

Kids Korner

Crafts For Kids To Do



Need an idea for used Christmas cards? Make boxes. Use the front for the top of the box and the greeting part for the inside of the box.

Shoulder Pad Angels

- 1 shoulder pad
 - lace to go around shoulder pad
 - 1" doll head, wooden bead
 - 6" chenille stem
 - glue
 - gold wire for halo
 - hair curls
 - 1-1/2" x 12" ribbon
 - gold string
1. Glue lace around shoulder pad.
 2. Fold chenille stem in half, glue to bottom of head and glue inside of shoulder pad through a small slit at center top of shoulder pad inside of lace.
 3. Glue hair to top of head
 4. Make halo and place at top of head
 5. Tie a bow and glue to back of angel right below head.
 6. Glue gold string to back for hanging.



This angel is made with a discarded shoulder pad and bits of trim.

Ribbon Spool Snowman

- ribbon spools
 - white spray paint — indoor & outdoor
 - glue
 - acrylic paint for eyes, nose, buttons
1. Glue spools on top of each other
 2. Paint with white paint
 3. Add desired colors: black for eyes and buttons; orange for nose

Animal Trinket Cans

(can be used as gift wrap)

- Needed:
 Safety can opener
 Any size canned goods
 Felt, plush felt, polar fleece, or any other fabric
 Movable eyes (optional)
 Glue
- For the Cow:**
 Felt: white, black, pink and gray (or use polar fleece)
 Fun Foam - pink
 glue
 scissors
 embroidery thread: black
1. Cover outside and top of can with white felt or polar fleece.
 2. Cut horns out of gray felt; sew with black embroidery thread.
 3. Cut outer ears from white and inner ear from pink fabric; eyes, eye lashes, spots out of black.

4. Nose is made from fun plastic.
5. Glue all onto covered can.

For the Frog:

- Felt: green, red, black, yellow
- Styrofoam ball: size appropriate for can
- Glue

1. Cover can and lid with green felt.
2. Cut styrofoam in half and shape by pressing styrofoam with fingers to form bulge of eye; cover with felt.
3. Cut mouth and tongue from red felt. Cut fly out of yellow and red felt. Cut spots out of yellow felt. Nose from black felt.
4. Glue onto can.
5. Glue on moveable eyes.

For the Pig:

- Felt: white, pink, black
- Straw hat
- glue

1. Cover can and top with white felt
2. Cut out eyes, eye lashes or use moveable eyes
3. Cut nose out of pink felt
4. Cut ears out of white and pink felt.
5. Fit straw hat to top of can
6. Glue all onto can

For the Dalmation Dog:

- Spotted polar fleece
 - Black polar fleece or black felt
 - Red felt
 - Moveable eyes
 - Bone for top of can
1. Cover outside of can with:
 2. Cut ears, eye brows, nose out of black felt or fleece and tongue cut from red fabric
 3. Glue all pieces onto covered can

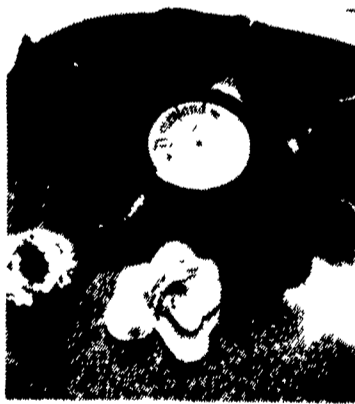
Salt Bank

- empty salt container
- polar fleece
- glue—glue gun
- rick-rack to match fabric

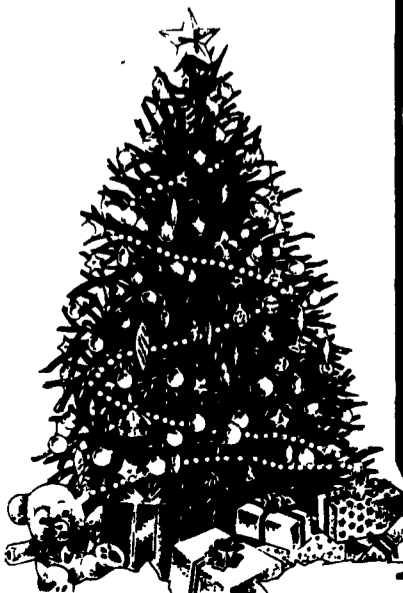
1. Cover top of salt container, removing the metal tab. Cut a hole in the fabric at the opening.
2. Cover the outside of salt container using glue gun to fasten fabric.
3. Straighten the metal spout and glue on top as a decoration.
4. Glue rick-rack around the top and bottom of the sides.



These craft ideas are from Betty Light, Lebanon, who makes them from odds and ends found around the house. For directions for items shown on this page and other ideas, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Betty Light, 1821 Quarry Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042.



Old records can be fashioned into dishes and spray painted in the color desired. Soda cans can be cut into ornaments to decorate the Christmas tree.



Smart Stuff

WITH TWIG WALKINGSTICK

Why recut the bottom of a Christmas tree?
 Pine trees and other conifers have a built-in defense system — oozina, gooey, sticky resin

Resin flows through special ducts that are throughout the tree, from the trunk bark to the branches and needles. The sticky substance helps prevent some kinds of insects and fungi from attacking the tree. And, if other insects do chew through the bark or needles, the resin seeps out over the wound, helping the tree heal.

That's great for a pine tree in the woods, but it can really create problems for people who want their cut Christmas tree to last. The tree thinks the cut across its base is just a giant wound, so the resin oozes out and quickly covers the bottom that coating prevents the tree from taking up water through the thousands of special, short tubes hooked end-to-end in the trunk, called xylem (Say ZIE-lem). These tubes work a lot like drinking straws — water moves up the straw and out to the branches, keeping the tree moist and healthy-looking.

So, before putting the Christmas tree in its stand, tree growers recommend people make a fresh cut, about a quarter inch thick, off the base. That opens up the xylem tubes so water can get through. And, to keep the tree looking fresh, be sure the water level never drops below the trunk. If it does, the resin will seize the chance to coat the base, and the tree will quickly dry out — leaving needles all over your floor!

Scientifically yours,
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