.sandiegonorthparkcraftmafia.com/events.html

### FRIDAY- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26-28TH SAN DIEGO CRAFTERS BLACK FRIDAY SALE AT DANCING BEAR

Mega sale for the weekend. Sale will be posted on the website on Thanksgiving day. Gifts for the first 50 shoppers. Gifts with purchases. Mention the Craft Mafia newsletter, get another free gift. while supplies last. <a href="#">135 E Broadway</a>, 92084 760-726-2323 <a href="#">www.dancingbearindiantrader.com</a>