

# Kid Crafts



What children can do with a little help and a lot of imagination



## Close enough to the Wright flyer

I visited the Smithsonian museum in D.C. in 1991 where I first laid eyes on the Wright Brothers plane. I thought in my heart that someday I would make it to the Carolina coast to see the actual spot where Orville and Wilbur pulled it off. What a thrill to take two of my boys there.

On route from Huntersville, we stopped in at a craft store to see if there was anything that would help us pass the time for a 7-year-old on a long car ride. It was perfect. I never would have thought you could glue a wooden plane together in the car, but it was ready to fly in no time.

After we played on the replica at the Outer Banks, the model plane meant even more to all of us. When we returned home, my son Corban couldn't wait to slap some paint on it.

*Carter Eby, Huntersville, EnergyUnited*



## The gingerbread house

Every year our local mall invites children to come and make a gingerbread house. My children, Sam and Savannah, always look forward to this special Christmas memory. They also look forward to the candy that they will get to devour as soon as we get home.

*Pam Garrett, Statesville, EnergyUnited*



## Luke's crafts

My grandson, Luke Thomas Morton, enjoyed different crafts at church Bible School including painting and making necklaces. He enjoys wearing his bead necklace.

*Dorothy Steele, Lilesville, Pee Dee*



## Pin cushion dolls

When I was in 2nd grade back in 1940, our teacher taught us how to make a pin cushion. This was to be a Christmas present for our mothers. (When my mother passed away this pin cushion was in her belongings.) The following year, I made many of these pin cushions for the women in my family. I don't know if they saved them like my mother, or hid them away, because they were so ugly.

The doll is 8 inches tall. Material for her skirt is 5½ by 10 inches. Draw head, arms and body on material. Make the skin color of your choice. Make the embroidery face with thread or markers. Sew upper body together. Hair is made of 6-inch strands of yarn sewn on the face and doubled back until hair is 3 inches long. Sew sides of skirt together. Gather skirt and attach to body, then stuff doll with cotton or your choice of stuffing. Gather the bottom of skirt and tie off. (Please note the black thread under her chin to hold her hair in place.)

With all the new supplies available today, this should be much easier to make than it was 67 years ago.

*Dean Burk, High Point, EnergyUnited*



Thanks to everyone who sent us pictures of crafts made by kids. You can see more at our Web site. Next month we'll publish recipes of your favorite holiday meals. (Deadline was October 15.) For more themes and rules of our Nothing Could Be Finer series, see page 19.



### Tyrannosaurus rex?

When my son, Maverick, was 3, he was interested in dinosaurs and animals, like all little boys. When I told him we could make a tyrannosaurus rex out of papier-mâché he was elated.

We were working at my drafting table when I left long enough to get more water. Within a few minutes, he was quickly covered in corn starch from head to toe (as was the lamp just above his head and the tip of his nose). When I returned to the room, I saw him absorbed in his work and contemplating his next move.

*Jill Gunter, Bear Creek, Randolph EMC*



### My prized file

This is one of the prized pieces from all of my artwork. I made this tile at a summer camp in 2006. It won first prize at the county fair. From my point of view it is one of my masterpieces.

*Emily Lynn Hench, Lexington, EnergyUnited*



### A March leprechaun

One March day my 5-year-old Colby said, "Mommy, let's make a scarecrow." Since it was nowhere near fall, I had the idea to make a leprechaun instead. So we got to work designing, cutting, gluing and piecing together our leprechaun. Our picture window in the kitchen seemed a good place to hang him so we could all enjoy our artwork, but he was missing something—a rainbow with a pot of gold! So out came the paint and more glue to place all of the coins to the pot. That leprechaun hung there all month and was quite a conversation piece.

*Dawn Baker, Morganton, Rutherford EMC*



### Lindsay's clay creations

This clay creation was made by my 7-year-old daughter Lindsay. She started making these when she was 4. The figures range from all kinds of animals to angels. This one is a squirrel putting tomatoes in a basket. Her idea for this one came from her Papa's struggle with squirrels stealing his tomatoes. She made this just for him.

Recently, Lindsay decided to make her clay creations and sell them to make money for a young woman in our church who is dying of colon cancer. Lindsay earned \$60 to donate, but to me they are priceless.

*Tamara McNeill, High Falls, Randolph EMC*

### Sticker books

When my daughter, Tiffany, was 11 years old and in the 6th grade, we sent her to a private school at a Mennonite church where they dress like "Little House on the Prairie" days. She had to wear long dresses and have her hair braided every day. All the girls there had stickers and sticker books. My daughter collected so many that she made a special box out of craft paper and decorated it with her favorite stickers to hold all her sticker books. 📖

*Sharon Hardin, Rutherfordton, Rutherford EMC*



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