

EGG-CUP PLANTERS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Craft paint
- Wooden egg cups
- Fine paintbrush
- Wooden skewer
- Fine-point paint pen
- Plants
- Soil

1. Paint the bottom half of the egg cup. Once dry, paint on buttons, collars, or polka dots with the fine paintbrush. Use the skewer to add dots.
2. Use the pen to draw faces.
3. Add the plant!



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KID-MADE MERRY

Let the kids channel their inner elves this holiday season with 10 gifts they can make in a jiff!

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STAINED GLASSES



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Dowel
- Books
- Newspaper
- Strong tape
- Strong twine or string
- Drinking glasses
- Disposable cups (large enough to fit juice glasses)
- DecoArt Glass Stain in Transparent

1. The glasses will need to hang freely after staining, so set up a dowel on top of two stacks of books, with newspaper underneath.

2. Tape a length of twine to the lip of each glass. Tuck twine inside.

3. Fill a disposable cup with about 2 inches of glass stain. Repeat with additional cups and colors. Dip each glass in the stain, gently shaking off the excess as you remove the glass from the cup.

4. Tie the glasses to the dowel to hang and let dry overnight.

MESS-FREE TIE-DYE SCARVES

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Pushpins
- Plain silk or cotton scarf
- Piece of cardboard or foam board bigger than the scarf
- Sharpies
- Paintbrush
- Rubbing alcohol

1. Pin the scarf to the cardboard so it's stretched flat.

(A parent may need to help iron the scarf first.)

2. Draw lines and patterns on the scarf with the Sharpies, tracing over lines multiple times so there's more dye to bleed.

3. Use a paintbrush to lightly brush over the lines with rubbing alcohol. The colors will start to bleed and spread. Let dry, wrap, and give as a gift!

DESKTOP CORNHOLE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Small 5¼x3¾-inch gift-box lid
- Washi tape in assorted colors
- Craft knife or scissors
- Craft glue or hot glue
- 1- to 2-inch wooden blocks or beads
- Organza gift bags (or small plastic jewelry bags)
- Small seed beads or dried lentils

1. Cover the top and sides of the lid with tape.

2. Trace and cut out a 1½ to 2-inch circle (a hot-sauce bottle is usually the right size) in the top half.

3. Glue wooden blocks or beads to the corners underneath the circle opening.

4. Cut a 1-inch square out of both layers of the organza bag. Glue three sides shut and let dry. Add seed beads and seal with glue. Let dry completely.

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You can also make the "beanbags" from small plastic jewelry bags!

MESS-FREE TIE-DYE SCARVES



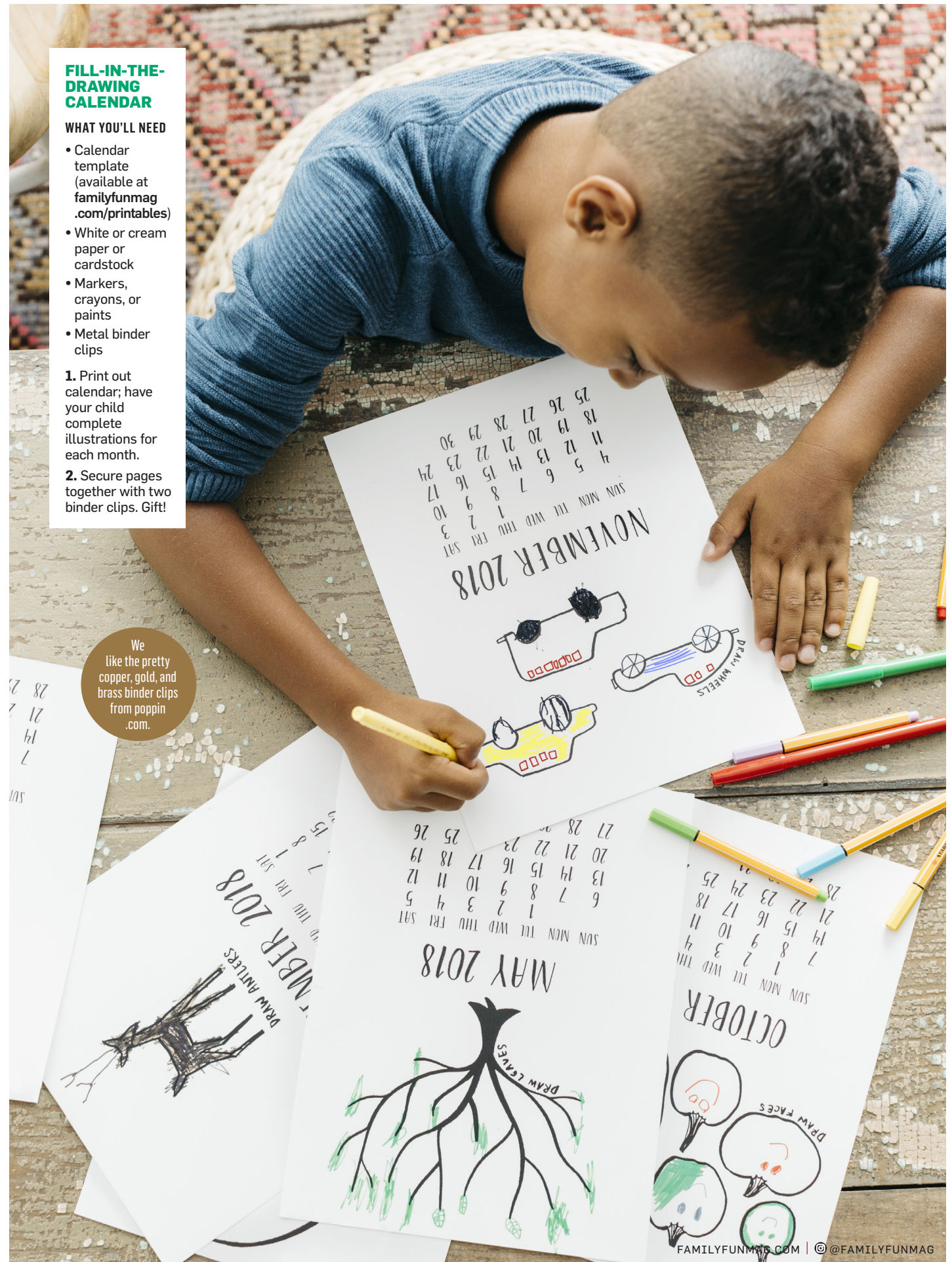
FILL-IN-THE-DRAWING CALENDAR

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Calendar template (available at familyfunmag.com/printables)
- White or cream paper or cardstock
- Markers, crayons, or paints
- Metal binder clips

1. Print out calendar; have your child complete illustrations for each month.

2. Secure pages together with two binder clips. Gift!



We like the pretty copper, gold, and brass binder clips from poppin.com.



Safety first: Pick up a low-temp glue gun for the kids!

Add solid chunks of soap to the molds before the liquid soap for extra interest.

GEM SOAPS



Fill with colored or personalized pencils from orientaltrading.com.

PENCIL ROLL



SPLATTER-PAINT BARRETTE



GALACTIC PUZZLE MAGNETS



We used pinking shears with a scalloped edge, but you can use regular!

LAVENDER-SCENTED EYE PILLOW

GEM SOAPS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Clear and white soap base
- Mason jar
- Soap colorants
- Disposable cups
- Diamond-shaped soap mold

1. Cut soap bases into ½-inch chunks. Put a handful in a pint-size Mason jar and melt in 30-second intervals.
2. Add drops of dye to the melted soap, swirling the container gently to mix, until you like the color. Pour into a disposable cup. Make additional colors if desired using clear and white soap base.
3. Once the colored soaps have set, peel them out of the cups. Chop up.
4. Melt two or more colors of soap in separate containers. Pour into the diamond mold, alternating colors and letting each dry for about 30 seconds before adding the next so they swirl together. (You can also put solid chunks of soap in the mold before pouring in liquid soap.) Experiment with different colors!
5. Let harden overnight and wrap with plastic before giving away, to keep the glycerin from beading on the surface.

SPLATTER-PAINT BARRETTE

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 1-inch-wide (or wider) leather strips
- Bobby pins and/or hair clips
- Cardboard box
- Newspaper
- Craft paint
- Disposable bowl
- Disposable gloves
- Hot glue or craft glue

1. Cut leather strips 1 inch longer than the clips, or cut into small circles. Place leather right side up inside a cardboard box on top of newspaper.
2. Mix 5 parts craft paint with 1 part water in a disposable bowl.
3. Wearing disposable gloves, dip fingertips in the thinned paint and flick over the leather. Let dry.
4. Glue the leather onto the barrette or clip.

GALACTIC PUZZLE MAGNETS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Strong tape
- 5x7-inch wooden puzzle blank
- Template (available at familyfunmag.com/printables)
- 8½x11-inch full-sheet labels
- Plastic bin or bucket with at least a 10-inch opening

- Plastic grocery bag
- Magic Marble in gold, dark blue, and violet
- Wooden skewer
- Disposable gloves
- Index cards
- Newspaper
- ½-inch magnets
- Craft glue or hot glue

1. Tape the back of the puzzle so it holds together tightly.
2. Print the rocket-ship template (or your favorite design) on label paper and cut out. Stick onto front of the puzzle, pressing firmly.
3. Place a disposable plastic bag in a bin or bucket. (FYI: The bin or bucket may not stay completely clean.)
4. Add room-temperature water to the container so it's a few inches deep.
5. Add 20 to 30 drops of the Magic Marble colors to the water. Swirl with a skewer.
6. Wearing gloves, dip index card into container—it should go in horizontally or flat to the surface. Slowly submerge it, then remove to make sure the marble pattern is working. If you don't like the result, add more paint or try swirling in different ways. Between tests, clean water by dipping in a card, pulling the paint to one side, and lifting it out of the

container. (The paint will stick to the card.)

7. Once you're satisfied with the test, repeat the process with the wooden puzzle, adding more Magic Marble as needed. Lay the puzzle flat on newspaper and let dry completely. (See magicmarble.com for more tips!)
8. Peel off the stickers. Glue a magnet to the back of each puzzle piece so the recipient can do the puzzle on the side of the fridge!

PENCIL ROLL

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 8½x10-inch suede sheet
- 25 inches of 1-inch leather trim
- Hot glue
- Pencils
- Small bead, less than ½ inch diameter
- Craft knife
- Embroidery floss

1. With suede placed lengthwise, place the leather trim in the center, making sure to line up one end with the edge of the suede. Glue end in place.
2. To create loops: Slide a pencil underneath the trim, and glue down both sides. The loop should hold the pencil snugly but allow it to slide in and out. Hold in place until it dries. Repeat for 12 loops.

3. Cut a small slit about ½ inch in from the end of the trim overhang. It should be large enough to fit over the bead. Round the corners of the trim if desired.
4. Roll up the suede and mark bead placement through the slit. Make a small hole and tie on the bead with embroidery floss.

LAVENDER-SCENTED EYE PILLOW

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Fabric shears
- Knee-high socks
- Fabric glue
- Clothespins
- Uncooked rice
- Dried lavender
- Pinking shears
- Felt

1. Cut a 10-inch section from the leg of the sock.
2. Glue one end of the sock closed, leaving a ½-inch outer edge. Hold in place with clothespins until dry.
3. Fill the tube with 2 to 2½ cups of rice mixed with lavender. Close the other end, leaving a ½-inch outer edge. Glue, holding in place with clothespins.
4. Trim ends with pinking shears.
5. Cut out two closed eyelashes shapes from the felt and glue on the pillow. Let dry.

BUYER'S GUIDE

Want to use the exact materials we did? Here's where to shop for the specialty materials used in these projects. (Everything else should be widely available at craft stores or already in your art bins!)

UNFINISHED WOOD EGG HOLDERS \$5 for 6; factorydirectcraft.com	CLEAR OR WHITE GLYCERIN SOAP BASE Starting at \$10; amazon.com	5X7-INCH WOODEN PUZZLE BLANK \$6; rochesterlaserart.patternbyetsy.com
DRINKING GLASSES Set of 8 Marta Juice Glasses, \$10; cb2.com	KEDUDES SOAP MAKING SET LIQUID COLORS \$15; amazon.com	MAGIC MARBLE \$8 each; magicmarble.com
DECOART GLASS STAIN IN TRANSPARENT Starting at \$2 each; decoart.com	ICED OUT DIAMOND SILICONE MOLD AND ICE CUBE TRAY \$8; amazon.com	8X10-INCH SUEDE LEATHER SHEETS Starting at \$4; peggyalso.etsy.com
CREPE DE CHINE SCARF 12mm 25x25-inch, \$5; dharma trading.com	LEATHER TRIM Starting at \$1.50; pitkaleather.etsy.com	DRIED LAVENDER BUDS \$13; amazon.com