

Party in a Jar features sixteen kid-friendly craft projects that provide entertainment for pint-sized partygoers and serve as take-home party favors, too! From edible dino terrariums to holiday-themed gifts and centerpieces, these upcycled jar crafts are earth friendly and sure to be the hit of your next get-together.



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MONSTER SLIME JARS

— Makes 6 decorated jars —

Kids will have a blast making homemade monster slime, stretchable green putty, and decorating a monster jar to hold the slime when not in use. You can have kids name their monsters and make up monster stories as they decorate their jars.

MATERIALS

6 baby food jars
pipe cleaners
scrapbook paper
2 (5-ounce) bottles clear school glue
¼ cup water
green food coloring
1 teaspoon borax
1 cup water
googly eyes
craft glue
scissors or circle punches
acrylic paint
sponge brush

DIRECTIONS

1. Paint 6 baby food jar lids in your color of choice. Set aside to dry.
2. Shape pipe cleaner to look like monster arms and glue to the front of the jar.
3. Cut out 2 circles, 1 slightly larger than the other, out of different-colored scrapbook paper. Glue circles to the jar, on top of the pipe cleaner, placing the larger circle behind the smaller circle.
4. Decorate jar using googly eyes, paper circles and paint.
5. Pour 2 bottles of clear school glue into a large mixing bowl. Add ¼ cup water and 10 drops of green food coloring, mix well.
6. Dissolve 1 teaspoon of borax in 1 cup of water and add to glue mixture. Use your hands to mix and knead until a solid glob is formed.
7. Store slime in monster jar when not in use.

Tip: Be creative and use different sizes of googly eyes and different paper and pipe cleaner colors. You can add some yarn hair, fangs or maybe even some antennae.



EASTER BUNNY BATH BOMB JARS

— Makes 8–9 eggs for 2 jars (4 eggs per jar) —

Kids won't fight bath time with this homemade bath bomb recipe. The best part is that they are shaped like Easter eggs and kids can decorate an Easter bunny jar to store them in. Hop to it!

EGG BATH BOMB MATERIALS

1 cup baking soda
½ cup citric acid
½ cup cornstarch
¼ teaspoon borax
2½ tablespoons almond oil
¾ tablespoon water
½–1 teaspoon lavender essential oil
¼ teaspoon vitamin E oil
9 plastic Easter eggs
witch hazel
spray bottle
cupcake baking pan
fluffy towel

EASTER BUNNY JAR MATERIALS

Makes 1 decorated jar
1 (1-pint) Mason jar
pink acrylic paint
sponge brush
scissors
3 pink pipe cleaners
white cardstock
pink cardstock
craft glue
1 medium pink pom-pom
2 medium googly eyes
1 large white pom-pom

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine baking soda, citric acid and cornstarch together until smooth.
2. Mix in borax, almond oil, water, essential oil and vitamin E oil to the dry ingredients.
3. Separate the plastic Easter egg halves and pack each side with the mixed bath bomb ingredients.
4. If the ingredients aren't sticking together, place ¼ cup of witch hazel in a spray bottle and lightly mist the ingredients 1–2 times.
5. Allow the halves to harden for 10 minutes. Gently remove bath bombs out of their egg molds. Attach the halves together, lightly spritzing one side with witch hazel to act as "glue." Place bath bombs on top of a cupcake-baking pan and then cover with a towel. Allow to harden completely overnight.
6. Match the halves together, lightly spritzing with witch hazel.
7. Paint the Mason jar lid with 2–3 coats of pink acrylic paint. Allow to dry.
8. Cut Easter bunny ear shapes with flaps at the bottom out of white cardstock, with pink cardstock for the inner ear. Glue the flaps to the top of the Mason jar lid.
9. Cut 3 pink pipe cleaners in half and glue to the middle of the jar, arranging them to look like whiskers. Glue a pink pom-pom in the center of the whiskers for the nose.
10. Glue 2 googly eyes above the pom-pom nose and a large white pom-pom to the back of the jar for the tail.
11. Place 4 bath bombs in the bunny jar.

Tip: If you are having a difficult time getting the bath bomb out of the mold, lightly squeeze the mold and it should pop out.



APPLESAUCE BEACH JARS

— Makes 3 decorated jars —

Calling all beach bums! Your kids can make their own miniature beach jars and enjoy them for a healthy snack too! This applesauce recipe contains no added sugar and kids will enjoy making it from scratch.

These jars would be fun to make at a beach-themed birthday party.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place apples, nutmeg, cinnamon and water in a pot. Cover and cook over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally (adults only). Mash with a fork or adults can place apples in a food processor until smooth.
2. Spoon equal amounts of applesauce into jelly jars. Lightly sprinkle applesauce with brown sugar.
3. Place Teddy Graham bears inside of gummy Life Savers and place on top of applesauce.
4. Place miniature umbrellas and gumballs on top of the applesauce as well.

Tip: You'll have to stretch the gummy Life Saver a bit to get it over the Teddy Graham cookie.

MATERIALS

5 medium peeled and cored apples
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons cinnamon
¼ cup water
3 (4-ounce) jelly jars
brown sugar
3 Teddy Graham bear cookies
3 gummy Life Savers
3 miniature cocktail umbrellas
3 small gumballs

