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Outdoor DIY Projects with Shannon Quimby

FLOWER DOORKNOBS

Supplies:

- Old doorknobs
- A stake thin enough to fit inside the doorknob shaft (options; stick, piece of rebar, bamboo stake, metal stake)
- All-purpose adhesive glue
- Pencil with eraser on the end
- 1" paint brush
- Watercolor flat paint brush size 12 or 14
- Four different colors of paint

How To:

1. Paint the doorknob one solid color and let dry
2. With the watercolor paintbrush and second color, paint a large circle in the center of the doorknob and let dry
3. With the watercolor paintbrush and the third color, paint downward strokes around the circle, visually creating flower petals and let dry
4. Dip the top of the pencil eraser into the fourth color of paint and dab spots randomly inside the painted circle and let dry
5. Squeeze glue inside the doorknob shaft opening and then slip the stake into the opening.
6. Prop the doorknob upside down with stake sticking up in the air to let the glue dry



PAINTED HERB POTS

Supplies for one:

- Terra cotta flowerpot 4"-6" tall
- Paint brush
- Green paint; Used Miller Paint color 0786 Peter Pan
- Blue paint; Used Miller Paint color 0646 Key West Zenith
- Blue masking tape



- Sticky indoor/outdoor letters, size 12" (found at Office Depot)
- Stick pin
- Choice of herbs

How To:

1. Paint the flowerpot green
2. Wrap and press firmly, a piece of blue masking tape around the flowerpot about two-thirds up from the bottom of the pot
3. Paint green paint up and over the upper edge of the blue tape. This step is to seal the tape to the pot to create a nice, crisp color line when done.
4. Once the green paint is dry press letters along the upper edge of the tape to spell the herb that will be planted in the pot
5. With the blue paint, paint the entire upper section of the flowerpot, including over the letters and let dry
6. With stick pin, gently pry the letters away from the pot
7. Plant the herb in the pot and set on windowsill and enjoy

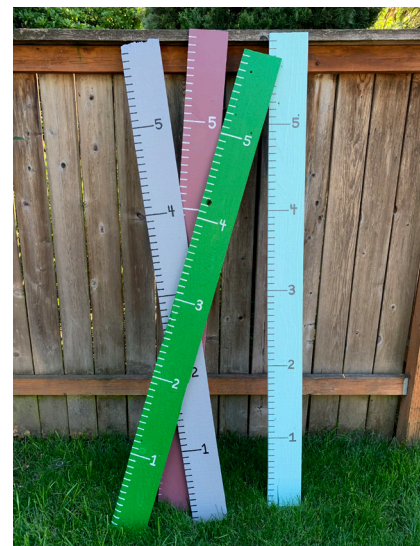
GROWTH CHART MEASURING STICK

Supplies:

- Old fence board, 5 1/2" wide and 6ft tall
- Plum color: used for this project is Miller Paint, color Whimsy
- Pencil
- Yardstick
- White paint
- 2" Paintbrush
- Watercolor paintbrush, size 1

How To:

1. Clean fence board
2. With the 2" paintbrush, paint the entire board with Miller Paint, color; Whimsy. Let dry.
3. Measure and mark 1" hash marks the length of the board. A total of 72 hash marks.
4. With the watercolor paintbrush and white paint, paint each hashmark 1" long. At every 12" paint the hashmark 3" long.
5. Paint the number 1 alongside the first 3" hashmark. This is the 1ft measurement. Paint the number 2 on the next 3" hashmark and so on until you've reached the number 5



APPLE TABLE WEIGHTS

Supplies:

- Four apples
- Tablecloth
- Bamboo skewer (Option; ballpoint pen)
- Four small twigs approximately one inch long
- Scissors
- Twine

How To:

1. With the ballpoint pen or skewer, poke a hole starting from the top of the apple, (where the stem is located) through the apple and out the bottom of the apple
2. Measure the twine over the width of table, draping over both edges of the table approximately two feet. Cut twine
3. With the skewer, poke the twine through the apple until the twine comes out the bottom
4. Tie and knot one twig to the twine that has gone through the bottom of the apple. This secures the apple to the end of the twine
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 on the other end of the twine
6. Drape the twine over one end of the tablecloth with apples dangling over each end of the table
7. Repeat steps 1-7 to make another one to drape over the other end of the table

