

Pencil jar with a wood grain look.

You will need:

- ♦ glass jar (100gr coffee jar is a good size, Moccona brand a good shape): 1 per child
- ♦ masking tape
- ♦ nice brown boot polish
- ♦ rags to apply boot polish

What to do:

- ♦ Children tear off bits of masking tape and stick them onto the jar until all the glass is covered. They don't need to be put on straight, or in any orderly way; random and haphazard is fine.
- ♦ Using an old cloth, apply brown boot polish to the masking tape, and it will come up with a wood-grain effect.

These make great gifts and look attractive on the desk or by the phone filled with pencils and/or biros.

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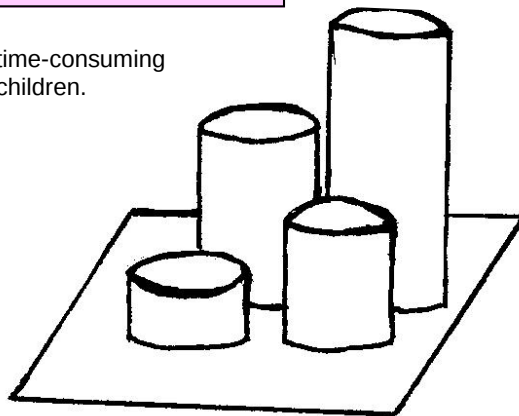
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Desk Caddy

This is a fiddly and fairly time-consuming project suitable for older children.

Materials Needed:

- ♦ cardboard tubes
- ♦ coloured paper
- ♦ firm cardboard base approx 10cm by 10cm square
- ♦ PVA craft glue
- ♦ scissors



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Instructions:

- ♦ Cut the tubes into 4 unequal lengths from small (for pins, erasers etc.) to toilet roll height (for pencils, scissors etc.)
- ♦ Cut scraps of paper into glueable-sized pieces, in four different colours.
- ♦ Cover each tube with a different coloured paper collage.
- ♦ Arrange the tubes on the base with the smallest ones in front and the tallest ones behind.
- ♦ Attach the tubes to the base using more paper and glue, covering the whole base.
- ♦ Coat the completed caddy with one or two coats of watered-down PVA glue to strengthen it and give it a varnished look.
- ♦ Allow to dry completely (may take several days to dry).

Makes a nice Father's Day gift.

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