

Pampered Pet Treat Containers

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Pet lovers and their pets alike will appreciate these treat containers made from recycled materials. This would make a great youth group project, summer camp project or fundraiser for animal shelters. (Tools are kept to a bare minimum for youth group use.)

Supplies:

Coffee or oatmeal containers (Choose a container with a re-sealable lid.)

Various sizes plastic bottle caps (Eyes are from milk cartons, knobs and nose from spice jars, vitamins and juice bottles.)

Metal bottle caps

Brightly colored cereal box

Earth Safe Finishes (www.earthsafefinishes.com)

Gel Medium

Generation Green Acrylic Paint in Carnation, Glacier and Black Storm

Interior Varnish in Satin

Tools- paintbrush, pencil with new eraser, scissors

Instructions:

1. Gather supplies and remove paper cover from container.



2. To make the knob on top of the container and nose sturdier; turn those caps upside down and glue a smaller cap inside with gel medium.



3. Paint the kitten nose Carnation and the dog nose Black Storm.

4. Paint the inside of the eye caps using Black Storm. Use the end of a pencil eraser to make round eyes for dog and oblong ones for cat. Allow the black paint to dry then dot the tops of the eyes with Glacier using the wood end of a paintbrush or a toothpick.
5. Glue with gel medium eye caps and nose caps to side of container. (Refer to the project photograph for placement.)
6. Glue the knob cap to the center of the lid with gel medium. Use a small paintbrush and Black Storm to paint letters on lid. (Here is a great place to personalize the treat container.) Dips the eraser end of a pencil into black paint then dot the ends of each letter. Use a pencil eraser to make paw prints on the knob or anywhere on the container you like.



7. Paint black muzzle line and eyebrows on dog. Paint muzzle line and whiskers on cat. Use either a paintbrush or cut a 2" x 1" piece from cereal box, dip end into paint then press onto container.
8. Cut ears from cereal box. (Adjust ear pattern to fit your container. Sample container is 9 1/4" high.) Add inner ear area on cat with Carnation paint. Glue ears to container.
9. Cut 1"-1 1/2" strips from cereal box for collar. Glue along bottom edge of container. Glue metal bottle cap to collar.
10. All gel medium glue to dry then brush a coat of varnish over all surface to protect them from smudges.