

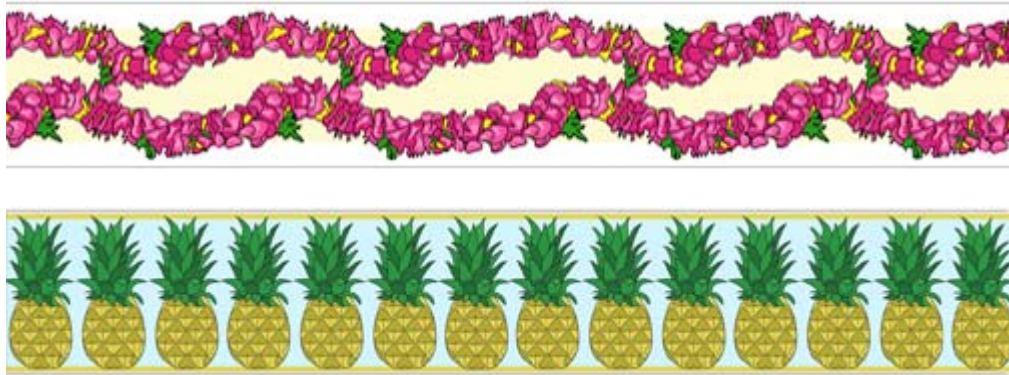
Decorate & Accentuate

Bulletin board, decorating, and display ideas.

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August Bulletin Boards

In keeping with our Hawaiian [Theme of the Month](#), print one of the borders below. Print as many sheets as you need (on 8 1/2" x 11" paper). Cut out and assemble your border along the top and bottom of your board.



In addition:

1. Cover the bulletin board with one of the colors in the border.
2. Drape a garland of flowers across the top of the board and/or attach leis at the corners of the board.
3. Write your theme of the month on banner paper and put it in the center of your board.
4. See our [Theme of the Month](#) page for special signs to go along with the theme. Use them to advertise all of your theme-related activities this month.
5. Use the special theme calendar on the [Creating Calendars](#) page to complete the theme look.
6. Write the names of people with August birthdays on a large cutout of a pineapple.
7. Add other theme-related cutouts. See our [Clip Art](#) page for some possibilities.
8. Post a "Hawaiian Word of the Day" on the board. (Type an English word into this [translator](#) and it will give you the Hawaiian word.)
9. Save a corner of the board for some [Hawaii Facts and Trivia](#).
10. Post pictures and posters of Hawaii. See [Front Porch Travels](#) for some possibilities.



Other Border Options

If you prefer, use one of the borders below. If you select the seashells or sand dollars border, use a "watery" or "sandy" colored background fabric and drape a fishing net across the top of the board. For the watermelon border, use a bright pink or green background and add an artificial vine across the top of the board.



Centerpieces - "Pineapple Hula Girl"

Perfect for a luau or anytime you want something a little whimsical for your table.



You will need:

- A pineapple
- Raffia string
- One 2-inch styrofoam ball
- Brown acrylic paint and paint supplies
- Silk flowers
- Ribbon (long enough to tie around the pineapple and make a bow)
- Glue and scissors

Print a large [PICTURE](#) of the finished centerpiece to get a closer look.

To make it:

1. Tie a long piece of raffia around the "waist" of the pineapple. Make a knot and cut off the extra.
2. For the grass skirt, take 10-inch lengths of raffia, fold them over the "belt," and adjust so the ends are the same length. Do several pieces at a time. Repeat

around the pineapple until the skirt is full. Trim if necessary.



3. Take a piece of ribbon and tie it around the pineapple between the "belt" and the green "hair."
4. Cut a styrofoam ball in half and paint both halves brown.
5. When the paint has dried, glue the halves onto the ribbon to complete the "coconut bikini top."
6. Glue a silk flower at the base of the green "hair."
7. Add a lei or other Hawaiian decorations.

Variation:

Instead of the styrofoam ball, use two seashells.



Display - A Golden Hawaii

This August marks the 50th anniversary of Hawaii becoming a state. Find a corner where you can put a special anniversary display. Cover a small table with a bright floral fabric and stand a sign on the table that reads "Hawaii's Golden Anniversary." Then, fill the table with such things as:

- Jar of macadamia nuts
 - Pineapple
 - Basket of other fruits
 - Leis
 - Hawaiian shirt
 - Grass skirt
 - A ukulele
 - Some seashells
 - An orchid plant
 - Books and posters about Hawaii
 - Some gold accents
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More August Decorating Ideas

Visit this month's [Alzheimer's Focus](#) page and make "I'm Your Biggest Fan Door Decorations" this month.

See [Crafter's Cove](#) and make a "Flameless Craft Stick Lantern."

See our [Ramadan](#) page for the resources for "Making a Ramadan Lantern."
