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## 7 Graduation Crafts for the Class of 2014

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It's hard to imagine a time when it won't be acceptable to wear your sorority letters daily or when you won't see every person you know while walking to class... or when you won't even have class. But very soon, members of the class of 2014 will turn their tassels and become [adults](#).

Cope with all these post-collegiette feelings with some therapeutic crafting to celebrate this major milestone! Here are the seven crafts you should do before becoming an alumna. These crafts are perfect [graduation gifts](#) to remind you of your school days.

### 1. The Mortarboard Makeover



#### Supplies:

- Mortarboard
- School permission
- Brush
- Acrylic paint
- Fabric glue
- Glitter
- Sticky letters
- Rhinestones

Decorating your mortarboard is the graduation equivalent of a mullet—business in the front, party on top. First, check with your school to make sure you're allowed to decorate your mortarboard. Then, decide on a design—you can [glue fabric letter quotes](#), [add glitter](#) or [bedazzle](#) the top of your graduation cap to add some pop to the pomp and circumstance.

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### Hints and Tips:

For a less permanent decoration than paint or glue, consider putting foam sticky letters on your mortarboard or taping card stock to the cap so you can remove it without damage.

## 2. The Tassel Worth the Hassle



### Supplies:

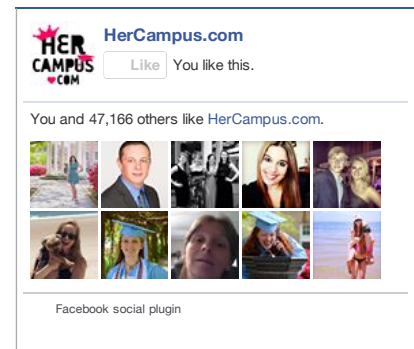
- Glass ornament
- Tassel
- Wire nose pliers (if taking off charm)
- Ribbon
- Glass paint

A **tassel Christmas ornament** is a great keepsake and decoration for your Christmas tree. It's an easy alumna project, but we encourage you to get fancy with glass paint or ribbon.

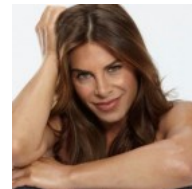
### Hints and Tips:

The tassel can be tricky to fit into the bulb, but by twisting the tassel first, it's easier. If the year charm is too big to fit into the ornament, you can remove it and hang it on the outside. After reapplying the top of the ornament, a ribbon can be tied around it or the tassel loop can be used as a hook.

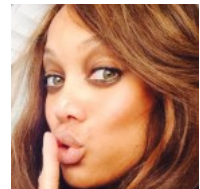
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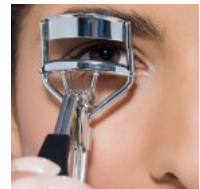
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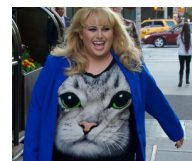


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#### Supplies:

- T-shirts
- Sewing machine
- Thread
- Sewing know-how

Though a large undertaking, a **T-shirt quilt** is a great project to commemorate your alumna status. Bonus: it clears out all that drawer space for real “adult” clothes instead of just T-shirts and gym shorts! It just takes old T-shirts, a little bit of know-how and a lot of patience.

#### Hints and Tips:

A full-size quilt takes around 60 shirts to make. You can get fancy with **color schemes** and **designs**, or you can just make a basic grid quilt.

#### 4. Instagram Coasters



#### Supplies:

- 4-by-4 ceramic tiles



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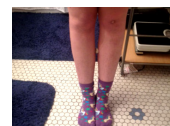
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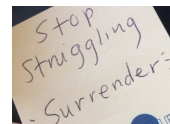
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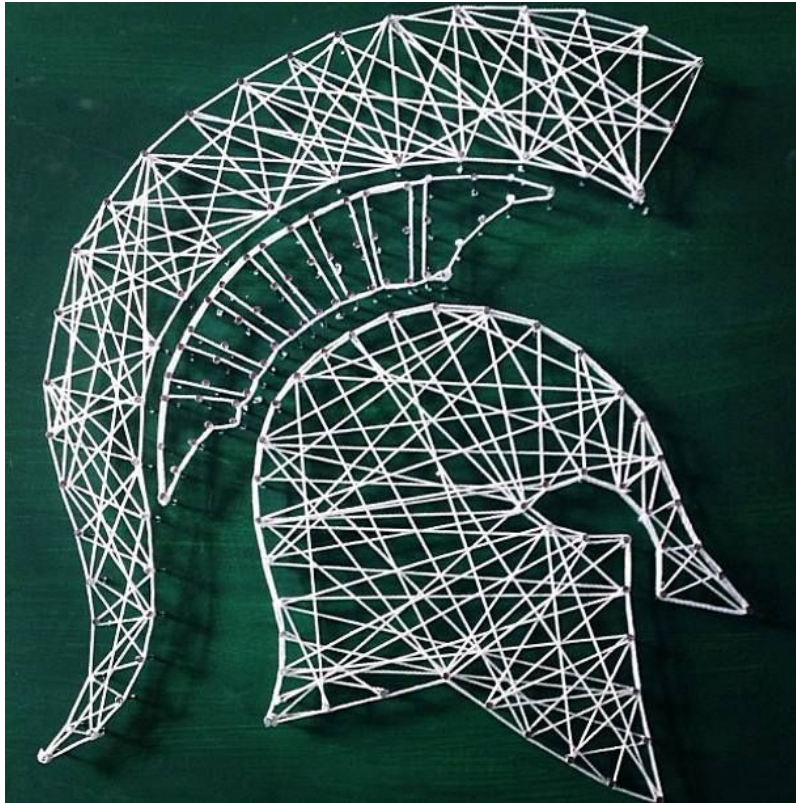
- Printed Instagram photos
- Mod Podge
- Paintbrush
- Waterproof sealant (like Minwax)
- Circular felt stickers

While your dorm furniture didn't require coasters, they'll certainly add some *je ne sais quoi* to a future apartment. Instead of hitting up the mall, make your own coasters that capture the best memories of college.

#### Hints and Tips:

Paint the tile with a thin layer of Mod Podge before pressing the photo firmly onto the tile. Paint two to five layers of Mod Podge over the photo, making sure it dries completely between layers. A thin layer of sealant should be applied 24 hours later. The circular felt stickers go on the backside to prevent scratches.

### 5. String Art



#### Supplies:

- Wood plaque
- Thin gold nails
- Hammer
- Paint
- Thread
- Desired printed state/landmark

**Making string art** of a campus landmark or the state where your school is located with a heart around your city is a nice minimalist way to show some school pride. You can hammer out some of your pre-final jitters with this craft!

#### Hints and Tips:

Consider painting your base a bright color for a fun statement or painting on a wood stain for a more natural look. If the idea of tying the string in a pattern is too much for your finals-fried brain, grab **colored thread and wind in happy abandon** during a *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* marathon.

### 6. Wine and Design





#### Supplies:

- Acrylic paint
- Brushes
- Photo of a campus landmark
- Wine

Grab a couple of friends, wine, canvases and paint and host your own “Wine and Design” night where you paint a campus landmark! Wine and Design is the concept of picking out an easy-to-paint image, popping open a bottle of wine and going to town. Not an artist? Doesn't matter! You have a built-in excuse for not being a perfectionist. Just tell people you were drinking and going for an impressionist feel. This artwork will have memories and more pizzazz than just framing a picture.

#### Hints and Tips:

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**Groupon** and **LivingSocial** often run deals for wine and design and painting with a twist classes if you don't want the hassle of buying paint and supplies.

#### **7. Painted Wine Glasses**



#### Supplies:

- Plain glasses
- Enamel paint
- Brushes

It's time to retire your plastic stadium cups and begin your fancy adult life with your own painted wine glasses! Paint your mascot, school name, monogram or whatever you want onto your glasses.

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