

Decorated Spiral Notebooks

Need a new gift idea! Try some "altered notebooks"?

Scrapbook paper is used to decorate the front and back covers of the notebook and then it is embellished with die cuts, 3-D stickers, letters, ribbons...

Supplies : cheap spiral notebooks, needle-nose pliers, scissors, scrapbook paper, double-stick tape, something pointed to poke small holes with, die cuts, 3-D stickers and letters, ribbons...

Use pliers to bend the top spiral straight out; then twist to remove.

Use double-stick tape to attach the scrapbook paper to the cover of the notebook. Trim.

Use a pointed object to poke small holes through the paper where the original cover holes are so that it will be easier to get the spiral back in the notebook.



To replace the spiral—just twist the spiral back in from the bottom. Use the pliers to bend the spiral back like it was.

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Tie a few ribbons to some of the spirals for decoration, but not many because it will be difficult to open the cover if you have too many.

Safety tip: This could be a fun project for children, but safety glasses and gloves may be a good idea!

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