

Project #22: Portrait Ash Tray for Mother's Day, courtesy of Mrs. Catherine G. Babiarz, Cub Scout Pack 312, Philadelphia.

Materials:

ash tray with clear glass bottom, about 6-in. x 6-in.  
felt or heavy scrap, 9-in. x 9-in.  
clear glue, such as Duco cement  
head and shoulders photo of Cub Scout

Cost:

Ash tray about 25 cents in the 5-and-10, felt 19 cents

Instructions:

- A. Have the Cubs bring in photos, or take snaps at the meeting with a Polaroid. Color is best. Mrs. Babiarz photographed her Den in uniform.
- B. Trim the photo so it is slightly smaller than the outside bottom of the ash tray. Glue all around the rim and center on the bottom so that photo will show through the glass.
- C. Cut a piece of colored felt to fit the outside bottom exactly and glue into place. It will provide a scratch-proof bottom for the ash tray and a border for the photo.
- D. As an added touch, you can make up mini-labels saying "Mother's Day - 1972" and glue the label to the rim of the ash tray. Wrap with several layers of left-over tissue paper and add a bow made from scrap pieces of wool.

Time: 30 minutes, including wrapping

Note: Says Mrs. Babiarz, "This is by far one of the easiest and most precious projects my Cubs have ever taken to their homes...Every single Mom called to tell me how pleasantly surprised she was. I plan to repeat this project next Mother's Day." And you don't have to smoke to enjoy it-- Mrs. Babiarz has hers on display in a saucer holder on the china cabinet.