



## Blended Family Planning

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As an estate planning firm, we strive to provide comprehensive planning solutions for all types of family structures. And not all families are built alike. There are second marriages, blended families, children from previous marriages, and with these dynamics comes a host of complicated questions and planning strategies. Do you leave all assets to your surviving spouse? Are you concerned your children from a prior marriage might be disinherited? Are you concerned your surviving spouse won't be adequately provided for if you leave assets to your children? These are not uncommon concerns to have, and we sit down with every couple to discuss their assets, their goals, and their family dynamic to ensure that we create a trust and estate plan that meets their needs at every stage of life – during their lifetime, upon one or both spouses' incapacity, and after one or both spouses' deaths. Call the Law Office of James F. Roberts & Associates today to discuss your blended family planning needs. An experienced estate planning attorney will navigate you through the decision making process and make an otherwise complicated process very understandable and proactive.



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# Sunflower Coffee Filter Wreath DIY

For complete instructions:

<http://smallfryandco.blogspot.com/2013/06/coffee-filter-sunflower-wreath.html>

Here is what you need:

- coffee filters-1 package will do
- yellow food coloring plus a drop of orange (I actually used a combo of yellow food coloring and a bit of orange Kool-Aid because I didn't have orange food coloring)
- Brown terry towel material (an old towel would work for this)
- Hot glue
- Wreath Base
- Something to wrap said wreath base in (fabric scraps or burlap would look awesome)

1. Dye your coffee filters. Let me share a [link to my post on how to do this the super quick and easy way using Kool-aid and your dryer.](#) Once these are dry lay 3 or 4 or 5 filters on top of each other. I used a combination of sunflowers made from 3, and from 4 and from 5 on my wreath. Ones made with 5 filters are fluffier.
2. Fold the stack in half.
3. Cut to look flower like. I trimmed some of mine down before cutting the petals so that I would have a variety of shapes of sunflowers. They don't have to be perfect because you can't tell in the final product.
4. Open up the stack and alternate the layers so that all the petals are not laying directly on top of each other.
5. Put a dab of hot glue between each layer.
6. Cut the flower centers from the terry towel and glue in place. I just roughly cut circles.
7. Repeat....A LOT.
8. Wrap your wreath if you haven't already and then begin gluing on the flowers. Alternate them so they aren't all just directly on top of the wreath, have a few to the sides.





## SHOULD I FEEL BAD ABOUT DISINHERITING MY HEIR

It is not uncommon for one to feel guilty about disinheriting an heir; after all, there is often a reason why this person has been disinherited or is being considered disinherited. However, in our experience, the best way to think about an inheritance is to treat it as a gift, rather than an entitlement. Contrary to popular belief, no one is entitled to an inheritance just by virtue of being related to you. As the owner of your assets, you have the free will, and the right, to leave your assets to whomever you wish – even if they are not related to you. Also contrary to popular belief, you don't have to leave \$1 to the person whom you are otherwise disinheriting. The important thing to remember is that you are in control of your estate and your assets, and only you can determine who can enjoy the gift of an inheritance --because an inheritance is not an entitlement.



## ZUCCHINI RICOTTA GALETTE

For full instructions:

<https://www.purewow.com/recipes/zucchini-ricotta-galette-recipe>

### Ingredients

- All-purpose flour, for work surface
- One 7-ounce package pie crust
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1¾ teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1 large zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese



### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pie crust into a 10-inch circle. Transfer it to the prepared baking sheet.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk the ricotta with 1 egg and the dill, garlic and ¾ teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl. Spread the mixture evenly over the piecrust, leaving about 1 inch of the perimeter uncovered.
4. In another medium bowl, toss the zucchini with the olive oil, salt and remaining pepper. Arrange the zucchini slices evenly over the ricotta. Fold the edge of the dough up and toward the center, partially covering the filling.
5. In a small bowl, whisk the remaining egg with 1 tablespoon of water. Lightly brush the egg wash around the edge of the crust and sprinkle evenly with the Parmesan.
6. Bake until the crust is very golden brown, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes before slicing and serving.

## ***Free Estate Planning Seminars***



We regularly conduct a free estate planning seminar designed to teach about the benefits of creating an estate plan. The seminars are held on-site at our Anaheim office inside of our "classroom" and led by our very own James F. Roberts. We offer light snacks and refreshments to the attendees and the group is often small and intimate, which allows for questions to be asked comfortably and for a very relaxed environment.

Please encourage your loved ones to attend the seminar so that they may learn more about the estate planning process and benefits. We look forward to seeing you and your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors! Please share this event!

**Please contact our office at 714-282-7488 for information about the next seminar!**



We hope that you have had the very best experience with our firm! And we hope that you would consider referring a friend that we may be able to help the same way we helped you! Getting a referral from a customer gives us a lot of pride! It shows us that we did a good job and our clients appreciate us!

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