

SCOUTS-L

CRAFTS FOR CUBS

Date: Thu, 27 Oct 1994 07:52:03 -0500
From: Barb Stephens <bsteph@creighton.edu>
Subject: Re: Ideas/Access

Lisa put out a call for more ideas, especially regarding crafts. Besides the den games I picked up at our Pow Wow, I attended a very good demo on den crafts. There were no written instructions, but the presenter showed and quickly explained each item she brought. I only got about 2/3 of them down on paper, and the instructions are a bit sketchy, but hopefully some of you can figure them out.

The BEAUTY of 90% of these crafts is that I believe they truly can be done by any Cub Scout (7, 8, 9 years). I have found that some crafts that appear to be simple in style still require a lot of coordination, and I have had to help more than I intended. Anyway, here are some ideas:

Holiday Crafts

- * Tacky Glue is better for crafts than hot glue, which boys can easily get hurt using; it's thicker and tackier than Elmer's Glue and dries quickly.
- * "Eyes" are those little "bubbles" with a free moving black spot in them; they come in varying sizes.

HALLOWEEN

Cottonball Ghost Pin

Pull/manipulate one cotton ball into a ghost shape and glue two "eyes" to it. Use a looped piece of masking tape (rolled sticky side out) to attach to clothes.

Halloween Candles

#1: Glue two "eyes" to a candle (votive, 4", 6", etc.). Can add a small black circle for the mouth.

#2: Melt some paraffin inside a can placed in a pan of hot water (on the stove). Paint the melted paraffin over a leaf onto a candle. Tie appropriate ribbon around base of candle.

Pumpkin Pencil Topper

Use black pipe cleaner to make jack-o-lantern face on a 1"-2" diameter orange pom-pom. Glue to top of a pencil.

Spider Mobile

Cut one black pipe cleaner into four equal lengths. Push all 4 through one black (large holed) bead, centering the bead on the pipe cleaners. Spread and bend the legs to look like a spider. Make enough spiders to place about 2-3" between spiders as they hang from a ring. Attach spiders using yarn to a 4-6" diameter ring (wood, plastic, paper plate, etc). Use "loose" cotton to spread a web-like haze over top of ring and down some of the yarns. Use three pieces of yarn or ribbon to make "hanger."

Lollipop Ghost

Insert stick of a "dum-dum" lollipop into a large (1") gumdrop. Cover sucker part with a white kleenex. Form "head" by wrapping a rubberband over the kleenex just under the sucker. Draw a face on the ghost's head.

Miniature Pumpkin

Use a black magic marker to draw a face on a small (3-6" diameter) pumpkin.

Centerpieces

Use artificial autumn leaves and/or small ears of Indian corn grouped with a few miniature pumpkins, or a few lollipop ghosts, etc. for a centerpiece.

CHRISTMAS

Milkweed Pod Ornament

Cover a milkweed pod (pear shaped) with foil. Glue a fluffed piece of cotton inside bottom and add a miniature ornament (deer, sleigh, Santa) or a cut-out from a card. Hang with an ornament hanger.

Rope Wreath

Cut a piece of coiled jute rope about 12-24" long (1/2 - 1" diameter rope; the larger the diameter of rope, the longer the rope can be). Tie ends together with thin, pliable wire. Add ribbon wrapped around rope (leaving much rope visible). Make a bow out of ribbon, and/or add small Christmas decorations glued to rope.

Collector's Plates

Cut out pictures of collector's plates found in many magazines. Glue

these to: paper plate, cardboard, small light-weight wood circle, plastic/play plates cut to the size of the picture. Glue on a silver or gold looped string for a hanger.

Snow-covered Pinecones

Place glue on ends of individual cone "leaves" and sprinkle glitter on. Or, you can use glitter colored fabric paint glued directly to ends of cone "leaves."

Stick Santas

Find a stick (1/2 - 1" diameter) that looks like a Y with an additional portion extending between the forks. The forks are Santa's arms, the center portion is Santa's head, and the base of the Y is Santa's legs. Paint it appropriately, using tempera paint. (Paint the light colors first - white fur, then flesh, then red suit.)

Ice Cream Cone Ornament

Glue a 3-4" diameter red satin ball ornament to a sugar cone. Add cotton around juncture between cone and ball and on top of ball. Use hanger from satin ball extending through cotton fluff on top to hang from tree. (Can use a piece of yarn or ornamental string or ribbon for hanger also.)

Airplane Ornaments

#1: Use tongue depressors and/or ice cream sticks to build a plane. Add small Santa and/or toys as cargo. Use buttons or bingo chips for wheels, a black propeller bead for the propeller. Use silver or gold string for hanger.

#2: Make a candy airplane using one stick of flat (Wrigley's) gum, one package of "Smarties", and two life savers. Place the gum (wings) perpendicular on the "Smarties" (plane body). Use a rubberband to loop through one lifesaver (wheel) over the gum, through another lifesaver (wheel) and under the "Smarties."

Clothespin Reindeer

Use three clothespin pieces: two pointing down (4 legs); the third pointing up (ears). Add "eyes", a small red pom-pom nose, a ribbon on the neck, and a pom-pom tail.

Christmas Candles

#1: Wrap a 1/4 - 1/2" Christmas ribbon around the neck of a baby food jar. Optionally, paint holly berries/leaves on jar body

(sparingly). Invert jar over a votive candle (candle can't burn); or insert candle with neck open to top (candle can burn).

#2: Melt some paraffin inside a can placed in a pan of hot water (on the stove). Paint the melted paraffin over a sprig of evergreen onto a candle. Tie festive ribbon around base of candle.

Napkin Rings

Cut paper towel tube into widths to match the width of Christmas ribbon. Wrap ribbon (or felt) around tube and glue in place. Add smaller ribbon trim (strung sequins or 1/4" solid ribbon) to outside edges, or a Christmas card cutout to center of felt.

Ribbon Ornament

Fold a 4-6" length of 1 1/2" Christmas ribbon and staple at top with a tree hanger or silver or gold ornament string. Inside the ribbon loop, insert a piece of colorful tinsel. Glue a small figure over staple (with more tinsel).

Pinecone Corsage

Glitter "paint" three small pinecones. Use small wire to wire them together. Center the pinecones on a 4-6" diameter paper doily, scrunch the doily so it "waves" as a background to the pinecones, and pinch out a portion of the center of the doily. Add scotch tape to build a longer 1-2" extension to the pinched doily, so it can be pinned on a blouse or coat. More colorful decoration can be added behind the pinecones (ribbon, tinsel).

VALENTINES

Lace Heart

You need a piece of moldable, but kind of stiff wire, and twice the length of a "threadable" lace (lace that has a seam tape binding, like most eyelet laces). "Thread" the wire through the lace and wrap the wire ends together. Mold the wire into a heart shape. Add ribbons, bows, or other appropriate decorations.

Valentine Candles

#1: Melt some paraffin inside a can placed in a pan of hot water (on the stove). Paint the melted paraffin over construction paper hearts glued to a candle. Tie appropriate ribbon around

base of candle.

#2: Same as above, but use a valentine cutout with an arrow going through.

#3: Glue heart shaped confetti to candle. Add decorative ribbon.

EASTER

Bunny

Glue cotton balls on a styrofoam egg for tail and feet. Bend white pipecleaner around a thicker pink pipecleaner for the ears. Add bead "eyes", a small pink pom-pom nose and thin wire whiskers. Place on a cardboard circle with hole cut out for base of egg to rest in. The cardboard can be covered with fabric or lace.

Marbleized Eggs

Wrap fresh eggs in onion skin. Carefully insert the egg (with skin) into old pantyhose and ties the ends so the egg can't escape. Hard boil the eggs. Remove the pantyhose - eggs are marbled.

Paraffin Eggs

Melt some paraffin inside a can placed in a pan of hot water (on the stove). Paint the melted paraffin over fresh greenery or small Spring flower placed on a hard boiled egg.

GENERAL CRAFTS

Simple Pins

Loop some Christmas tinsel into a small 1 - 1 1/2" circle. Place an appropriate sticker over the tinsel, i.e. flag for Flag Day, bunny for Easter, Santa for Christmas, witch for Halloween, etc. Add a looped piece of masking tape (sticky side out) to the back for a quick pin.

Wreaths

Use a rope ring, grapevine ring, styrofoam ring, etc. Wrap ribbon around ring, leaving generous portions of ring showing. Add bow at bottom of ring and/or appropriate decoration: Christmas ornament or

greenery, flag, baby bootie or rattle, artificial flowers, small wooden duck or deer, etc.

Magnet Holder

To a "finished" (stained, painted) board 1x4x12, glue a piece of flat metal (so the metal is "framed" by the board). Add a picture hanger to the back of the board. Give as gift (include a homemade magnet as a starter).

Tie Rack or Thread Holder

Cut a board 1x4x6 (or longer if desired). "Ruffle" (wave) all edges with a rasp or a router. Pound in 10d finishing nails in a row, 1-2" apart, 1" from the edge. Either woodburn a "title" or add another row of nails offset from the first row.

Kitchen Sink Pot

Decorate a 4-6" diameter clay pot using magic markers, or cut out fabric (pinking sheared) pieces attached using a watery (Elmer's) glue mix. Be sure the bottom has a hole for draining. Keep kitchen scrubbers in it.

Bowling Game

Use 2 liter or 20 oz plastic bottles. Decorate them with stickers, or fill them using: tissue paper (bunched or shredded), shiny cloth, Easter grass). Include an appropriate sized ball (nerf or light weight rubber).

Log Centerpiece

Cover punched hole(s) of Hi-C size can with masking tape. Use tin snips of all purpose scissors to cut out a 4-5" circle on the side (not end) of the can. "Seal" the sharp edges with a layer or two of masking tape. Working on a wax paper surface, paint a thin layer of plaster-of-paris on all sides, the top and bottom. Let the can rest on the side opposite the hole; it will dry quickly. Then apply a thicker coat of plaster-of-paris to all sides again. Use a fork to scratch the log texture into the plaster-of-paris. When it is completely dry, paint the sides (log portion) brown, and the ends ("log ends") a light tan. Crumple up newspaper and stuff in the can. Insert greenery and/or flowers and/or small flags and/or pictures/symbols on a stick, appropriate to the occasion. (Cub Scouts can use cutouts of a Tiger,

Wolf, Bear, Webelos symbol, etc. on a stick or straw.)

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Subject: Re: Any Ideas for Completing Craftsman Activity Badge?

Craftsman Ideas

Remember KISMIF -- Keep It Simple, Make it Fun!

Here are some simple Craftsman ideas:

Door Stop (activity 2)

Probably the simplest: Take a block of wood and cut a diagonal line through it. Presto! Two door stops!

THE FOLLOWING ARE FROM: WEBELOS RESOURCE BOOK,
Utah National Parks Council, 1994

Wood Puzzles (activity 2)

Draw pictures on a thin piece of wood
Cut out with a coping saw or jig saw
Paint as desired

Carpenter's Level (activity 1)

Take a glass tube or a plastic tube (like the ones some toothbrushes come in)
Fill nearly full with water and seal the end

Pencil Holder (activity 1 or 2)

Drill some holes in a block of wood
Cut and Paint as desired.

Cub Scout Memories Book (activity 6)

Materials: 2 sheets of paneling about 9 x 12, about 1 yard of leather lacing, 2 metal hinges, paper for inside, wood burner or knife for engraving and dark stain.

**Drill 3 holes in back and front for binder paper and laces.
Cut front about 2 1/4" from edge, then hinge together so it opens like a door.**

Burn-in name and other words. Stain as desired.

Take leather and put through the two holes on each end of top, then bring up through the hole in center of back, into the hole in front and tie a knot.

Small, inexpensive crafts can be obtained from:

**S & W Crafts
P.O. Box 5501
Pasadena, CA**

**Hope this helps,
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**Date: Fri, 22 Sep 1995 12:17:26 EST
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Subject: Re: Slide Holders**

Hey guys, we call them "Woggles". Its a funny word, but a LOT easier to say than Neckerchief slide!

Here's one I have done with great success...

Take a piece of dowel or round wood and grind off four sides at an angle. Cut it off leaving the peak and a bit of the round wood.

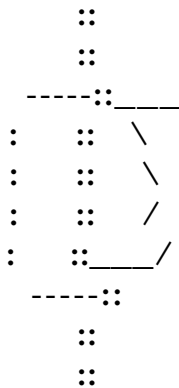
Get some thin wood or ply and cut out disks with a hole saw. I cut about 5 at a time, making it quicker.

Cut some short pieces of plastic pipe the right size for the Scarf (Neckerchief) to fit through.

Sandpaper the disk, and glue the peak in the dead centre (covering the hole left by the hole saw. You now have a miniature "Scout hat"!

Glue the hat to the side of the pipe, paint, decorate or whatever and it looks great.

I have had a go at a typed diagram, but its a bit hard to get the full effect:



- \ \ \ Dowel or stick, with ends ground into 4 sided point
- \ \ \ Disk of wood (the hat brim)
- \ \ \ Plastic pipe, glued on its side. (for Scarf)

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Date: Fri, 24 Nov 1995 09:04:24 -0500
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Subject: Re: Den Dues - Doing It On the Cheap & A Challenge

I found that by going to the local archery range they make custom arrows. What they do with the left over shafts was throw them in a box for cub scouts. I recived a latter large bag of them . My boys used these to make

wind chimes . This is how they did it .

1. My ADL and myself drilled five to six (5-6) holes in the longer ones.
2. Then in the smaller ones we drilled one hole.
3. The boys then used fishing line they hung the small ones from the large one.

You just have to make sure that the small ones are not the same length.

Yours in scouting,
Kevin (once a bear)

Date: Tue, 28 Nov 1995 21:53:05 -0500

To: mfbowman@CapAccess.org

Subject: Re: Den Dues - Doing It On the Cheap & A Challenge

Mike:

Last year our Pack had catapult kits for scouts to put together at the district scout show. All the materials were donated by various places.

First, we got scrap ends of lumber from a sawmill, which were trimmed to 12" to make the base. Then we got yard sticks from a fabric store that was going out of business, which were cut to 18". Then we got a bag of drywall screws from a building supply company. Jim went to an office supply store,

that was also a client and got a box of fasteners donated. We all pitched in with the tops from 2 liter soda bottles. This is how we constructed them.

1. Drill a hole at both ends of the pieces of yard sticks, making sure they're centered.
2. From the left over trimmed pieces, cut smaller pieces to 1"x 6", drill 3 holes equally apart, making sure the middle hole is in the center.
3. Also, from the trimmings cut another piece 1"x 6", but do not drill any holes.
4. Drill a hole in the middle of the bottle cap

Jim was a real sweetheart and did all the prep work for me. It also helps that he dabbles in woodworking for a hobby and has the necessary tools.

To put the catapults together, place the yard stick piece and the small piece

of wood with the hole, lining up the holes, at the one of the short ends of the base. Using an electric screwdriver or a phillipshead screwdriver, screw

all three pieces together. At the other end of the yard stick piece, line up the hole of the bottle cap with the hole in the stick, insert the fastener

and flatten the two ends of the fastener out, making it as tight as possible. Slide the other small piece of wood, the one without a hole between unattached end of the yard stick and the base. This piece can be slid back and forth to change the angle of the catapult for launching.

This was a big hit and we ran out of kits (we had 80 of them:). We let the scouts try them out launching mini-marshmallows and aiming for an empty coffee can, both of which I donated. I figured it was safer to have the mini-marshmallows flying through the air. This also meets one of the requirements for the Engineer Activity pin for Webelos. I had a form that I filled out for any Webelo who needed this requirement to take back to their leader.

My Webelos den wrote thank you notes to every one who donated to this project and the one sent to the sawmill was published in their company newspaper! We are never too proud to "beg" and we give certificates of appreciation to all donators every year in February as part of Blue & Gold celebration.

YiS,
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P.S. Jim says hi