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PAPER-MACHE COIN AND KEY CATCHER!

This is a messy little craft that makes a wonderful mini tray to hold all sorts of treasures from coins to keys!

Supplies in kit

- 1 shallow plastic bowl form
- newspaper strips



What you'll need from home

- flour
- water
- mixing bowl
- whisk or fork for mixing
- liquid school glue (optional)
- scissors
- watercolor paint, poster paint or markers

Note: using colored paper instead of newspaper is also an option and tearing the paper rather than cutting it can also work well!

Directions

1. Mix 1/2 cup each of flour and water in your mixing bowl. Whisk or stir until smooth. Optional: Add about 1/4 cup of liquid school glue and mix again.



2. It's time to get messy! Dip the paper strips one at a time in the slurry, and gently wipe off the excess goop with your fingers. Begin layering the strips across the inside of the plastic bowl as pictured. Using your fingers, pat the strips into the bowl as you go along, letting the ends hang over. Continue until the bowl is covered with about 2 layers of paper. It's a good idea to wipe away any puddles or globs of

the slurry that settle in the bowl.



3. Set the bowl with the wet paper strips on a large piece of tin foil to dry for 24 hours or until completely dry and “crispy.” Once the piece is completely dry, it’s time to remove the plastic bowl and trim the edges with your scissors.



4. Finally, add your colorful touches, and you will have a fun little “catcher” for your smallest treasures!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Messy by Roger Hargreaves

Teaflet and Roog Make a Mess by Jeanne Birdsall

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! by Karen Beaumont

*What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night:
A Very Messy Adventure* by Refe Tuma

Mouse Mess by Linnea Asplind Riley



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