

Craft Magnets

This is a pretty easy craft that can be used for just about any occasion or holiday.

First here is everything that you need:

These are flat bottomed glass beads that can be found in the floral department of most craft stores. I like to use the bigger ones, they're about 1 in. in diameter. I found them at Target in the aisle with all the vases. They were about \$5 for the whole bag.



This is glass and bead glue, also found at any craft store. It says that it takes 24 hours for it to dry, and they're not kidding. I think it takes about a day and a half for them to be completely dry.

Promag magnets. It has to be promag brand because they are the strongest. You need a good strong magnet so that it can support the weight of the marble.



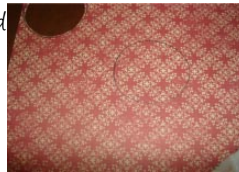
Here's where you get creative. For the design of the magnet you can use anything from pictures of your kids to scrapbook paper, to pictures from magazines.

Here is how you make your magnets:

Step 1.
Place your bead on the paper and decide what part of the picture or design you want.



Step 2.
Trace around the marble.



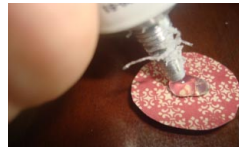
Step 3.
Cut just inside the circle so that the paper will fit the back of the marble with none of the paper hanging over the edges.



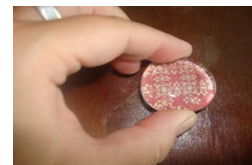
Step 4.
Place a dab of glue on the magnet and then place the paper or picture that you're using on top of the glue.



Step 5.
Place a larger dab of glue on top of the picture or paper.



Step 6.
Place the marble on top of the paper or picture and press very firmly. You will keep pressing until the glue is dispersed to the very edges of the marble.



And that's it. You can make these for Christmas, fall, Baby, whatever you want, just by changing the paper or image that's behind the marble. The possibilities with this craft are unlimited so get creative!