

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Happy Summer fun! This is a week to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776. You will see red, white, and blue all over town. We are going to join in this patriotic spirit with a cool holiday art project. It is also a decoration that you can easily close-up and use again next year. Maybe you can make a couple and share the fun by walking around the block in an Independence Day neighborhood parade.



1-Draw lines evenly spaced apart on **three or more** pieces of paper-both sides. These are your fold lines, so the more lines, the more folds you will have. The lines give younger artists a guide line for folding.

2- Color and decorate both sides of the papers with red, white and blue. You can use markers, crayons, paint, or stickers. You can cut out the stars and glue or staple to your paper. For younger children, it may be easier to trace a circle around the star and cut out the circle. Take the first page and fold at the first line, flip it over and fold back the other way on the second line, accordion style. Do this all the way to the end of the page. Do the same to the other papers you have decorated. You can cut out small areas on the folded edges to make a decorative pattern.

3- Fold each page in half. Open it up and place all three pages next to each other and tie the red or blue strings in the middle. Join each page at the edges to the next page with tape or a stapler, leaving one section open at the bottom.

4-Attach one straw to each side of a page on the bottom. Then you can decorate the strings with stars or dots. Hold the two straws together and your pages will fan out in a circle. Fold them the opposite way and you can put your 4th of July decoration away until the next celebration.

Be well and Happy 4th of July-**Ms. Susan**