

# Creative Crafts



- To earn this award, complete and check off each Step.
- If any club members miss club the week you complete a Step, have them make it up when they return, or plan a club “make-up” meeting periodically.

## Steps

1. Create an award display.
2. Make creative crafts.
3. Learn about craftsmanship.

## 1. Create an award display. (choose one)

You'll have the opportunity to earn Bible Awards and Skill Awards in Discovery Club. Create a way to display them to show what you've done in club. Decorate your display item with the name of your club and perhaps the names of all the kids in club. For a fabric item, use fabric paint, glitter, iron-on transfers, or whatever method you'd like.



### Award Banner

Go to a craft or hobby store and buy felt or canvas. Cut it to the size you want your banner to be. Attach a dowel rod and cord for a hanger.

### Award Bag

Display your awards on a canvas bag or backpack. Decorate the bag with the name “Discovery Club” and the names of club members.

### Award Shirt

Display your awards on a T-shirt. Put the name “Discovery Club” on it. Get club members to sign the back.

### Picture Frame

Find a plain frame with a mat board big enough to hold all the awards you'll earn. For a rustic look, glue on bundles of twigs to cover the frame. Or glue on jigsaw puzzle pieces, beads, seashells, moss, or whatever you want.

### Your Choice

## 2. Make creative crafts. (choose three)

### Shoe Bookends

**Supplies needed:** pair of old sneakers, cleaner for sneakers, rags, paint, paintbrushes, stones (or craft plaster mix)

Clean and dry sneakers. Paint them and let them dry. Fill sneakers with stones or plaster to make them heavy enough to hold up books.

## ❑ Decorative Container

**Supplies needed:** empty clean container (glass or plastic bottle, coffee can, etc.), supplies for the option you choose

Create a container to store pencils, pens, art supplies, or a collection of whatever you want.

**Leather look:** Cover a bottle completely with bits of masking tape. Use a rag to rub brown or black shoe polish over tape.

**Wrapped look:** Tightly twist 8-foot (2 1/2 m) lengths of crepe paper until they look like ropes. Brush a wide stripe of glue down side of container. Tape one end of "rope" to bottom of container. Then wrap rope around container, pressing it into glue and pushing rows together as you go. Glue down each end of rope that you use up and each end of the new rope that you start. Cut and glue the final rope end under the rim.

*Option:* Use cord or twine to wrap container.

**Natural look:** Cut twigs to match the height of a can. Brush glue over entire can, and cover with twigs put right next to each other. Tie container with twine, if you wish.

*Options:* Glue on a sheet of moss cut to size. Or glue on pieces of bark.

**Colorful look:** Use brand-new crayons. Brush glue over a can. Glue crayons around it in a row. *Option:* Glue on colored pencils.

## ❑ Refrigerator Magnet

**Supplies needed:** small nature items, glue, spring-type clothespin, magnet(s)

Find nature items that won't dry up. Look for things on the ground. *Ideas:* pebbles, dry pods, pinecones, twigs, acorns, bark.

Put the items together in a design you like. Glue them onto one flat side of the clothespin. Leave the end of the clothespin plain so you will be able to squeeze it. Glue one or more magnets onto the other side.

Use your magnet to clip pictures or notes on the refrigerator.

## ❑ Anthill

**Supplies needed:** 2-liter bottle, masking tape, paint, paintbrushes, papier-mache (or nontoxic wallpaper paste and water), posterboard, plastic ants, scissors; *optional:* sand

Cut the bottom off the bottle. Place the top of the bottle in the center of the posterboard. Tape in place. Put strips of masking tape from the top of the bottle to the edge of the posterboard.

Prepare papier-mache paste. Dip 1 inch by 7 inch (3 x 18 cm) news-

paper strips into the paste. Squeeze off any extra paste before laying the strips over the masking tape.

Cover the masking tape completely with several layers of strips. But leave the hole in the top open. Allow time for the paste to dry.

Then paint it. (*Option:* Sprinkle sand on the paint to make it look more authentic.) Add plastic ants.





### ❑ Tin-Punch Lantern

**Supplies needed:** clean can with lid and label removed, plain paper, scissors, pencil, felt tip pen, masking tape, newspaper, thin nail, hammer, candle

Roll up newspaper tightly. Make the roll the same size as the inside of can. Tape the roll securely, and put it into can.

Cut the plain paper to fit around the can. Draw or trace a simple design on the paper. You can have the design be all around the can or just on the front. Stop the design at least 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) from the bottom of the paper, so melting wax won't leak through holes in the lantern. With felt tip pen, mark evenly spaced dots on the outline of your design.

Tape pattern to can. Make holes in the can by pounding the nail into each dot on the pattern. When finished, remove pattern and newspaper roll. Place candle inside. Put on heat-proof surface when using.

### ❑ Wind Chimes

**Supplies needed:** three (or more) clean clay flowerpots of different sizes, paint, paintbrushes, rope, scissors, monofilament fishing line, broken pieces of pottery (or seashells or other small, hard objects)

For each pot: Cut a piece of rope about 3 feet (1 m) long. Tie several knots together to make a big knot at one end of the rope. The knot needs to be big enough to keep the rope from coming out of the hole in the pot. Pull the unknotted end of the rope through the hole in the pot from the inside out.

Cut a piece of fishing line about a finger's length longer than the pot. Tie one end of the line around a pottery piece to make a clapper. Tie the other end above the knot in the rope. Adjust the length of the line so that the bottom of the clapper hangs out of the pot a little bit.

Paint designs on the outside of pots, and let paint dry. Hang the bells outside where the wind can make them chime.



### ❑ Your Choice

## 3. Learn about craftsmanship.

With your club or family, read Exodus 31:1-11. What does verse 3 tell you about the gifts you have? What talents do you think God may have given you?

### Serving Others (optional)

Use your skills to make something creative for another person. Surprise this person with it, or give it to him or her on a special event like a birthday or holiday.

### Extra Event (optional)

Visit a hobby or craft shop to see how you could develop your abilities.