

HANDICRAFT AIDS

HOMEMADE CLAY MIXTURE: 2 cups flour (regular or instant)
 1 cup salt
 1 2/3 cup water (1 teaspoon of alum if desired)

Combine and cook over low heat 3 to 5 minutes. Cool slightly, spread over item to be covered to about 1/4" thick. Decorate as desired. Dry either in 200 degree oven or room temperature (not hotter than 200 degrees) (alum is used for drying and hardening.)

To make molds or many items such as fruits, flowers, vegetables, animals, figurines, etc. increase mixture to 2 cups flour. Use alum.

Decorate with:	glitter	macaroni	pine cones
	sequins	buttons	beads
	Tapioca	ribbon	stones
	jewels	seeds	shells

Cover cookie boxes, cover cans, jars, and houses.

Make centerpieces - cover bottles, decorate and add candles.

You can use cookie cutters to make tree ornaments.

Helpful Hints: To remove white glue from clothes, soak in a solution of Apple Cider Vinager.
 With Rubber Cement - Rub with Vinager.
 Use lighter fluid for ink marks.

HOW TO TINT AND DYE FEATHERS: Use white feathers for pastels. Dissolve one half package of Rit in one quart of hot water. Use more dye and hotter water for darker colors. Gently move feathers in bath until they are a shade darker than you want. Remove and rinse with warm water. Dry on cloth or paper, away from heat. Shape and fluff with fingers when they are dry.

You can also dye plastic buttons, eyeglass, frames, combs, barrettes, pearls, etc. With 2 to 3 teaspoons of Rit in a pint of hot water.

HOW TO DYE MACARONI: Put a few drops of food coloring into bowl and a teaspoon of rubbing alcohol. Put macaroni into bowl and stir around, until they are all colored. This will do quite alot. Spread out on newspaper to dry.

HOMEMADE BATH SALTS (8 pints): 5lbs epsom salts - few drops food color. Few drops of perfume. Add food coloring to epsom salts and shake well. Put into several small jars. Put in each jar a few drops of perfume. Close jars tightly. Let stand about 3 weeks.