



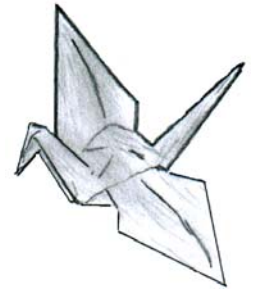
Here’s an excerpt from: “Back in the Good Old Days.”

*Looking for some arts and crafts? You have plenty to choose from...*

### Time for Arts and Crafts

The term “arts and crafts” covers a broad range of hobbies. It includes, of course, the universal pastimes of drawing, painting, and sculpting. There are also a few activities that may not seem so obvious, but have become a favorite hobby for millions of people across the world. Quilting, knitting, calligraphy, and pottery fall into this category.

While these are all great hobbies, there’s another school of thought – if you’re going to have a hobby, you might as well make it interesting. There are plenty of arts and crafts out there that might seem a little “strange” at first. Egg decorating, for example – and that’s not just at Easter time. Many art enthusiasts prefer the eggshell over the canvas, and spend hours painting elaborate designs on a tiny egg. Stained glass is another unusual hobby, though the art is beautifully showcased in many churches. Origami, which is the art of folding paper, may seem a little odd and simplistic. Of course, it doesn’t take long to learn how difficult it is to fold paper to look like a swan, sailboat, or even a dragon.



Many arts and crafts stem from tradition. Someone who enjoys glass blowing, for example, probably isn’t trying to compete with industries that make glass using modern machinery. Hand crafted furniture can often takes weeks to make, though it could be made in a factory in ten minutes. These pastimes now exist for the love of the art, not as a way to increase production.

#### **An Extra Tid-Bit about Hobbies**

*Different types of **hobbies** can be classified in different ways. For example:*

<u>Collecting</u>	<u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u>	<u>Special Skill</u>	<u>Games</u>
Antiques	Quilting	Dog Breeding	Sports
Artwork	Knitting	Cooking	Hunting
Coins	Scrapbooking	Computers	Fishing
Trading Cards	Photography	Robotics	Puzzles
Comic Books	Painting	Writing	Kite flying
Stamps	Woodworking	Model Building	Board games
Records	Sculpture	Gardening	Card Games
Autographs	Stained Glass	Mechanics	War Games

Over the past generation, a new craft has gained popularity as a favorite pastime. It is known as “scrapbooking.” In a way, this hobby is nothing new. It’s simply collecting old memories (*photographs, letters, articles, and other memorabilia*) and organizing them in an enjoyable format. Photo albums have been around since the early 1800s, which is about the same time that the word “scrapbook” came into use.

Modern day scrapbookers do a lot more than put together a photo album, though. They combine

pictures with stickers, stencil, stamps, and a variety of trinkets to truly capture different occasions and memories.

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