

# Creative Ideas

## Gossip Tidbits

Have you seen the new *Bareroots* patterns? You don't want to miss her new **Candle Mats & Wraps**, especially since

**Barbara Crawford** has done it again! She designed some fabulous jackets made from WoolFelt®. Go to [www.crawforddesigns.net](http://www.crawforddesigns.net) for more information.



WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! **Jessica Peck** of *Sweetie Pie Bakery* has posted a free *Cake Stand Sewing Pattern* made from our felt on her blog at <http://jessicapec.blogspot.com>. She has a few other scrumptious free patterns there too so you can "add a little sweetness to your home, kiddos, and tummy."



In addition to **Tammy DeYoung's** *Santa and His Pals* pillow that made the *Better Homes & Gardens* cover (see page 3), Tammy also created a new holiday pattern combo named *Peace and Joy*. *Peace* is the pillow front design (shown below) and *Joy* is a coordinating door hanger. For more information go to [www.plumcreekcollectibles.com](http://www.plumcreekcollectibles.com).



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many of them feature our new WoolFelt® colors from the *Beautiful Earth* and *Naturally Inspired* collections. Remember to visit [www.woolfelt.com](http://www.woolfelt.com) to find the *Bareroots Color Selection Guide* that lists all the colors for each pattern. Visit [bareroots.com](http://bareroots.com) to order the pattern.



Don't forget to pick up the latest *Crafts'n Things* publication where **Melony Bradley** has four projects implementing WoolFelt® including the cover project (see page 3) and this *reindeer tree skirt*.



**2 Chicks Design** are keeping the new patterns coming with *Mr. Gobble* (see cover) made with several of our new WoolFelt® colors and this happy snowmen *Christmas Tree Skirt*. Visit [www.2chicksdesign.com](http://www.2chicksdesign.com).



## Bewitching Caramel Apples

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 wooden craft sticks
- 6 tart apples (washed, dried, stems removed)
- 1 package (14 ounces) caramels
- 2 tablespoons water
- Favorite toppings (see below)

### DIRECTIONS

1. LINE tray or baking sheet with wax paper. Insert 1 wooden craft stick into stem end of each apple.
2. MICROWAVE caramels and water in large, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH power for 2 minutes; stir. Microwave at additional 10- to 20-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
3. DIP each apple in melted caramel; scrape excess caramel from bottoms. Quickly roll in topping, then place on prepared tray. Refrigerate for 45 minutes or until set. Store apples in refrigerator in airtight container. Apples are best if they are served the same day as they are prepared.

### TOPPING IDEAS:

- Chopped/ground nuts: peanuts, almonds, pecans, or cashews
- Chopped candy: Butterfingers, chocolate chips, toffee bar, M&M's, etc.

**NOTE:** If caramel becomes firm, return to microwave oven for 20 to 30 seconds or until dipping consistency.

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