

Mini Pod-Teen Camp Art Projects with Cricket Sneering

Cricket tell us a little bit about how you became the Art Guru?

Sam's first project

1. Slipper socks

Cricket's first and second project

1. Decapod
2. Duct tape

Sam's second and third

3. Window clings
4. Tie Blankets

Cricket's final project

3. Scrabble letters

Please see the show notes at daycamppod.com for detailed instructions for each craft. Don't forget to tune in next week for another full day Camp Pod!

Slipper Socks

1. Bring a pair of big, comfortable socks.
2. The first day you will need a variety of colors of puffy fabric paint. Place dots, stars or hearts of puffy paint all over the sole of the sock. You can decorate the same side of the sock. Let dry overnight.
3. The second day turn over the dry sock and decorate the front side. Let dry overnight.
4. The puffy dots make your newly decorated slipper socks anti-skid.

Tie Blankets

1. Campers need to bring two pieces of 3 yd. by 3 yd. comfortable, warm fabric. (Flannel works well).
2. Lay the fabric on top of each other. Using sharp scissors cut 4 inch long cuts into both pieces about two inches apart all the way around all four sides.
3. Now tie the top fabric to the bottom fabric by making knots with each of the strips. Tie close to the blanket leaving a fringe all the way around the blanket.
4. The result is a very warm comfortable blanket for watching movies at home or just being a couch potato. Here is a link to our video of making the blankets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72MAtSMmYgM>

Bubble Letter Window Clings

Supplies: clear report covers, paper, Liquid leading, and glass paint in a variety of colors.

1. First draw your name on a piece of paper in bubble letters that flow into each other. Approximately 4-6 inches tall.
2. Slip the paper into a report cover sleeve. You can see the letters to trace but you will be painting on the plastic cover.
3. Trace the outline of the letters with liquid leading. It will be a silver outline. Let dry overnight.
4. Paint the inside of your letters with a variety of colors. Let dry two-three days.
5. Peel your name off of the plastic. It will stick to any window for months.

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DECOUPAGE WITH TEENS (or anyone) - some fun ideas and resources

Decoupage can be done with magazine or book pages, tissue paper, wrapping paper, photos (best to photo copy and use the copies to have thinner paper), paper napkins, fabric, old postcards, maps, momentos/brochures from vacations, tickets from shows/concerts or stickers.

The best medium to use to adhere the paper/fabric is Mod Podge (brushes cleaned with water!!!). They now make lots of kinds of Mod Podge for different mediums to be adhered. I find that the original Mod Podge works on anything!

Decoupage can be done on wood items such as frames, trays, containers, boxes, tree slices, flat wood pieces, glass containers (can use a battery operated light in them), on the back of flat glass pieces (put a magnets on the back), glass plates, rocks, flowerpots, hangers, shells, wooden eggs, big wooden letters and furniture. Many of these can be purchased through arts and crafts vendors and stores, Dollar Tree stores, thrift stores, yard sales and stores such as Home Depot. Nature Watch sells small tree rings to make nametags or ornaments. If you have a camp caretaker or a woodworker friend, ask them to cut tree discs for you...small necklace size or larger ones!

When an item is dry, you can write or draw on top with Sharpies or add designs with acrylic paints. You will need to put a coat of Mod Podge on top of any place that you used Sharpies so it doesn't run when adding the polyurethane.

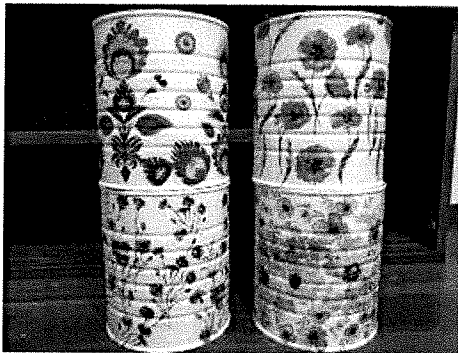
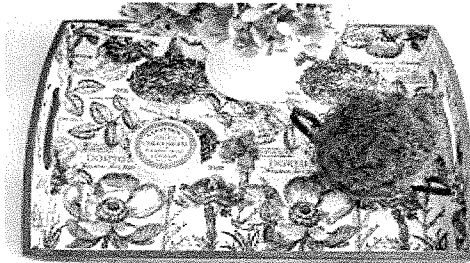
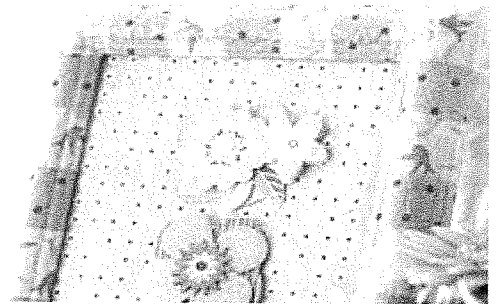
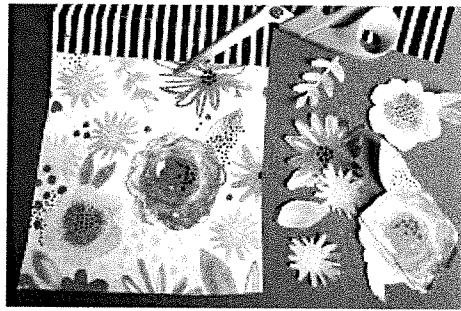
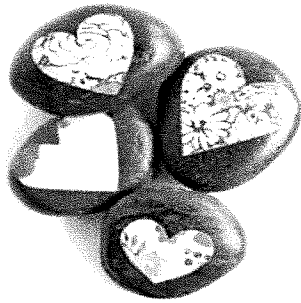
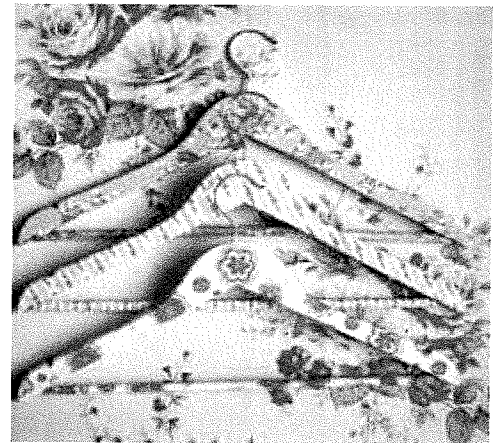
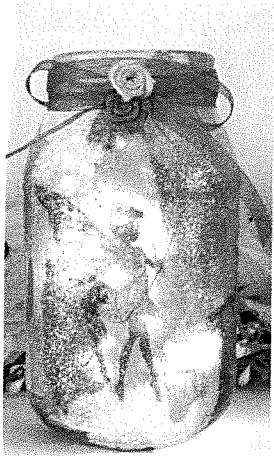
Coat the item with a spray or brush on polyurethane.

RESOURCES:

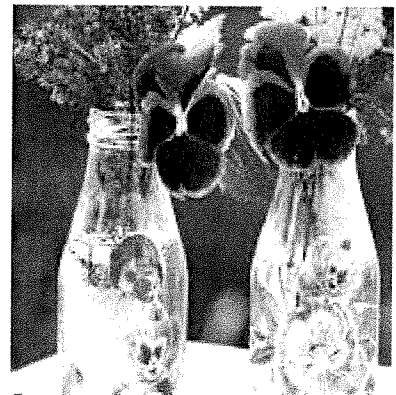
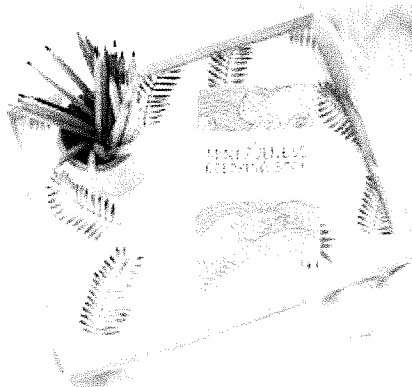
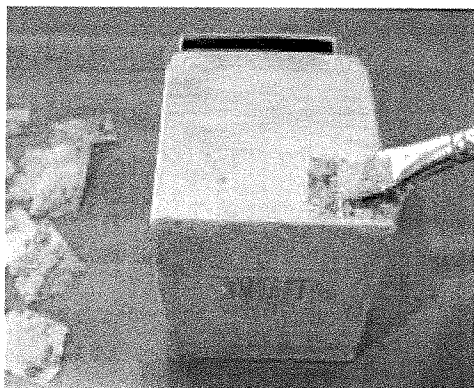
- <https://modpodgerocksblog.com/the-7-steps-to-perfect-mod-podging-every-time/>
- <https://modpodgerocksblog.com/decoupage-ideas/>
- <https://www.bobvila.com/articles/how-to-decoupage/>
- Pinterest has lots of great decoupage ideas! <https://www.pinterest.com/chamaiv/decoupage/>
- <https://www.nature-watch.com>
- YouTube videos...there are lots of ideas there!
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SOME TIPS:

- Have a variety of items for the teens to choose from to decoupage.
- Let them choose what they want to add to their piece. Give them choices!
- Some projects will take more than one day to let things dry and then add to the item (writing, embellishing with items that need to be glued on or painting on top of the base coat).
- Pick an item to use that will fit in your schedule..one hour, over a couple days, etc.
- If anything is "raw" or unpainted wood....have them paint it!! The item looks more finished!
- If the item is being made for a candle, give them a battery operated one before they take it home.
- Many camps/programs like to have a sticker to add to the bottom or the back of a project with the camp name!



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USING SCRABBLE LETTERS FOR CRAFT PROJECTS

I LOVE to make things with Scrabble letters! There are so many projects that teens can make with the letters.

You can shop yard sales and thrift stores and include in your camp/program newsletter that you are looking for Scrabble games. You can also buy the letters on Ebay, Amazon, from craft vendors and craft stores. You can also buy thin wood and have someone cut squares for you or get paint stirrers and cut them into squares! This way, Sharpies can be used to then write letters and acrylic paint or markers to draw things like hearts.

You might also want to find games that have number tiles to use for age, birthdate or zip codes!

Scrabble letters can be used on the tile holder to spell names, camp or town names and sentiments like "Be Kind" or "Love you"!

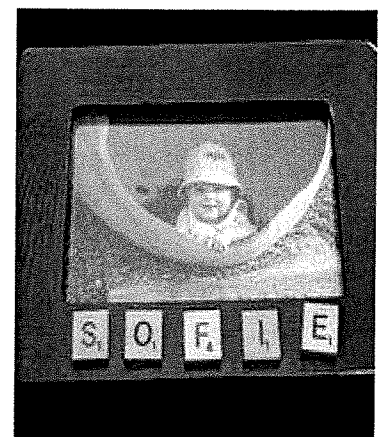
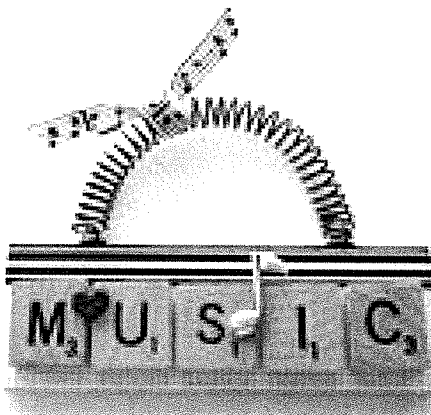
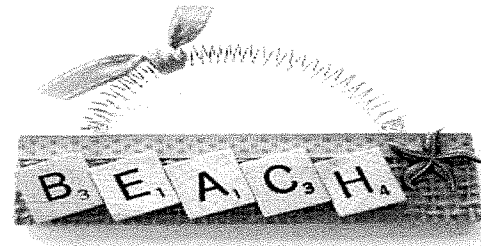
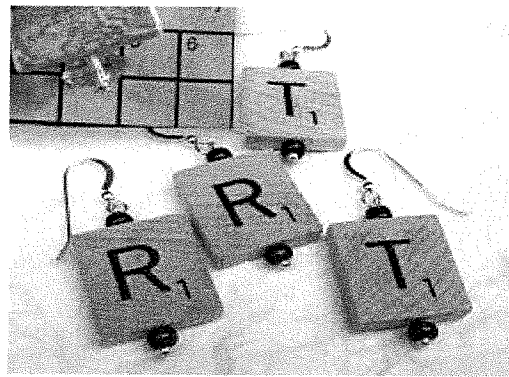
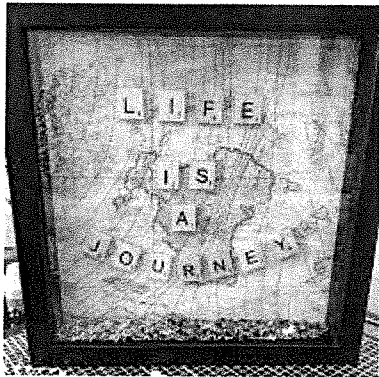
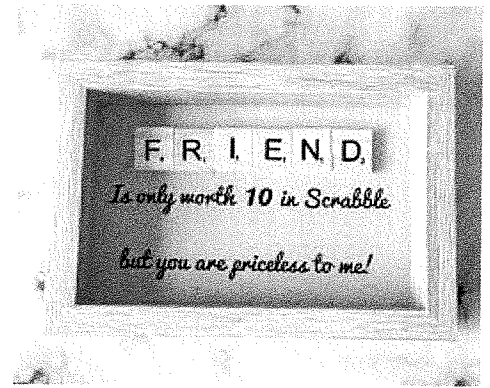
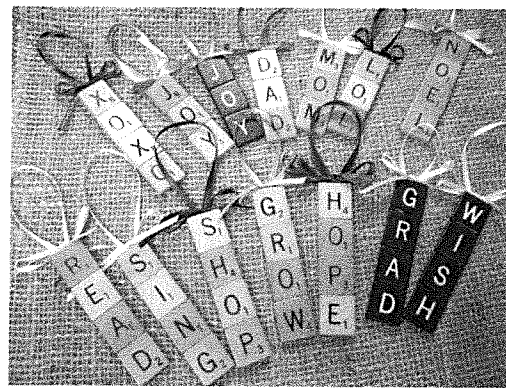
Glue your tiles to frames and spell names or phrases like "jump for joy" or "Sing at the top of your lungs", etc. Make necklaces. Use the board and spell out words as if you were playing the game!

RESOURCES:

- <https://www.pinterest.com/craftymum66/scrabble-letter-craft-ideas/>
- <https://fauxsho.org/8-ways-to-reuse-scrabble-tiles/>
- <https://www.diys.com/crafts-from-scrabble-tiles/>
- <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/57081/scrabble-tile-craft-acronym-magnets/>
- <https://www.kixcereal.com/kix-cereal-5-scrabble-tile-diy-gifts/>
- <https://www.onecrazyhouse.com/awesome-things-make-scrabble-tiles/>
- <https://www.familyhandyman.com/list/15-valentine-gifts-made-with-scrabble-tiles/>
- YouTube videos...there are lots of ideas there!
- Just Google!
- Libraries and craft stores still sell craft books. Go check them out and take photos of the pages that have ideas that you want to try.

SOME TIPS:

- I like Weldbound or Titebond glues. E-600 also works. Hot glue is suggested in some of the links... glue guns are not the best for kids to use and hot glue sometimes does not stick very well over time. Most camps/programs do not allow children to use glue guns.
- It helps to sand the back of the tiles to make them less shiny before glueing them on your pieces.
- You may want to spary your rproject with a polyurethane coating.



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USING DUCT TAPE FOR FUN PROJECTS WITH Teens

Duct tape is so much more fun today than just the original gray rolls! There are so many choices today and the gray is still good for many projects!

There are SOOOOO many cool things that you can make using the new, fun, colorful and patterned rolls of duct tape. It's available at from any craft vendor, craft stores and some basic colors at Home Depot type and hardware stores.

The biggest issue is cutting the duct tape using scissors. Tape residue needs to be cleaned off the scissors occasionally with Goo Gone or a similar type product. Putting duct tape on the back of a metal cookie sheet or a self healing mat (available at sewing stores) and using a ruler and box cutter is an easy way for cutting. If the teens are doing this, give instructions about where their hands should be when cutting. I have found, for some projects, it's easier to have a variety of pieces already cut with a box cutter and they can just pull the pieces them off and use them. Making smaller pieces works well for flowers, beads and smaller projects. Having the teens cut large pieces this way for wallets works, too.

RESOURCES:

- <http://www.bystephanielynn.com/2012/02/45-creative-duct-tape-crafts-projects-saturday-inspiration-ideas.html>
- <https://www.diycraftingideas.com/diy-and-crafts/diy-duct-tape-flowers-crafts-ideas/>
- <https://frugalfun4boys.com/how-to-make-a-duct-tape-wallet/>
- <https://diyprojectsforteens.com/duct-tape-projects/>
- <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/duct-tape-crafts-1251006>
- <https://www.101ducttapecrafts.com>
- <http://mermagblog.com/how-to-cut-duct-tape-for-craft-projects/>
- <https://onelittleproject.com/ultimate-list-of-duct-tape-crafts/>
- <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/62648/20-duct-tape-crafts-kids-will-love/>
- <https://www.bobvila.com/slideshow/the-20-weirdest-things-you-can-do-with-duct-tape-51318>
- <https://www.allfreakidscrafts.com/Miscellaneous-Crafts-for-Kids/What-to-Make-with-Duct-Tape-Easy-Duct-Tape-Crafts-for-Kids>
- <https://www.lazygirldesigns.com/duct-tape-zip-bags/>
- YouTube videos...there are lots of ideas there!
- Just Google!
- Libraries and craft stores still sell craft books. Go check them out and take photos of the pages that have ideas that you want to try.

SOME TIPS:

- Watch for sales or use coupons at craft stores to purchase your duct tape.
- As I mentioned above, if using scissors, clean off residue as it will be easier to cut the duct tape
- If a child starts a project and that color/pattern is almost gone, keep that tape with the project if they have to come back another day to finish.
- Have photos, samples and instructions printed out! Keep them in page protectors in a notebook.
- Start with simple projects like bookmarks and beads.

