

Patriotic Decoration 3-5

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Lesson

Whenever we celebrate national holidays here in the United States of America, the colors of red, white & blue are seen all around us. These are the colors of our national flag. There are 4 major holidays when our flag is proudly displayed & the use of these colors are found in many places we visit.

- Memorial Day is the last Monday in May. It was originally called Decoration Day. On this day the graves of the military are decorated with flags. This national holiday remembers all the military heroes who died while serving our country in the United States Armed Forces.
- June 14th is a day to celebrate our flag. On this day in 1777 the flag was adopted as the flag to represent our country as a nation of the world. Although this is not a national holiday, many show their respect for the flag by flying it proudly & showing their red, white & blue.
- July 4th is another national holiday for which we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. This was the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.



On the national holiday of Veterans Day, November 11, we celebrate all of the living military veterans who are serving our country in the Armed Forces. This holiday was first called Armistice Day, celebrating the ending of World War I.

These are the major holidays where we often see our flag & the colors of red, white & blue on display. Do you have any red, white & blue to display? At Resource Depot you might be able to find fabric or flowers or papers or plastic tablecloths or the list is endless in these colors. Look around at home & gather some things to help you create a patriotic project.

Questions For Students

- When hanging your flag not on a pole, on what side should the blue field be seen?
- How many stars & stripes are on our flag?
- Who is credited with making the first flag?
- How you dispose of a damaged U.S.A. flag?

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Materials

- 2 liters bottle
- Used plastic Table cloth-Red, White or Blue
- Star Stickers or any other red, white & Blue items
- Scissors & Glue stick
- Red & blue permanent markers



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Other Learning Resources

Books To Read

A Memorial Day story - *Rolling Thunder*

by Kate Messner

A fun 4th memory - *The Night Before the Fourth of July*

by Natasha Wing

All about Veterans Day - *Veterans Day*

by Meredith Dash

Our flag's story - *The Flag We Love*

by Pam Munoz Ryan

Videos About Quilling

Memorial Day

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xWn2RPr-GhE>

Flag day

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=PMwjjmjwQmw>

July 4th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iloYdCIGkq8>

Veterans Day

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2PqQkskHW3g>



Instructions

Steps in GREEN will need Parents help with



1. Gather all your materials.
2. **With an adult's help**, Cut the bottom off of the bottle you choose (as an idea the bottom part could be saved to create a pencil holder for a Father's Day gift)
3. Cut about 1 inch wide & 12-18 inch long strips from your tablecloths or whatever you're using & glue them around the bottom inside edge. (Any length you want!)
4. Then decorate the top portion with anything you have to make it your own creation (you can use this idea for any celebration)
5. You can hang strips down through the center of the bottle through the bottle opening & have one sticking up to be a hanger. Then turn the bottle cap on and it will close.
6. Hanging it outside will make it a great addition to show your patriotic spirit in your neighborhood. Have a great celebration!



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