

# Country Sampler

## Spoon Flower Wall Hanging

Make a happy flower arrangement with plastic tableware, paint and a few rummage-sale finds.

### Materials and Tools

Tag-shaped wood sign

Sandpaper

Craft paint in light tan, beige, lavender, light blue, and red

Short length of twine or rope

Metal, plastic or wood flowerpot

20 disposable plastic spoons

Burlap flower and ribbon

3 twigs

3 pom-poms

Artificial leaves and greenery

Decorative Spanish moss

Paint brushes

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Tin snips, scissors or saw

Foam block

Waxed paper

Floral foam (optional)

### Instructions

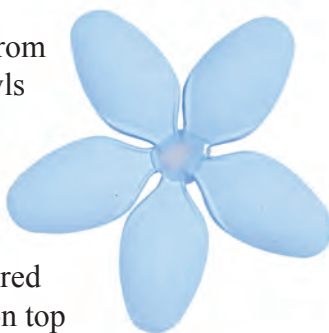
1. Sand the sign to remove any rough edges or glued-on accents. Dry brush the sign with light tan paint and let dry. Attach a hanger by looping twine through an existing hole at the top or gluing a loop of twine on the back.

2. Cut the flowerpot in half vertically using tin snips for metal, heavy scissors for thin plastic or a saw for wood. (A wood bucket that had fallen apart was used for this project.) Dry brush one of the pot halves with beige paint and let dry. Adhere the burlap flower and ribbon with hot glue.

3. Paint five spoons lavender, five spoons light blue and 10 spoons red. Holding the spoon handle, brush paint onto both sides of the bowl and slightly onto the handle. Push the bottom of the handle into a block of foam and allow the paint to dry. Repeat until each spoon has two coats of paint. Let dry.

4. Cut off the handles using tin snips or scissors, leaving about 1/4" of the handle attached to the bowl.

5. Tear off three squares of waxed paper from the roll, one for each flower. With the bowls facing down, arrange spoons in matching flower shapes on the waxed paper. Apply a generous amount of hot glue in the center of each flower, taking care to cover the trimmed handle ends. Let dry. For the red flower, arrange a second layer of spoons on top



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of the first layer, offset slightly so all the petals are visible. Apply hot glue in the center, and let dry. Peel the flowers off the waxed paper.

6. Test placement of the cut flowerpot, spoon flowers and twig stems on the sign. Glue artificial leaves to the twigs. Once satisfied with the positioning, adhere all the elements to the sign.

7. Push a small piece of floral foam into the flowerpot as an anchor, if needed. Add greenery and moss to fill the gap.

8. Finish with a pom-pom in the center of each flower that conceals the hot glue holding the petals together.

