

Crafty Critters:



"Crafts to Go"

Hello fellow Crafter!

We are very excited to share some of our best crafts with you. We know how busy the days get, and how important it is to be prepared with crafts for the kids. Bored children are a disaster waiting to happen!

We have put our cream of the crop from www.easy-crafts-for-kids.com together for you. Each of these crafts has been hand created by our Crafty Critters.

We've made these all very simple to print out. Each craft will print, perfectly formatted on one page. This is a preview of our full Crafty Critters: Crafts to Go ebook. If you want to check out our full version, with 100 of our best crafts we have posted about it: www.easy-crafts-for-kids.com/crafty-critters-crafts-to-go.html

We are always, ALWAYS coming up with new crafts and these are just the tip of the iceberg. Be sure to always come and check back with our Crafty Critters to see what new ideas they are coming up with.

We hope you enjoy!

Let's get crafting!

Sincerely,

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This part is a little dry, but it is important information.

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Paper Roll Polar Bear



We have created a fun and fuzzy polar bear from a simple paper roll. This is a great craft to help teach about the animals of the North Pole.

Suggested Age Group: 4+ years old

Time to Complete: 30 – 45 minutes

Supplies Needed: Empty toilet paper roll, White, black and pink construction paper, Googly eyes, Cotton balls (approx. 10), Glue and Scissors

Step #1: With your construction paper create the following: 1 large white circle, 3 medium sized white circles, 2 medium sized pink circles (slightly smaller than the medium white ones), 1 small pink circle and 1 small black circle.

Step #2: Take all of the circles you just made and glue them together to make your bear's face. Add your googly eyes once the face is in place. Set this aside for now.

Step #3: With another piece of white paper, measure out a piece that will wrap almost completely around your toilet paper roll. Fold it in half. Cut out a paw shape. Unfold and set it aside.

Step #4: With more white paper, cut out a heart shaped piece. Make sure this piece is large enough that the bottom of your toilet paper roll will fit within the bottom of the heart shape.

Step #5: Take your cotton balls and stretch them out until they are stringy pieces. Glue these all over your toilet paper roll, covering it completely.

Step #6: On one end of your toilet paper roll (body of the polar bear) cut two slits about an inch long. Make sure these slits are directly across from one another. Take the polar bear head you set aside and slide it into the slits.

Step #7: Take your bear paws that you had aside and put glue in the center of it. Make sure you do not glue on the paw areas. Place this on the rear of the bear so the paws wrap around to the front side.

Step #8: Take the heart shape you made and glue it to the bottom of the toilet paper roll.



Handprint Turkey



This turkey can be used as a decoration of its own, or added to a piece of paper or banner. To make sure it is safe when it is packed away every year, you can always laminate it too.

Suggested Age Group: 4+ years old

Time to Complete: 30-45 minutes

Supplies Needed: Construction paper, marker, glue, scissors, pencil

Step #1: Using a piece of brown paper cut out a peanut shape. Make one half of your peanut shape a little fatter than the other. This will be your turkey's body.

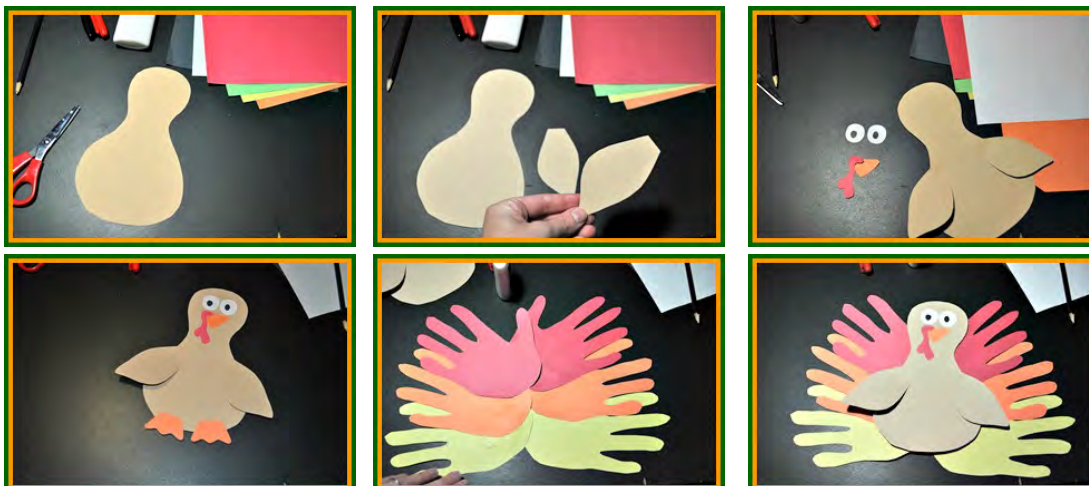
Step #2: Out of the same brown paper, cut out two equally shaped wings. Glue one on each side of your turkey's body. Slightly bend each one outward so your turkeys' wings stick out a little bit.

Step #3: Cut two eyes out of white paper, using your black marker to draw in the pupils. Make bigger eyes to give your turkey a more cartoon look. Using orange paper cut out a triangle for its beak. Finally, using red construction paper cut out a wattle. *Note: A wattle is the piece of red skin that hangs around the turkeys' beak.* Once these are all cut out, glue them in place.

Step #4: Using the same orange paper as you did for your beak, cut out two equally sized feet. Glue them in place.

Step #5: Trace your hands 8 times. Use red, orange, yellow construction paper - creating two hands from each color. Cut out these eight hand prints. Lay out the prints with the thumbs facing upward, three on each side (one of each color). Glue these together.

Step #6: Glue your turkey body in the middle of your hand prints.



Santa Treat Bag



Fill this Santa's sack treat bag full of goodies and it can be given as a gift to a teacher or friend. It can also be used as a centerpiece for Christmas supper. Or, why not have one on your coffee table.

Put out a few, filled with your favourite treats. It keeps the treats within arms reach!

Suggested Age Group: 5+ years old

Time to Complete: 45 minutes (plus overnight drying)

Supplies Needed: newspaper, bowl, water, red paint, paint brush, glue, scissors, cotton balls, balloon

Step #1: Let's start with the paper mache.

- Mix a bowl of 1/2 water 1/2 glue.
- Cut up a bunch of newspaper into squares.
- Blow up your balloon (make it the size you would like your bag).
- Dip a piece of newspaper into the glue mixture, and then place it on the balloon.
- Repeat this process until the balloon is completely covered.
- Let it dry overnight.
- Once dry, pop the balloon and discard it.

Step #2: Pain the entire paper mache ball with red paint. You may need to apply a few coats to cover up the newspaper. Another trick is to use white paper for your paper mache instead of newspaper.

Step #3: Cut out a circle at the opening of your ball (this is where you pulled the balloon out).

Step #4: Pull apart a few cotton balls. Stretch them out until they look like strings of cotton. Dab glue all around the edge of the opening. Glue cotton all around the opening.



Fall Wind Chime



We've got some easy fall crafts that you can use the nature of fall to make pretty decorations. To make these wind chimes, you will re-create the scenery you see on your fall walks.

Suggested Age Group: 3+ years old

Time to Complete: 30-45 minutes (plus drying times)

Supplies Needed: Tin can, Paint, String, Two walnuts, Bead, Glue, Scissors

Step #1: Paint your tin can with a base color. We have chosen yellow as a nice bright base. Set the can aside to allow your base coat to dry. You may need a few coats for an even color.

Step #2: Glue the two walnuts to a piece of string. We used hot glue for a sturdy hold. Make the string long enough that one walnut hangs slightly out of the bottom of the tin can.

Step #3: Decorate the can as you like. We chose to fill it with fall colored leaves.

Step #4: Punch a hole in the top of the can. You can have a parent drill a hole, or carefully use some scissors. Thread the end of your stringed walnuts through the hole.

Step #5: Place a bead where you want the string to stay. Glue that bead in place so the can stays at this length. You can also add a bead to the inside of the can, rather than glue the two together.



Pinecone Christmas Tree



Fun and easy Christmas crafts for kids that will help you turn tiny pinecones into mini Christmas trees! These can be placed on tables, or desks - give one to your mom or teacher for their desk!

Suggested Age Group: 6+ years old

Time to Complete: 60 minutes

Supplies Needed: Pinecone, paint (green & white), paint brush, glitter glue or paint, regular glue, pipe cleaners

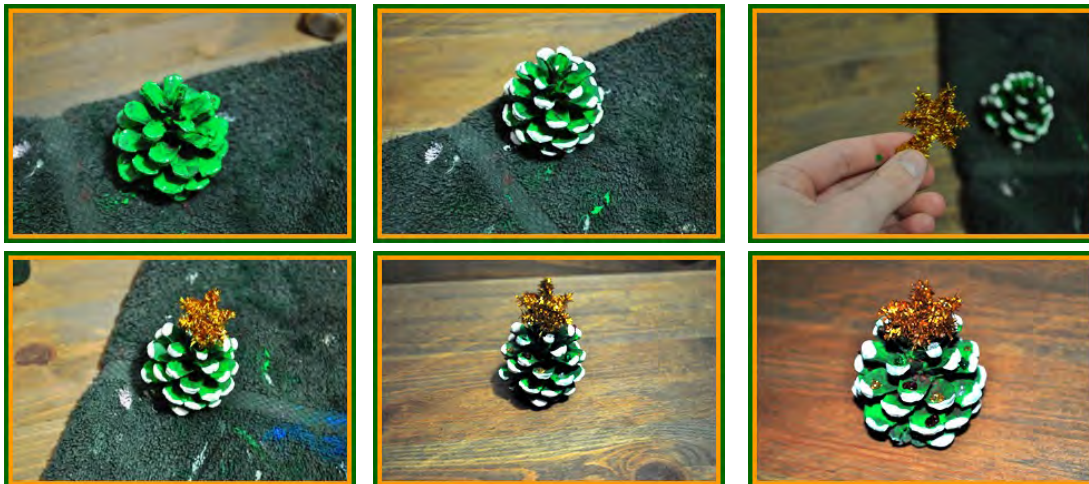
Step #1: Paint your entire pinecone with the green paint. Allow it to dry. While it dries you can start to decorate the real Christmas tree, or start your letter to Santa.

Step #2: Once the green paint has dried, apply white paint to the tip of each leaf of the pinecone. This gives a look of snow on the ends of the branches. Again, let it dry.

Step #3: With a pipe cleaner (which ever color you prefer) create a star shape for the top of your tree.

Step #4: Once your white paint has dried, place the star on the top of your tree. Twist the pipe cleaner around a top branch to secure it in place.

Step #5: Using the glitter, create little balls all over the branches. Allow this to dry.



New Year's Noisemakers



Re-create these New Year's crafts for kids to make your very own noisemakers. They will even come with a surprise treat to enjoy after the stroke of midnight!

Suggested Age Group: 4+ years old

Time to Complete: 15-30 minutes

Supplies Needed: Two Styrofoam cups, glitter paint, paint brush, glue, pipe cleaners (sparkly preferred), scissors and a surprise treat (like skittles)

Step #1: Paint your glitter glue all over both of your cups. We managed to find a glitter with all different sizes of

sparkles in it. Works great for the occasion!

Step #2: Take your pipe cleaners and cut them all in equal halves. This way each end of your noisemaker will have the same colors and lengths of pipe cleaners.

Step #3: Twist all of your pipe cleaners into a bundle. Twist the end together tight enough so it is about the size of one pipe cleaner. Twirl each end with your finger or a pen.

Step #4: Using the tips of your scissors (carefully) punch a hole in the bottom of each cup. Place each of your pipe cleaner bunches into each hold.

Step #5: Bend the pipe cleaners on the inside of the cup, so they will stay in place. Fill with your surprise treat. Glue the two cups together.

Don't forget the surprise: Once the clock hits 12:01 and the New Year's has officially started, break your noisemaker apart and enjoy a little surprise treat! Make one of these for all of your guests. This way everyone has a surprise awaiting them in the next year.



Valentine's Love Cup



The love is in the air with these easy valentine crafts for kids and our love cup crafts. What's a love cup? Follow the steps below to find out!

Suggested Age Group: 4+ years old

Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Supplies Needed: Styrofoam, or paper cup, red paint, paint brush, red, pink and white construction paper, glue, black marker and scissors

Step #1: Paint the entire outside of your cup red, with your paint. Add more than one coat if needed. Set this aside to dry.

Step #2: Cut out one inch strips of pink paper. This will be for your arms and legs. You will need two for the arms, and four for your legs.

Step #3: Create accordions out of each strip. Set two aside for your arms. With the other four of them, glue two of them together, for each leg.

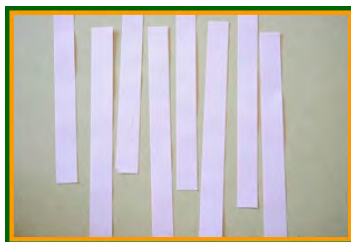
Step #4: Cut out hands and feet from the red construction paper. Make sure the size is proportional to your legs and cup.

Step #5: Cut two circles out of white paper, and two hearts out of pink paper. Glue the hearts into the center of the circles, to make your eyes. Cut out a half moon shape for your mouth, using the black marker draw some teeth.

Step #6: Glue a hand onto each of your shorter strips of paper. (The one's you set aside for arms) Glue the feet to the two longer strips (your legs).

Step #7: Glue your eyes and mouth onto your body (or cup). Make sure the cup is upside down. It will sit better this way. You could also use it right side up and fill it with a treat.

Step #8: Glue on your arms and legs.



Easter Bunny Cup



Fun and free Easter crafts for kids to give you a unique way to give your friends and family treats this Easter. The Easter bunny gives you treats every year. This year fill this Easter bunny treat cup with a tasty gift for others.

Suggested Age Group: 3+ years old

Time to Complete: 30-45 minutes

Supplies Needed: Paper or Styrofoam cup, Construction paper (white and pink), Cotton ball, Pom pom (red or pink), Black marker, Scissors, Glue

Step #1: Fold a piece of white paper in half. Cut out bunny ear shapes, but be sure to keep the bottom section of them attached.

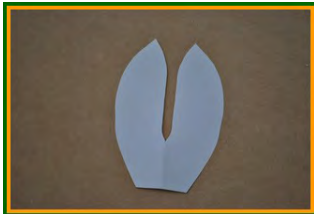
Step #2: Cut out two pink pieces shaped like your ears, just a little bit smaller. Glue these inside the ears.

Step #3: Using your black marker, draw two large eyes on the cup. Make sure to leave a bit of space below them for your Easter bunny's nose.

Step #4: Cut the cotton ball in half. Glue each half side by side below your eyes.

Step #5: Glue your pom pom in the center of the two cotton balls.

Step #6: Glue your ears to the opposite side as your face. Make sure the section that is attached is hidden behind the cup.



Sunny Handprints



These FREE summer crafts are great for all ages. They do not involve very many materials. All you need is a paper plate, paint, construction paper and your hands. A very hands on craft, and each one will have a different personality because no one's hands are the same shape and size.

Suggested Age Group: 3+ years old

Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Supplies Needed: Paper plate, Construction paper (orange and yellow in color), Pencil, Scissors, Markers or Paint, Glue,

Your hands

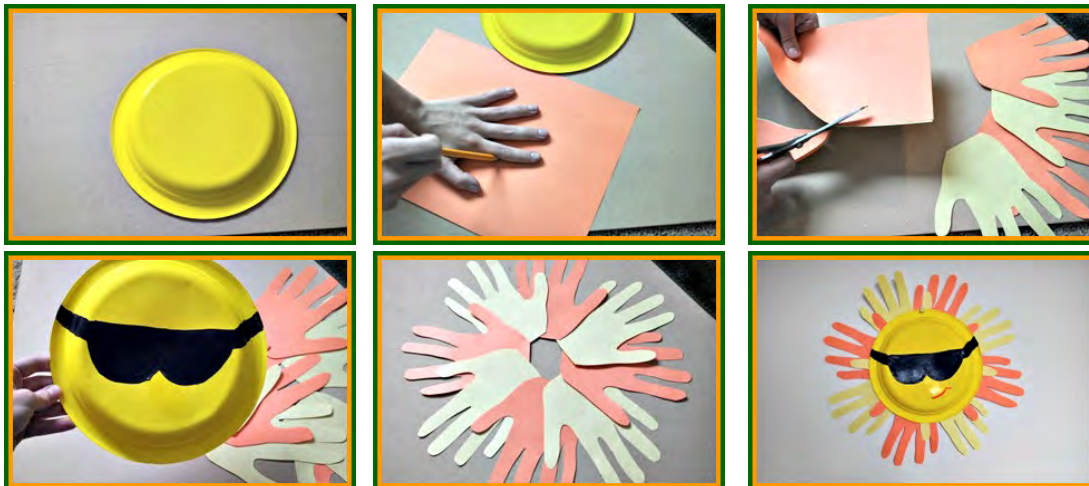
Step #1: Color or paint the paper plate to the color you want your sun. Most of the time, unless you want to be creative, the sun will be yellow. Once it is all painted, set it aside to dry.

Step #2: Take the orange and yellow construction paper and trace your hand print onto each paper 4 times. These 8 hands will be your sun rays.

Step #3: Cut out all of your hand prints. If younger children have an adult or older sibling cut these out.

Step #4: Using markers or paint, decorate a face onto your sun. For our example, we gave our sun some cool shapes.

Step #5: Lay out your handprints in a circle, they will cover all the way around the sun face you created. Glue all the hand prints around the sun face. Alternate the yellow and orange hand prints.



Cone Witch



Using these easy Halloween crafts instructions you can create a whimsical witch that looks great as a decoration on the table or your front step. She's nice and easy to create and uses just a few simple supplies - some construction paper, scissors and glue.

Suggested Age Group: 5+ years old

Time to Complete: 30 minutes

Supplies Needed: Construction Paper, Scissors, Glue, Markers, Googly Eyes

Step #1: Cut out two lengths of white or green construction paper of the same length. To add some flair to her leggings, use a red marker and draw stripes down the lengths of her legs.

Step #2: Cut out 2 black boots, from the construction paper, and glue each to the bottom of the legs. Set these aside for later.

Step #3: Take a piece of black construction paper. Cut out a half moon shape. Roll it into a large cone and glue it in place.

Step #4: Cut out a half moon of peach construction paper. In the center draw a face for your witch. Add your googly eyes to your face too. Glue this around the cone about 1/3 of the way down.

Step #5: Cut a stripe of green construction paper long enough to wrap around the head of your witch. Cut vertical stripes all around the strip for her hair. Use a pen or pencil to curl the hair. Cut out a circle from black construction paper for the hat brim. Cut a circle out of the center of your hat brim so it will slide over the cone and sit above your witches face.

Step #6: Cut out a belt buckle from yellow construction paper and glue it below you face. Glue your hat in place. Glue your legs to the bottom of the cone.

