



# Americana Bells

*The Liberty Bell is a symbol of American independence, freedom, and justice, featuring the inscription "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." Originally the Pennsylvania State House bell, it became an iconic symbol of abolition, women's suffrage, and civil rights. Despite its famous crack, which likely developed in the 1840s, it serves as a global, enduring symbol of the ongoing pursuit of liberty and equality.*



## Supplies Needed:

- (2) Peat pots
- Red, white, and blue paint
- Paint brushes
- Twine (24") cut into 2
- Metal stars
- Ribbon or fabric strips
- (4) Safety pins
- (4) Bells
- Pen
- Glue
- *Optional:* Ink pad with sponge



## Style One - Metal Stars

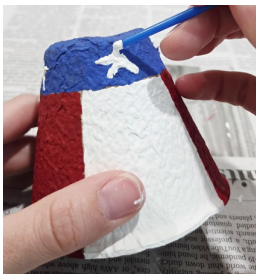
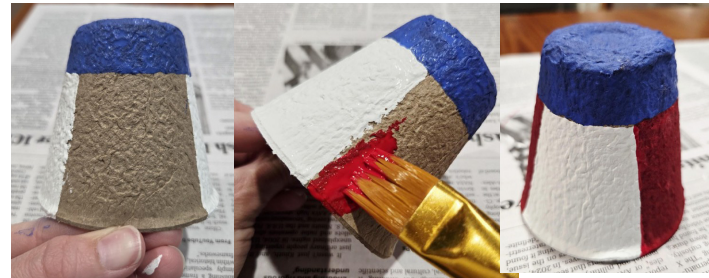
**Step 1:** Use a pen to mark four even sections on the open rim of one peat pot. Think North, South, East, and West.



**Step 2:** Turn the peat pot upside down, with the rim on the table, and paint the top of the pot blue with a 3/4" strip coming over the side.



**Step 3:** Paint two opposite vertical sections white - from the blue line to the rim of the pot. Paint the remaining two sections red.



**Step 4:** Using a fine point brush (or if you do not have one, you can use the opposite end of a small paint brush), to paint four white stars on the blue stripe - each centered in the color block below it.

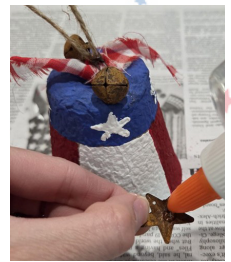


**Step 5:** Poke a hole in the center of the top (I used my pen). Make a loop out of 12" of twine, with a large knot on one side. Feed the loop through the hole from the inside of the pot to create a hanging hook.

**Step 6:** Tie a knot with one fabric strip around the base of the hanging hook. Slide one bell onto a safety pin and attach to the knot. Repeat. You can attach these on the ribbon, or on the inside. You pick!



**Step 7:** Glue the metal stars in a vertical row on one white stripe.



**Step 8 (optional):** Use a sponge to dab ink from the pad onto your creation to make an aged look!



## Style Two - 1776

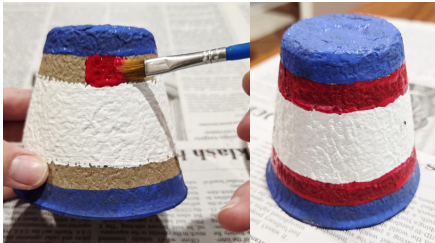
**Step 1:** Paint a 1 to 1 1/2" white stripe around the center of a peat pot.



**Step 2:** Working with the pot upside down, paint a 1/4" to 1/2" blue stripe on the bottom and top of the pot. Fill in the top completely with blue.



**Step 3:** Paint the remaining open spaces red.



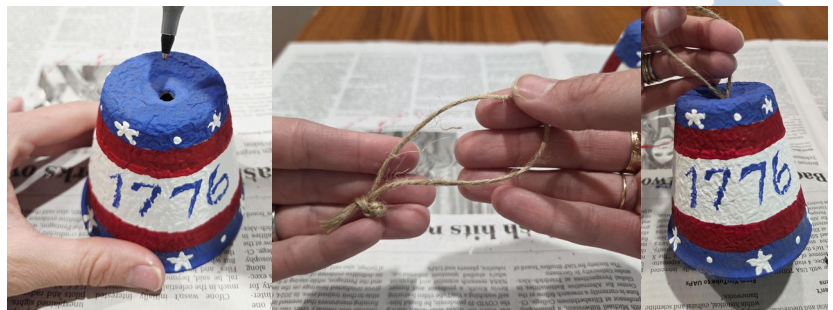
**Step 4:** Using a fine point brush (or if you do not have one, you can use the opposite end of a small paint brush), to paint white stars on the blue stripes.



**Step 5:** Using a fine point brush (or if you do not have one, you can use the opposite end of a small paint brush), to paint "1776" in blue on the white section.



**Step 6:** Poke a hole in the center of the top (I used my pen). Make a loop out of 12" of twine, with a large knot on one side. Feed the loop through the hole from the inside of the pot to create a hanging hook.



**Step 7:** Tie a knot with one fabric strip around the base of the hanging hook. Slide one bell onto a safety pin and attach to the knot. Repeat. You can attach these on the ribbon, or on the inside. You pick!



**Step 8 (optional)** Use a sponge to dab ink from the pad onto your creation to make an aged look!



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