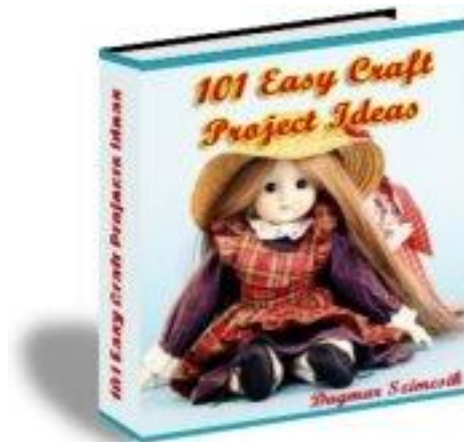


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Quick Bird Feeders

Material Needed:

- Pinecone
- Wire
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed



Procedure:

1. Fasten a wire loop at the top of a pinecone.
2. Press peanut butter between the layers.
3. Press birdseed into the peanut butter.
4. Hang it out.
5. Watch the birds.
6. Refill.



"Leather" Vases

Tear lick-on craft paper into one-inch squares and stick all over a wine bottle, overlapping slightly.
Coat with liquid shoe polish from a dauber bottle.
Allow to dry and buff slightly.



Simple Decoupage

Cut a design from wrapping paper.
Glue to a board.
Cover with clear Contact paper and trim to fit.
Glue a ribbon loop on the back for hanging.

Kitchen Mosaic

Glue heavy cord to a board in a simple design.
Fill in the spaces by gluing split peas, macaroni, rice and assorted seeds.
If you want a color, paint the macaroni with food dye before gluing.



Block Prints

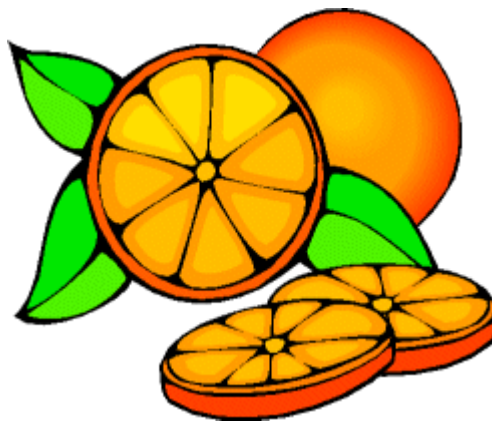
1. **Sponge block** - Cut a sponge in different shapes (stars, ovals, circles, animals...)
2. **Paraffin block** - Cut the design out of a block of paraffin, using chip carving tools, kitchen tools or even Popsicle sticks. Remember that only the high areas will print.
3. **Weather-stripping block** - Stick strips of foam weather-stripping on a wooden block. It will bend a good bit for making curved lines.
4. **Fruit block** - Cut an apple, pear or lemon in half.

Use your choice of blocks for printing.

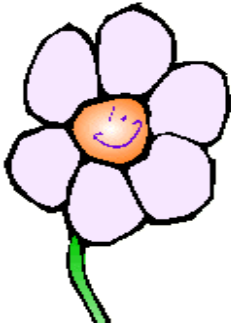
Spread poster paint or block printing ink on a sheet of glass. Dip the block into it and press firmly on the paper.

Use to make notecards, wrapping paper or placemats.

Use fabric paint to stamp on T-shirts, bags or hats.



Plastic Flowers



Bend thin wires into petal shapes.
Carefully dip into dipping plastic called Dippity Glass or Formafilm.
Place in Styrofoam to set.
Gather 5 or 6 petals, twist together and wrap with florist's tape.

Recipe for the bubble solution

1/3 of dishwashing detergent
1/4 cup of water
2 tablespoons of sugar or white corn syrup.

Recycling non-returnable pop bottles transferring them into vases

Collect non-returnable pop bottles and cover them with masking tape.
Then cover the tape with shoe polish to give them a leathery look.

Put flowers in it.



Jeweled Trinket Box

Materials Needed:

- Miniature plastic cigar box
- Assortment of fancy buttons and costume jewelry
- Glue
- Gold spray paint

Procedure:

1. Spray the box inside and out with gold spray paint.
2. Let it dry.
3. Glue on buttons and jewelry.

Suggestion:

This jeweled box will make a nice Christmas present, especially if you put a nice-looking jewelry into it. 😊



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