



Quick Crafts List

Conifer Prints

Wanted! Gather the fingerprints of your local conifers!

Materials: dark colored crayon (without paper wrapping) and paper

Tip: You may want to use more than one color of crayon.

Note: Be careful not to remove or damage the bark of the trees that you use for your rubbings! Thanks!

Take your crayon and paper out with you on a walk. Look for conifers. When you find a conifer, hold your paper up to the bark! Hold your crayon sideways (flat) and rub it across the paper. Your crayon will mark the "picture" of the bark of the tree. Continue on your walk. Do at least 3 or 4 rubbings. Save them! You can use them for *Piney Poetry!*

Think about it!

Do the rubbings all look the same?

What are the differences?

How are the bark rubbings like your fingerprints?

Why does the tree need bark?

Hanging Orange Cups with Edible Play Dough

Part 1 — Make the Dough

Mix 2 cups of peanut butter and 2 cups of instant dry milk.

Roll the dough into small balls.

Roll the balls in shelled sunflower seeds and raisins.

Part 2 — Fill the Oranges

Hollow out orange halves with a juicer. Save the juice for a cool drink as you work!

Use a skewer to poke 2 holes in the top of each half.

Thread raffia ribbon or a pipe cleaner to hang the orange cup.

Fill your orange cup with dough mixture from part 1.

Hang on a REAL TREE!

Hard Suet Ornaments

1 cup peanut butter

3 cups suet

2-4 cups cornmeal

Press dough into cookie cutter shapes. Press seeds and raisins into shape. Poke a pipe cleaner through the ornament so you can hang it.

These ornaments will provide birds with the seeds and fat they need!



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Popcorn Balls

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 3 quart popped corn
- 1 cup shelled sunflower seeds

In a large pot, melt butter. Add marshmallows and sugar to the melted butter. Remove from heat. Place corn and seeds in a large bowl and pour in butter, marshmallow, and sugar mix. Toss well.

Butter hands and roll mix into balls. Stick raffia ribbon into center of ball. Set on parchment paper to cool.

The birds will eat the popcorn ball and use the raffia for their nesting.

Soft Suet Ornaments

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup shortening
- 3 cups cornmeal

Combine ingredients to form a paste. Mold into cookie cutter.

Popcorn Wreaths

Sew popcorn, grapes, and pretzels on a pipe cleaner. Twist the ends to form a circle and hang on the tree.

Fluffer Nutter Bagel Ornament

Spread marshmallow fluff and peanut butter on a bagel. Sprinkle with shelled seeds and raisins. Tie raffia through the bagel hole and hang.

Pine Scented Ornaments - DO NOT EAT THESE!!!!

- Cut out shapes of trees from construction paper.
- Put a few drops of scented pine oil in a small dish with 4 tablespoons of Elmer's glue.
- Mix with cotton swab and spread scented glue on paper shape.
- Sprinkle pine needles on the mixture and decorate with sparkles.
- Punch a hole at top of shape and poke a pipe cleaner through hole to hang in a car as an air freshener or use as a scented gift tag.

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