

**January 13th, 2021**

**Polymer Clay Plants**

**Description:** Don't have a green thumb? No problem! These cute little polymer clay plants require no watering.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOF1xyW3NMI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZwyOrZn65A>

**Supplies**

Miniature plant pots - people can paint the pots if they desire (Paint and paintbrushes)

Tin foil

Fimo soft in different colours

Brown for dirt, greens, and reds or pinks



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Grab your mini plant pots and paint them as you wish (let dry)
2. Grab the tin foil and shape it into the mini pot
3. Line the tin foil with dirt coloured polymer clay until you can no longer see the tin foil
4. Press down on the clay with fingers then use the end of your paintbrush or other object to create texture by poking it into the clay
5. Grab your green polymer clay and roll it into a long snake then divide into 1cm balls
6. Take one of the polymer clay balls and roll the ball between your fingers to create a raindrop shape in varying sizes (continue this step until all 1cm balls are raindrop shaped)
7. Flatten the wider end of the raindrop shaped polymer clay
8. Layer the raindrop shaped polymer clay inside the plant pot - each layer of should be staggered (continue this step until you have a cute little polymer clay plant)
9. Don't water the plant

**January 27th, 2021**

**Shrinky Dinks Pins**

**Description:** Remember Shrinky Dinks? Well we're bringing them back! As pins!

<https://persialou.com/5646/>

**Supplies**

White plastic shrink film  
Fine grit sandpaper  
Acrylic craft paint (thinned out)  
Paint brushes (or markers)  
Black permanent marker  
Water  
Parchment paper  
Gloss Decoupage  
Pin backs  
Glue



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Lightly sand the shrink film then wipe away any dust - this will help with the paint or pen sticking
2. Trace and colour (acrylic paint, sharpie, pen) a design of your choice
  - a. Acrylic paint will need to be thinned out with water
3. Preheat oven to 250° F
  - a. You may also use a toaster oven or blow dryer to shrink the film
4. Once your designs have dried, cut them out
5. Place your designs onto a parchment lined baking sheet and place in oven
6. Bake for five minutes as the designs shrink they will curl up, but when they are completely done they will flatten
7. Add a topcoat of the gloss decoupage then let dry
8. Attach the pins to the back using glue
9. Now you'll be the envy of all your friends!

**February 10th, 2021**

**Homemade Watercolor Cards**

**Description:**

<https://craftifymylove.com/2017/09/03/easy-diy-watercolor-cards/>

**Supplies**

Watercolour paper

Watercolours

Black pen

Paint brush



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Grab your watercolour paper and fold it in half then unfold to create a crease
2. Paint on the right side of the crease for the inside of the card and the opposite side of the paper on the left side for the front of the card
3. Depending on where you want the main image (front of card or inside) start painting various shapes in various colours
4. Let dry
5. Add green from the bottom of the page to the colourful shapes
6. Let dry
7. Use the black pen to detail the shapes into flowers and the green into leaves and vines

**February 24th, 2021**

**Needle Felting Gnomes**

**Description:** Missing your homies? Try hanging with these gnomies!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ox0z\\_pQFzTw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ox0z_pQFzTw)

**Supplies**

Various coloured course wool (beard colours, flesh colours, and gnome colours)

Felting needle

Felting surface (foam)

Triangle template



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

**Gnome Base**

1. Take your foam felting surface and place some wool on top
2. Roll the wool into a firm cylinder, pushing in the sides in to ensure it is firm
3. Once you have rolled the wool halfway, take your felting needle and start poking it into the cylinder
4. Continue rolling the cylinder and poking it with the felting needle until all of the wool is rolled into a cylinder - should look like a dome once complete

**Gnome Hat**

1. Take the wool you want for the hat and place on the foam felting surface
2. Separate the amount of wool you want then spread it out on the felting surface
3. Place the triangle template over the wool - the wool should be bigger than the template
4. Use the felting needle to poke an outline of the triangle template in the wool - once the outline is made remove the triangle template
5. Pull in the excess wool into the outlined shape - use the felting needle to secure the wool while leaving the top point wispy

6. Continue using the felt needle to poke the wool throughout (flipping as needed) and working your way up to the top point
7. Make sure the hat will wrap around the gnome base
  - a. If the hat is too small then gently stretch out the wool
8. Fold over the hat (length wise) and use the felting needle to connect the seams

#### **Connecting Gnome Hat to Gnome Base**

1. Place the hat on top of the gnome base
2. Using the felting needle poke downwards to connect the hat to the gnome base

#### **Gnome Nose**

1. Take a small portion of wool
2. Roll the wool into a ball using your fingers then place on the foam felting surface
3. Use the felting needle poke the ball a few times
4. Try not to overwork the nose - make sure it is not too tight

#### **Connecting the Gnome Nose**

1. Place the nose directly under the hat on the gnome base
2. Hold with your finger then gently poke through the nose into the gnome base

#### **Gnome Beard**

1. Take the beard wool and separate the desired beard length
2. Fold over the beard wool and gently use the felting needle along the fold
3. Lay the beard wool on the front of the gnome base just under the nose
4. Use the felting needle to slightly poke the beard under the nose
5. Use the felting needle to slightly poke the beard under the hat
6. Now you have a gnome friend!

**March 10th, 2021**

**Magnetic Words**

**Description:**

<https://www.thehomesteady.com/my-blog/2013/10/diy-word-magnets-for-your-fridge.html>

**Supplies**

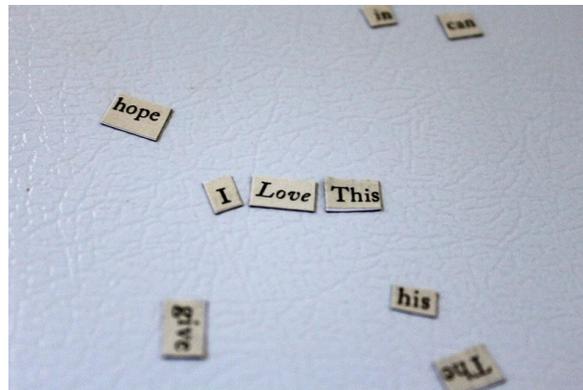
Scrap pages from book

Flexible magnet sheet

Mod podge

Paintbrush

Scissors



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Cut out any interesting words or phrases from your book pages
2. Paint a thin layer of ModPodge over your magnet sheet
3. Place the cut out words and phrases onto the ModPodged magnet sheet
4. Paint a thin layer of ModPodge overtop of the words and phrases - let dry
5. The drying process could take thirty minutes to an hour
6. Once dry you can cut out the words and phrases
7. Voilà! You can now write love poems on your fridge!

**March 24th, 2021**

**DIY Fidget Cubes**

**Description:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnavCp5K4UE&list=RDCMUChODxRLggLqe3OikwUzt4Qw&start\\_radio=1&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnavCp5K4UE&list=RDCMUChODxRLggLqe3OikwUzt4Qw&start_radio=1&t=0)

I don't like this video because it is for an American Doll but it is the best I can find.

**Supplies**

3D square template

Glue

Scissors

Beads, gems, and gears

Different textures (foam, pieces of a sponge, etc.)

Metal brad

Hole puncher



**STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS**

1. Cut out the 3D cube template
2. Attach a reinforcement to the middle cube section then punch a hole
3. Use the hole to attach the metal brad - you can add as many or little as you want
4. Flatten the back end of the metal brad so it stays in place
5. Fold the 3D cube and securely glue all sides together
6. Start gluing any beads, gems, and textures on the sides of the fidget cube