

Gifts and Crafts from the Garden: Over 100 Easy-To-Make Projects



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>pecially preschoolers with dotingi¼ creative mothers.
 When I was about five years oldi¼ my mother was a 4-H craft leader. Her basketmaking workshops had
i¼. enthralled. After each basketW sessioni¼ I d try my hand at weaving baskets under her direction. Lateri¼
grade schooli¼ pupils who completed their work quickly and correctly could use their spare time
corating bulletin boards and doing craft projects. One such project was making a doll-size log cabin
replete with a lofti¼ tiny twig ladderi¼ cornshuck mattressi¼ miniature quilti¼ and other furnishings.
other project involved making puppets and a theatrei¼ then putting on a show.
 Through the yearsi¼ my interest in

gardening and crafts has followed a steady but circuitous path. By the time I was
involved with cooking and table settings. This spurred my interest in flower
arranging; a few years later came corsage making. Cornshuck and dried apple
dolls, gourd bird feeders, pine and lecone wreaths, Indian corn door
swags, vegetable block printing, unicorn plant birds, yule log candle
holders and sachets all hold special attachment in my memory from my "growing
up" years. Because I had been exposed to vegetable and flower gardening since
early childhood, it seemed very natural to become a horticulture student in
college. During my undergraduate years, I was able to work at a local flower shop
to supplement my college allowance. Needless to say, it was also an invaluable
training experience. In graduate school, I did yard work to augment the income
from my fellowship. In addition, I wrote a weekly column on gardening for the
local newspaper. Since college I have lived in a variety of places, sometimes
with lots of room, more often with very little. At present I have about the best
space for craft work that I've ever had. My basement, dry/furnace/utility area is
finished with vinyl tile flooring, drywall, paneled ceiling, recessed
lighting, wood cabinets, and a large sink. In the adjacent hallway are long open
shelves for books and boxes also offer endless new ideas.

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