Craftsman's Delight:

a punny array of crafts for Father's Day







Craftsman's Delight

Getting crafty for Father's Day in your group? Absolutely! Let's add a touch of joy and pun-filled fun with these creative, low-prep ideas that help young people express love and gratitude for the father figures in their lives.



YOU'RE A TIE-RIFFIC DAD!

There's something timeless about a homemade Father's Day tie. It may be a classic, but it's still a winner!

MATERIALS

- bright coloured paper
- scissors
- markers
- stickers
- large paperclips
- fabric scraps (optional)
- glue (optional)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

Pre-cut tie shapes from coloured card or construction paper.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Invite each person to choose a tie shape.
- 2. Place decorating supplies where everyone can reach them.
- 3. Encourage everyone to decorate their tie and write or draw a message on the back.

LEVEL UP

Add a large paperclip to the top so they can wear it proudly!



2 HANDS DOWN, THE BEST DAD!

A handprint makes a lovely keepsake—and this one is, hands down, a favourite!

MATERIALS

- small canvas squares or sturdy card
- washable paints
- heart labels that read: Hands down, you're the best dad!
- glue
- marker pens (optional)
- paint smocks or aprons(if able)

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

• Set up a handwashing station nearby.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Invite everyone to roll up their sleeves (smocks if you've got them!).
- 2. Help make a painted handprint on the canvas or card.
- 3.Once dry, encourage them to decorate the space with drawings or hearts.
- 4. Stick on the heart label.

LEVEL UP

Allow older children to use the marker pens to write their own special message, too.



3 DAD ROCKS!

We know it's true, but sometimes it's nice to say it with... a rock.

MATERIALS

- · smooth stones
- acrylic paint
- paintbrushes
- paint smocks (if available)
- Mod podge or clear nail polish
- (optional) glue
- (optional) googly eyes

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Give each person a stone.
- 2. Lay out the decorating supplies.
- 3. Encourage everyone to get creative—writing things like "You rock, Dad!" or "My dad rocks!" Help as needed.
- 4.Add a coat of Mod Podge or nail polish once dry for a polished finish.





4 MUG-NIFICIENT DAD!

This pun might be a bit much, but who doesn't love a personalised mug?

MATERIALS

- blank mugs
- paintbrushes
- acrylic markers or Sharpies
- paints
- stencils
- Scrap paper (for planning)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Give each person a mug to decorate.
- 2.Let them sketch out design ideas if they'd like. You may choose to give them some scrap paper and pencil to plan in advance!
- 3.Use markers or paints to decorate with messages like: "You're MUGnificient, Dad!" or "He-Brews" or "Thanks a latte, Dad!"

LEVEL UP

Use Sharpies to keep it tidy. Painter's tape can help with lines. Try to use dishwasher-safe mugs if possible.





THANKS-CADDY FOR MY DADDY!

This one takes a little extra effort—but it's worth it! Create a 'golf bag' full of personalised thank-you notes.

MATERIALS

- tin cans (soup can size)
- · various colours of construction paper
- markers
- · white glue
- tape
- scissors
- pens
- craft sticks

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Give each person a tin can.
- 2.Invite them to choose a colour of construction paper.
- 3. Explain that they'll be cutting the paper to fit the height and width of the can so it wraps around once. Offer help with cutting as needed.
- 4.Before gluing the paper on, ask them to decorate it to look like a golf bag—show a sample image for those unfamiliar with golf.
- 5.Once decorated, glue the paper to the can. For extra detail, they can cut a strip of paper to glue or tape on as a shoulder strap.
- 6. Give each person 5–6 craft sticks and pens.
- 7.On each stick, they can write something they love or appreciate about their dad. You might offer starter phrases like: Dad, I love when you..." or "Dad, I'm thankful that..."
- 8. Pop the finished sticks into the can—they're the golf clubs in this thoughtful little caddy!

