

December 2009

Many Waters District

Cub Scout Roundtable



Den Leader Hand Out

"There is no teaching to compare with example."
Quote by: Sir Robert Baden-Powell

December 3, 2009

Agenda:

- Thrifty Crafts

In this handout:

- Crafts
 - Make a Recipe Card Holder (cost is about \$.09 / recipe card holder)
 - Make a Recycled Book Mark (cost is about \$.00 / book mark)
 - Make Bottle Cap Picture Magnets (cost is about \$.03 / magnet)
 - Make Paper Bead Necklaces and Dangles (cost is about \$.23 / necklace)
 - Make Toaster Tongs (cost is about \$.03 / tongs)
 - Make Wood things (cost is about \$.02 / item)
 - Make a Clear Plastic Book Mark (cost is about \$.01 / book mark)
 - Make a Scout Dangle (cost is about \$.55 / dangle)

Make a Recipe Card Holder



Materials Wood (we used a 1"x3"x8' "Furring Strip" wood board that cost \$1.15), 1 inch screws, clothes pins, markers or paint, wood glue, sand paper, screw driver, drill with 5/32" drill bit.

Directions

1. Pre-cut the wood into squares (2 ½" x 2 ½ ") and triangles (half of a square).
2. We pre-drilled two holes into the squares. We also counter sunk the holes from the bottom side of the square.
3. Sand the wood pieces.
4. Apply wood glue to the square and line up the triangle with the holes.
5. Attach the two pieces of wood together with 2 screws.
6. Glue the clothes pin to the longest, diagonal side of the triangle. Make sure the clothes pin is facing the correct direction with the pinching part facing up.
7. After the glue is dry, decorate with markers or paint.

Notes

This is a great craft for the boys to do as gifts for Mom, Grandma or Auntie Jill. It could also fulfill a requirement for advancement.

Make a Recycled Book Mark

This has a theme of "Litter to Glitter". We did this activity while we gathered at the Library for a Go-See-It. Since this book mark is made out of recycled laundry detergent bottles, the book mark smells great.



Materials

- Laundry detergent bottles cut into book mark shapes with a hole punched towards one end (we used a automotive thin metal hole punch – it worked great)
- Flat plastic recycled items cut into small shapes and punched
- Recycled denim jeans cut into 10 inch strips
- Stickers
- Permanent markers (Regular markers will wipe off of the plastic.)

Directions to Make

1. Take one book mark and put a strip of denim through the hole and tie it twice, into a knot.
2. Take a flat plastic small shape and tie it onto the other end of the denim.
3. Decorate with permanent markers and/or stickers.

Notes

When cutting the denim, cut the strips wide enough so it is strong enough to put tension on it when tying the knots, but thin enough to still go through the holes. Also, cut against the grain. Cut one strip and pull on it. If it breaks easily, try cutting perpendicular (90 degrees) from the way you cut the last strip. Try pulling on the new strip.

Make Bottle Cap Picture Magnets



Materials

- Plastic bottle caps that have been washed
- Magnets
- Pictures or magazines
- glue
- scissors

Directions

1. Cut pictures or words from magazines, into small circles that fit into the bottle caps.
2. Apply glue to the inside of the bottle cap and fit the cut out circle in place.
3. Then glue a magnet to the back of the bottle cap.

Notes

This also makes a great neckerchief slide. This would make a fun keepsake from an event, a token for inviting someone to a scout meeting or even to pass out at a parade.

Make Paper Bead Necklaces and Dangles



Materials

- Used gift wrap
- scissors
- ruler
- straws
- waxed paper
- paint brush
- white glue
- elastic cording or rope

Directions

1. Cut strips of gift wrap 1 ½ inches wide and as long as a straw. Cover work surface with waxed paper. Place the strip printed side down and use the brush to spread the glue covering the entire paper. Lay the straw across the glued surface.
2. Tightly roll the gift wrap around the straw, like a window shade on a roller, keeping the ends straight. Press the paper against firmly against the straw. Smooth the overlapped edge to make sure it sticks well. Use additional glue over seam, if necessary. Each straw should make several beads.
3. Once the glue is dry, use scissors to cut each straw into beads. Thread the beads onto elastic cording or rope and tie the end together to create a necklace.

Notes

This is another fun project to do as a present.

Make Toaster Tongs



Materials

- Wooden clothes pins
- Regular sized craft sticks
- Markers or paint
- wood glue

Directions

1. Line up one end of the craft sticks with the spring of the clothes pin. The gap between the craft sticks should be no wider than the thickness of a piece of bread. Adjust placement if necessary.
2. Glue one craft stick to each side of the clothes pin with wood glue.
3. Decorate toast grabbers with markers or paint.

Notes

Encourage the boys to decorate on the outside of the grabbers only, as they will be touching food. If using paint, the body of the paint may come off when the grabbers are washed, but the pigment should stay. To wash, wipe off with a damp cloth.

Make Wood Ornaments, Neckerchief Slides, and Other Ideas



Materials

- Pieces of wood
- Hot glue gun
- Pipe cleaners
- Neckerchief slide backs (pvc, plastic tubing, or a pipe cleaner)
- Drill with drill bit
- Sand paper
- Anything you can imagine
- Rubber cement (used to glue photos and paper to wood)

Notes

There are very little directions that you can give, except be creative and have fun. Use things found on a nature hike. Use stamps to decorate. Have the scouts paint a picture. We have made ornaments, neckerchief slides, picture frames (trimmed photos attached to the front of larger pieces of wood), magnets, and paper weights. These are great gifts.

Make a Bookmark To Remember



Materials

- Clear plastic adhesive paper (contact paper)
- Scissors
- hole punch
- memento from an event or place (leaf, blades of grass, evergreen needles, ticket stubs, etc.)
- embellishments such as lacing strings, yarn, etc.

Directions

1. Cut the clear plastic adhesive paper into pieces about 2 inches by 4 inches, or about an inch larger on each side than the memento.
2. Peel the paper backing off one piece of clear plastic adhesive paper.
3. Set your memento on the clear plastic adhesive paper. Press gently.
4. Peel the paper backing off a second piece of clear plastic adhesive paper and lay it on top of the first piece. Try and eliminate any air bubbles.
5. Trim the edges of the clear plastic adhesive paper.
6. If desired, punch a hole(s) in the clear plastic adhesive paper and add embellishments to one end

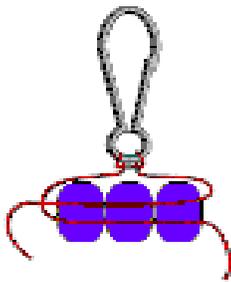
Notes

The embellishments may come out of the clear plastic adhesive paper if pulled on roughly. If using embellishments, consider folding over clear plastic adhesive paper for extra strength, or back memento with cardstock paper.

Boy Scout Emblem Pony Bead Pattern

Materials

- 65 background pony beads
- 39 pattern pony beads
- 2 ½ yards plastic cord
- 1 lanyard hook, carabineer or key chain ring



Directions

1. Fold your cord in half to find the center. Use a half hitch (see detail above) to secure it to the lanyard hook.
2. Lace beads using pattern as a guide. Note that both cords pass through each bead.
3. After last row, tie off with a knot. Add beads to cords and knot ends. Trim excess cord.
4. Consider fixing end knots with glue, clear nail polish or by melting the cord.

