

Spring Crafts

Coffee Filter Butterfly

Materials:

½ black chenille stem
Paper coffee filter
Water color paints
Paintbrush
Water

**Directions:**

Flatten coffee filter and paint with water color paints. Set aside on paper towels to dry. Fold the chenille stem in half. Fold the coffee filter accordion style, in about ½" pleats. Position the pleated coffee filter into the bent end of the chenille stem. Center the filter at the bend. Twist the chenille stem around the filter to secure it in place. Bend the tips of the chenille stems to create the antennae. Fan out the butterfly wings. If desired, hang with yarn or fishing line.

Ladybug Rocks

Materials:

Smooth, round or oval rocks
Acrylic craft paint in a variety of colors
Black acrylic craft paint
2 googly eyes for each ladybug
Black permanent marker
Acrylic matte sealer spray
White craft glue



Directions:

Completely wash and dry all rocks. Paint rock in desired color. Let dry. Apply second and third coats if needed. Paint about ¼ of the rock black. This will be the head.

Use a black permanent marker to draw a straight line down the center of the rock, starting at the center of the base of the "head." Use a paint brush or the eraser of a pencil to paint black spots on the "body."

Once the paint is dry, spray the rock with acrylic sealer spray. Allow sealer to dry completely. Using white craft glue, attach eyes and let dry.

String Covered Vase**Materials:**

Glass bottle

Rainbow-colored string

White craft glue

Strip of felt, measured to go around top of bottle

Toothpick

Scissors

**Directions:**

Be sure glass bottle is clean and dry. Apply white craft glue all around the bottom part of the bottle, 1" high.

Start wrapping string around the bottom of the bottle. Continue wrapping, keeping the string close together, gently pushing down with a toothpick if needed. Add more glue and continue wrapping string until you reach the top of the bottle.

Cut a piece of felt wide enough to cover the lip of the bottle and long enough to wrap around it once. Glue in place. Allow everything to dry completely.

Tissue Paper Carnation

Materials:

Tissue paper

Scissors

3" circular jar lid to use as template

2 large paper clips

Pipe cleaners (chenille stems) or floral wire

Felt marker

Optional: floral tape and floral wire



Directions:

Fold your tissue paper in half again and again until it is just larger than your circle size. Using the jar lid, trace a circle shape onto the folded tissue paper. Cut out the circle, holding all the layers of tissue paper together. Use a large paper clip to keep the layers together.

Take the felt marker and use the side of the pen nib to begin to gently color the edge of the circles. Color one small section of the edge at a time and go over each section a few times to ensure the color is intense and the ink has saturated all the edges.

Remove the paper clips and select 10-12 circles from the pile to make one flower. Keep these circles together and poke 2 holes near the center of the circles

Fold down about 1" of the pipe cleaner; push the long end through one hole and the short end through the other hole. Pull the ends all the way through and twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together underneath the flower to keep all the circles together.

To make the petals, separate the topmost circle and crumple it upwards from the center. Scrunch up the paper but try to concentrate on the center of the circle and leave the colored edges alone. Repeat with each circle.

Optional: Use floral wire and floral tape to make a more realistic stem.

Caterpillar Craft

Materials:

Pompoms in various colors and sizes
Craft sticks
Googly eyes
Pipe Cleaner
Glue



Directions:

Cut a couple 2" long pieces of pipe cleaner. Glue these pieces on the back of a craft stick. Turn the stick over. Glue pompoms to the craft stick, making the first one the largest one to form the head. Glue googly eyes to the face of the caterpillar.

Plastic Egg Bird

Materials:

Plastic egg
Construction paper
Paper plate
Brown paint
Glue



Directions:

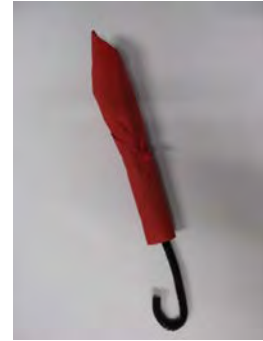
Paint the paper plate brown. Fold a small piece of orange construction paper; cut out a triangle on the fold to make the bird's beak. From construction paper, cut out 2 wings for each of your birds. Make a small fold at the bottom of each wing, which will provide a place to put the glue. Glue the beak and wings onto your birds. Draw eyes on with a marker.

Put some glue on the bottom of the eggs and glue the birds to the paper plate. Cut some brown strips of paper. Glue the brown strips around the lip of the paper plate to form the nest.

Umbrella Utensil Holder

Materials:

Napkins
Construction paper
Glue
Black pipe cleaner (one for each umbrella)
Eating utensils



Directions:

Look at your napkin: you'll notice 1 corner where all the folds come together, and the opposite corner is open. Cut about 2" from the tip of the open corner. Bend the end of a black pipe cleaner so that it looks like the handle of an umbrella. Insert your utensils and pipe cleaner into the fold of the napkin. Make sure the eating ends of the utensils are facing up - this will give your umbrella the right shape.

Wrap the napkin around the utensils. Cut a small strip of construction paper and wrap it around your umbrella to make the strap. Secure it with a dab of glue. Poke your pipe cleaner through the napkin to make the tip of your umbrella.

Lollipop Flower

Materials:

Tissue paper
Lollipop
Pencil
Scissors
Scotch tape



Directions:

Use a mug or jar lid to trace and cut out some circles on to tissue paper. Use about 4 circles per lollipop.

Poke the lollipop into the center of each circle and slide up to the top. Secure the tissue paper with a small piece of scotch tape underneath.

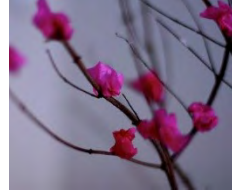
Cherry Blossom Branches

Materials:

Small tree branches

Pink tissue paper

Glue



Directions:

Cut out 2" squares of pink tissue. Pinch tightly in the middle to create blooms. Affix tissue "blossoms" to branches with white glue. Display in a tall container.