

## Crafts

# Use up excess food containers with junk lamps



Mrs. Arlene Snyder and her daughter, Sharon, demonstrate how junk lamps are made from various household containers. Beside the demonstration lamp is a completed junk lamp painted with flat black spray paint.

By JOANNE SPAHR  
LITITZ - Whoever named the junk lamp wasn't thinking clearly. The title fits in some ways, but the first impression to come to mind is that of old tin cans, scraps of paper, and boxes, etc., slapped together with glue or cellophane. And, although the name arouses curiosity, it nevertheless sets up a stereotype. The lamp has to be what it sounds like - just a piece of junk. Doesn't it?

The answer to that question is, of course, "no," and Mrs. Elvin Snyder, Lititz R3, is the one to prove it. A farm wife and mother, Mrs. Snyder takes care of her husband and three children - Sharon, 12, Scott, 8, and Jeff, 4 - and in her spare time makes crafts for fun and profit.

A creative person, she first got the idea to make the lamps after seeing one which had been given as a gift. After studying it for a while, she figured out how it was constructed.

"Then, I got so excited to make my first one," she says with a good-natured laugh, "that I went out and bought all the junk." Again, what could be so exciting about junk lamps that someone would go out and buy junk with which to make them?

Basically, their appeal stems from the fact that although they are made from "good junk" found in the kitchen such as plastic bowls and bottle caps, they are dead ringers for authentic kerosene lamps from a

distance, and even from close up.

The materials that go into making the lamps are a small plate, small and large plastic bowls, a saucer, a jar lid, an aerosol can lid, a small bottle cap, a candle ring, a candle, and a hurricane globe.

All these pieces are glued together with white glue and

then painted. The end result is a finished product which looks deceptively real.

**Procedure**  
According to Mrs. Snyder, making the lamps is easy and not very time consuming. To begin, start with a plate made from plastic or china as the base. Then, turn a peanut butter jar or small plastic (Cool Whip) bowl

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done - like clean clothes or a scrubbed floor. Pleasant-smelling products also are more enjoyable to use.

Years ago, smells were added to soap to hide the foul odors caused by the chemicals and fatty acids used as ingredients. The purpose of the fragrance was not to please but rather to keep the product from displeasing.

But pure flower oils are expensive. It takes 700 pounds of petals to gather a pound of essential oil. Synthetic smells have recently been developed which could be produced at low cost and in large quantities. Their use has fed

the craze for perfumed products. At the moment, the "back to nature" scents are popular.

Since the late 1960's when a lemon-scented dishwashing liquid was first marketed, advertising firms began to emphasize the pleasing aromas of their products. The smell-that-sells has stampeded the market, especially in the past five to six years.

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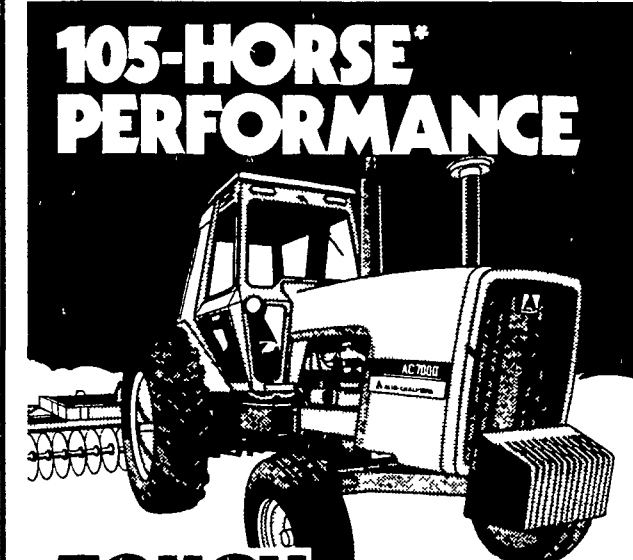


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