



## Earth Day Crafts

### Twig Weaving

#### Materials:

Twigs with at least one fork

Yarn in various colors

Plastic needles



#### Directions:

Start with the warp threads. Tie one length of yarn to the bottom of one of the forks. Wrap it back and forth between the fork, making sure to wrap it twice around each side. Leave about half a centimeter between each warp. Tie off the end of the yarn to the end of the fork.

Cut off a length of the first color you're going to weave with. Tie the end to the bottom of one fork. Then thread on the needle. Start weaving vertically up through the warp threads.

Once you run out of the first color, simply tie on a second color to the end of the first color and continue weaving.

### Garden Mushrooms

#### Materials:

1 round terra cotta pot

1 round terra cotta drain plate

Spray paint, in white, and one other color

White acrylic craft paint

Waterproof clear paint

2-in.-wide round sponge

Small paintbrush



#### Directions:

Spray-paint the exterior of the pots white and the underside of each drain plate in a contrasting color. Apply as many coats as needed for full coverage.

For the dots on the mushroom tops, dip a round sponge in white acrylic paint.

Coat it liberally and then press it to a painted drain plate. Remove quickly, leaving white dots. If needed, use a small paintbrush to fill in any light areas of paint. Let all dots dry completely.

Coat all painted surfaces with a layer of clear waterproof sealer.

To assemble the mushrooms, center a drain plate, painted side up, on top of each upside-down pot. For stability, use epoxy or waterproof outdoor glue to adhere the drain plate to the base.

#### Felt Pinecone Owl

##### Materials:

Pinecones

Felt

Brown pipe cleaner

Glue



#### Directions:

Cut wing and face shapes from various colors of felt.

Glue wings and face pieces together. Glue the wing and face pieces to the pinecones. Make feet from pipe cleaners and glue to the base of the owl.

#### Papier Mache Earth

##### Materials:

Inflated round balloons.

Newspaper

Glue

Starch

Paint and brushes



Directions:

Tear newspaper or newsprint into small manageable pieces.

Cover the balloon with 4 or 5 layers of newspaper or newsprint pieces dipped in the starch.

Let the balloon dry somewhat between layers.

When dry, paint the papier maché balloon to look like the earth.

### **Nature Bracelet**

Materials:

1" Masking Tape

Directions:

Tear off a piece of masking tape to fit around the person's wrist. Place it around wrist with the sticky side out. Go for a walk and find interesting things to stick to the masking tape like leaves, wild flowers, twigs, seeds, pods, etc.



### **Tree Rubbings**

Materials:

Colored Construction Paper

White Chalk

Masking Tape

Directions:

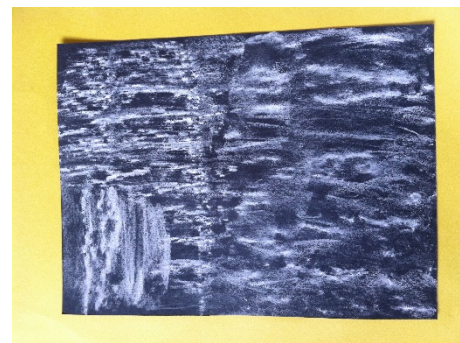
Find a tree with interesting bark.

Press your piece of construction paper against its bark.

Tape the paper in place.

Rub lightly on the construction paper with chalk.

Remove the tape.



## Bottle Cap Magnet

### Materials:

Metal bottle caps

Clear casting resin

Tiny photo of a special person or an interesting magazine picture

Glue

Small magnets

Glue gun



### Directions:

Cut photos to fit the inside of the bottle cap.

Glue the photo to the inside of the bottle cap.

Following manufacturer's instructions for clear casting resin, fill each bottle cap to the rim. Let dry overnight.

Attach magnets to back of bottle cap using a glue gun.

## Recycled Magazine Picture Puzzle

### Materials:

Card stock (or use recycled cereal boxes)

Magazine pictures

Glue

Scissors

Ziploc bag



### Directions:

Choose an interesting picture

Glue picture to card stock. Let dry.

Cut the picture into a puzzle.

Store each puzzle in a Ziploc bag.

## **Craft Carry All**

### **Materials:**

Empty Six-Pack Holder

Contact Paper or Duct Tape

### **Directions:**

Cover six pack holder with vinyl cut in 2" irregular pieces. Lay overlapping pieces until six pack holder is completely covered.

Decorate with stickers or cut out your own shapes from duct tape to stick on.

Use the sections to hold crafting items such as glue, pencils, scissors, and brushes.



## **Recycled Robots**

### **Materials:**

Any recycled items—cereal boxes, milk cartons, yogurt containers, bottles etc.

Glue

Small items for adornment, such as buttons, pasta, bottle caps

Silver paint

### **Directions:**

Gather together all items to create robot.

Start with a larger box for the body. Glue small boxes or other items to the body to make a head, arms, and legs. Glue the smaller items to the robot to create facial features, knobs, dials etc. Allow glue to dry.

Paint the entire robot with silver paint.



## **Milk Carton Bird Feeder**

### **Materials:**

Empty quart-sized cardboard or plastic milk carton

Scissors

String or cord

Hole punch or pencil

Bird seed





### Instructions:

Cut a hole in the bird feeder big enough so a bird could come and sit and eat the feed, but not too big or the carton will become unstable.

Cut a hole using the hole punch in the top of the milk carton and put a string through the hole. Tie a knot in the string.

Fill the carton with bird seed until it reaches the top of the hole.

Hang the carton outside on a tree branch and watch the birds enjoy their snack!

### Recycled Paper Cup Weaving

#### Materials:

Recycled plastic containers (yogurt, party cups, sour cream)

Scissors

Yarn, strips of fabric, or embroidery thread



#### Directions:

Cut an odd number of cuts down the edge of the container.

Select the material you want to weave with and tie it on one of the sections in the inside. Then start weaving in and out of the different sections. When it's time to switch colors or material, just knot the two ends together on the inside. Continue right up to the rim.

### Picture Sketch

#### Materials:

Magazine or calendar pictures

White sketch paper

Scissors

Glue stick

Pencil

Water color or colored pencils



### Directions:

Measure the picture and cut the white paper so it is the same as the picture. Cut the picture into vertical strips. Lay out the strips on the white paper. Decide which strips to remove. Use a glue stick to glue the remaining strips in place. Use a pencil to sketch in the gaps. Use water color paints or pencils to finish the picture.

## Earth Day Batik

### Materials:

12 inch square of cotton cloth

Wax paper

Gel glue

Acrylic paint



### Directions:

Use a round bowl to trace the shape of the earth on cloth lightly with a pencil. Draw the rest of your design. Once you have traced out the rest of your design in pencil go over your lines with the gel glue. Any areas you want to stay white fill in with the gel glue. Let dry for 24 hours. Use acrylic paint mixed with a little water to paint your design. Let the paint dry. When the paint is dry, soak the cloth in very warm/hot water for about 30 minutes to wash away the glue. Let dry.