

GOOD LUCK!



Sample items from the kit

Just for fun! A big box of Good Luck folk charms from around the world. Includes directions for a variety of art & crafts projects. “Lucky” items from India, the Americas, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe, including some counter-intuitive surprises – (in Great Britain black cats are considered *good* luck). Participants can create their own paper fortune tellers and good luck charms or ponder longer-term ways of obtaining good luck such as cultivating healthy habits. **Note: no crafts-making materials are provided.**

Highlights of this kit: coin-embedded branch from an ancient British “Wishing Tree”, Middle Eastern *Hamza* charm used by Jews, Christians and Muslims, Mediterranean glass “Evil Eye” charm, Japanese pocket fortunes, tiny Guatemalan worry dolls, Mexican *milagros* and a contemporary American “Lucky Charms” cereal box with a humorous analysis comparing the alleged attributes of the crunchy marshmallow symbols to their traditional symbolic meanings in European superstition (hint: not all Lucky Charms would be considered lucky!) Includes the book “Luck: The Essential Guide”, and a binder with directions for various craft activities.

Appropriate for K-12 – Adult

Additional materials you may want to provide: 1: Paper, pens, scissors & crayons for making folding folk art “fortune tellers”; 2: toothpicks or clothespins, glue and colored yarns for making tiny worry dolls; 3: bamboo skewers, colored yarns for making Mexican God’s Eye decorations; 4: Dark Blue, Black, White and Turquoise Fimo or Sculpy clay for making “evil eye” charm pendants, plus a toaster oven and tin foil for baking them; 5: paper scissors and colored pens for creating “magic” paper fortune tellers; 6: a real chicken wishbone, a clear, empty small bottle (such as a vanilla extract bottle) an empty jar and white vinegar for making a “magic wishing bottle” (this is actually an interesting chemistry project that requires sitting for several weeks to complete).

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