

# idea notebook

Easy DIY, gorgeous herbs to plant now, and an instant living-room makeover

## Get Crafty!

Four clever projects that cost next to nothing

### Ribbon bookmarks with real charm

Jewelry designer Andrea Singarella ([andrea.singarella.com](http://andrea.singarella.com)) fashioned these bibliophilic baubles for just a few bucks each. To assemble your own, cut velvet ribbon (\$1.59 per yard; [mjtrim.com](http://mjtrim.com)) into nine-inch lengths. Purchase ribbon clamps the same width as your ribbon (from \$1.50 per 10 pack; [artfire.com](http://artfire.com)), then use flat-nose jewelry pliers to affix clamps to both ends of each ribbon. Finish by attaching charms, trinkets, or vintage earrings (from 25 cents each; [eebeads.com](http://eebeads.com)) to the clamps with jump rings (\$4.12 per 100 pack; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)).

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