



November/December Jar Art

Simple canning jars take on a **new** use when the tops are decorated and **COLORED** so they reflect each month or time of year. Fill the jars with **GOODIES** such as **CANDY** or **PARTY MIX**. Or use them to hold paper clips, keys, or other **SMALL ITEMS**.

What you need for each crafter:

- Pint or ½-pint jar with regular or wide-mouth opening
- Jar flat and ring
- Copy of chosen pattern on pages 12 and 13
- Scissors
- Colored markers or colored pencils
- Paper punch
- Ribbon

How to make the project:

- 1 Make copies of the patterns on pages 12 and 13.
- 2 Cut out the circle that fits the jar being used. Cut out the name tag.
- 3 Color in the areas as desired. Write name on name card.
- 4 Punch a hole in the point of the name card. Thread the ribbon through the hole. Set aside.
- 5 Remove top and fill jar with desired items. Replace top on jar. Tie ribbon and name card around jar. Set the jar on a table and enjoy the art!

Making it easy:



Approximate cost per person: 40¢ if purchased jar or 10¢ if jars are donated.



Possible uses for the project:

Use the jar to hold candy or other non-refrigerated food items. Fill the jar with paper clips and rubber bands. Keep keys and other often-lost items in the jar. Keep names and addresses in jar.



Tips on how to direct the project:

- The idea of this project is that every month the jar art changes—with the seasons and the holidays.
- If it is difficult for some to cut the circles, they may be cut before the project is given out.



Sources for materials used in the project:

- Jars: Grocery or discount store or given by friends and family
- Markers and colored pencils: Crafts or discount store



Take it to the next level:

- Use plain circles and name tags and have the crafters draw or design their own jar topper for each month and each season.
- Use stickers or other cut-outs to glue to the jar paper top.



Make a jar for yourself and fill it with special little cookies or candies that make you smile.

You are so busy being an activity director that you may not take time for yourself. These jars are fun to make any time of year and for any age. Keep a special one on your desk with goodies that only you enjoy.





Make it More Like Home



- Let the great-grandchildren color in the jar topper. It will make their visit seem even more special.
- Decorate the topper with colors that fit the color scheme of a room that you like.
- Use the jars as a centerpiece for the table in the room by setting the jar or jars on a colorful plate.
- Every time someone comes to visit have them write a note to leave in the jar. The jar becomes an autograph jar and gives new visitors something to talk about.