

Nature Craft Project Ideas

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Decorating Easter Eggs - the natural way

Eggs to be decorated may be either hard-boiled eggs or empty eggshells.

The hard-boiled variety is more sturdy, while empty shells are best if you're making an egg tree or want to keep eggs on display for a considerable time.

If eggs are to be dyed, washing in a mild detergent solutions helps to remove the oil coating so that the color adheres more evenly.

If you want to color the eggs the natural way the best is to use hard-boiled eggs.

Simmer the eggs in water for 15 minutes with one tablespoon of white vinegar for each cup of water and your choice of natural material for a desired color.

You will have to use your own judgment about the quantities. More you use, more intensive the color will be.

- For orange or dark yellow use yellow onion skins.
- For pinkish-red use fresh beets, cranberries, radishes or frozen raspberries
- For delicate yellow use orange or lemon peels, carrot tops, celery seed or ground cumin
- For green-gold use yellow delicious apple peels
- For pale green use spinach leaves
- For yellow use curry
- For blue use canned blueberries or red cabbage leaves
- For beige to brown use strong brewed coffee
- For brown-gold use dill seeds
- For brown-orange use chili powder

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Ideas for decorating pumpkins

Cut out eyes or draw them with markers. Put hair on the pumpkins by using shredded crepe paper, or false hair. Fit the heads with hats, pipes, even eyeglasses.

For "female" pumpkins paint red lips, and make big eyes with long eyelashes. For "male" pumpkins draw moustache or goatee.

If you have plastic pumpkins with a hole in the top you can fill them with artificial flowers, autumn leaves or other natural decorations.

Decorating Gourds

Gourds make wonderful festive centerpieces that usually last for several months before the gourds begin to mold. If you are patient and wipe the mold regularly with a paper towel, you would soon have dried gourds that can be used in a variety of craft projects:

- ❖ Cut a large gourd in half to make a bowl to hold potpourri.
- ❖ Create a permanent centerpiece by painting a variety of gourds to mimic their original coloring.
- ❖ Make a rattle painted either with design or with gourd original color. When making a rattle with a stick handle, be sure to remove all the fibers on the inside of the gourd, and add navy beans as well as seeds if you want a sharp percussive sound. Attach the stick with a glue gun.

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Nut Dolls

Material Needed:

- Bag of mixed nuts
- Elastic strings
- Large needle
- Hot glue gun

Procedure:

1. Choose a walnut for the head.
2. Choose the long nut for the body.
3. Choose hazelnuts for the hands and feet.
4. Prick nuts with a large needle so you can run the string through them.
5. Join them with legs and arms of elastic string.
6. If some nuts can't be pricked use a hot gun glue to attach the string.

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Fun and Easy Pebble Craft

Materials Needed:

- Pebbles with smooth surfaces and interesting shapes (round, triangular, flat or egg-shaped)
- Cement or glue
- Strips of tape
- Different colors for painting the pebbles

Procedure:

1. Rinse your pebbles in water and dry.
2. Spread pebbles out on a table. Take each stone in your hand and study it from all angles. What do you see? What does the shape suggest to you? If there is a protrusion think of how could you work this out as a nose, a hat, a handbag, etc...
3. Cement or glue pebbles together to make the shape of desired object.
4. Allow to dry. Use strips of tape to hold pebbles together while glue or cement is drying.
5. Paint object using colors that resemble the subject in mind. F.e. if you wish to turn your pebble into a ladybug, you would paint the pebble with black spots.

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Decorated Shell Jewelry box

Materials Needed:

- Small wooden, plastic, tin or heavy cardboard boxes. (covered with paper-mache and then painted)
- Packages of assorted small shells available from craft supply houses or sea
- White or tacky glue
- Clear acrylic spray
- Paintbrushes
- Water-based paint, thinned (peach, pink yellow o lavender) or gold or silver spray pant.

Before you start - sort shells into types and sizes. Paint the boxes (or have painted), and let them dry.

Procedure:

1. Work out the design for the box before gluing anything down.
2. When design is satisfactory, glue shells down, applying glue heavily in one small space a time so it will not dry out too quickly.
3. When the box is covered, wash with diluted pale color - if desired. Gold or silver spray is beautiful for shells.
4. Spray with clear acrylic to protect the box, give gloss and help to hold shells in place.
5. Let it dry completely. Use as a jewelry box.

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Leaf Prints Crafts

Material Needed:

- Freshly picked leaves with well-defined veins
- Paper or polyester fabric
- Polymer medium, Liquitex
- Acrylic paints (diluted if too thick)
- Paintbrushes: 1-inch
- Brayer or weights
- Waxed paper
- Newspaper for covering work surface.

Procedure:

1. Cover your working surface with newspaper.
2. Prepare the leaf surface by coating it with polymer medium.
3. Let it dry.
4. Paint the leaf lightly with the desired color.
5. Place it flat, with the painted surface down, on paper or fabric.
6. Cover the leaf with waxed paper.
7. Place a weigh on it, or use a brayer to apply pressure by rolling. Be careful as not to dislodge the leaf once it is placed into position.
8. After the paper or fabric has been imprinted, remove the waxed paper.
9. Lift the leaf slowly, and allow the paint to dry before handling the print.
10. The leaf can be washed and reused a few times before it has to be discarded.
11. When the paint is dry, the paper or fabric can be finished by cutting (paper) or hemming (fabric)

Utilization:

This printing can be used to make a variety of items:

With paper prints you can make note cards, place cards, gift wrapping.

With polyester fabric (cotton cannot be used) placemats, scarf, etc can be made

Variations:

Tempera paint and liquid starch mixed to the consistency of heavy cream can be used instead of acrylic paint, but the results will not be quite as satisfactory.

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