

Crafts!

St. Patrick's Day Marionette

Materials

- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Paper connectors
- String
- Colouring pens/pencils
- One template print out (below) for each girl

Method

Print out the copy of the leprechaun template below and make a copy for each girl in your Unit.

Ask the girls to colour in their leprechauns.

Punch holes in the large black dots on the template and assemble your leprechaun using paper connectors.

Tie a piece of string to the top of the head and make a loop. By pulling the loop up and down, you can make your leprechaun dance!

St. Patrick's Day Cards Shamrock Card

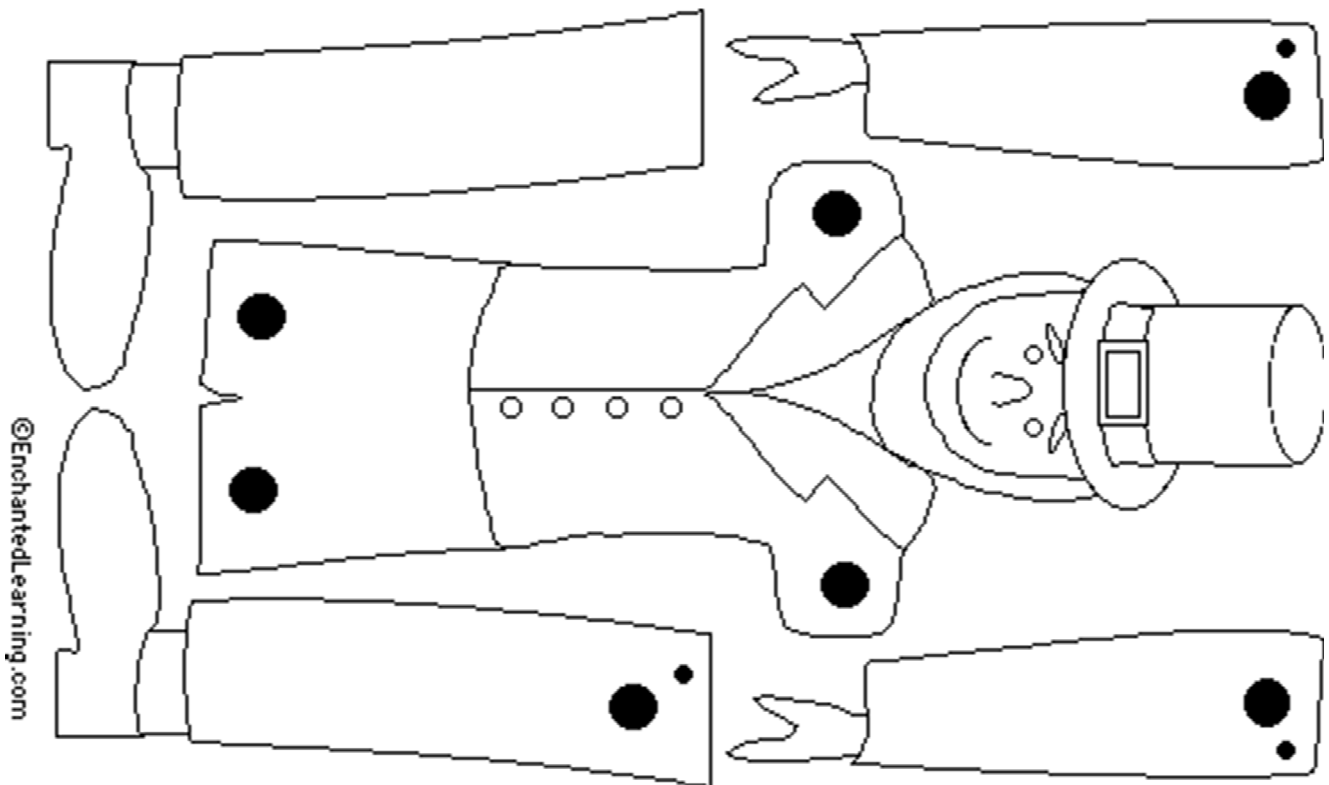
- White card
- Orange Card
- Green Pipe cleaners
- Glue

1. Fold White card in half
2. Cut a rectangular piece of orange card and glue onto the front of the card.
3. Make the three leaf shamrock shape using the green pipe cleaner.
4. Glue in centre of orange card.

Tri Colour Ribbon Card

- Green, White and Orange Ribbon
- White Card
- Glue

Make a bow from each colour and glue onto card in sequence



Ladybird Badge

- Red card
- Black markers
- Wool
- Safety pin

Instructions:

For each badge, take a piece of red card cut a ladybird shape.

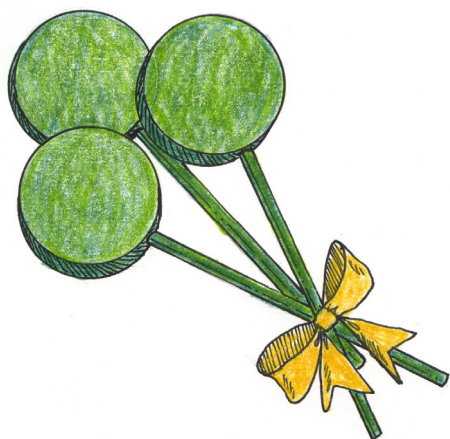
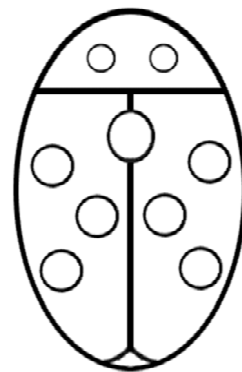
Colour in black spots.

Attach some wool to hang it on and pin.

Other Ideas:

Print picture onto white card and colour in red

You could make a Ladybird for your fridge or wall!



Sweet Shamrock Badge

Materials:

- 3 Green lollipops per badge
- Aluminum Foil
- Cling film
- Plastic twists
- Narrow green ribbon
- Strong sellotape
- Safety pin

Instructions:

Unwrap the lollipops and put them on a piece of tinfoil.

With the sides of the lollipops touching and the sticks overlapping, form a shamrock and using the plastic twists, tie them together.

Cover the lollipops with cling film and cover the extra with sticks. ie some ribbon around the plastic twist and make a bow.

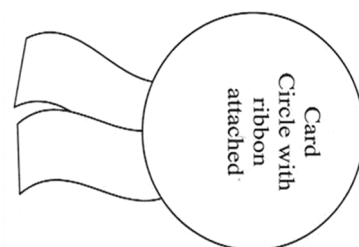
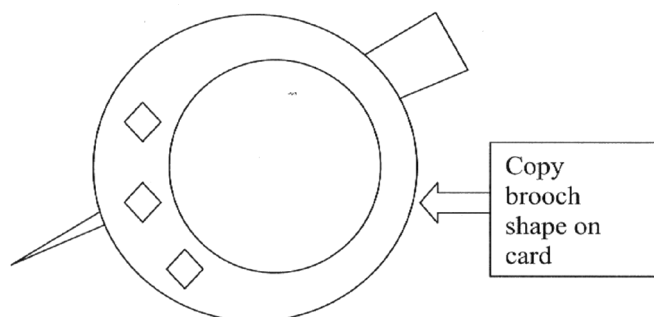
On the back of the shamrock attach a large safety pin with sellotape to the top lollipop.

TARA BROOCH BADGE

Materials: Copies of Tara Brooch, (right) on white card, colouring pencils/markers, glue, coloured paper/stickers, 15cm green, white and gold ribbon per girl, stapler, safety pins, tape.

Instructions:

1. Cut out brooch shape and also another circle of card as shown.
2. Colour in the brooch and decorate with stick on "Jewels" as required.
3. Fold 15cm. length of green, white and orange ribbon in half and staple on to end of circle.
4. Glue circle onto back of brooch so that ribbon hangs from bottom of badge.
5. Fix safety pin to back of brooch with tape.





PATRICK'S DAY WREATH

Equipment:

Markers/crayons in all the Rainbow colours

Large paper plate for each girl

Green paper, Shamrock Shapes, Glue.

- ◆ Cut out the middle of the plate. Leaving the outer rim
- ◆ Start at the outside of the ring and colour a line of red all the way around, then an orange line, then yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet lines making a round rainbow.
- ◆ Cut lots of shamrocks from green paper, glue them round your circle and hang your wreath.

OR: You can make a larger version for your Unit by cutting a big circle from card and use copies of the girls' handprints on green paper to decorate.

ST. BRIDGET'S CROSS

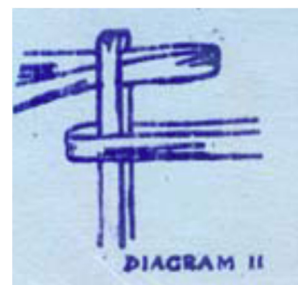
Materials: 12 rushes approximately 12" long. (Or pipe cleaners!)

Method: Bend each rush in half.

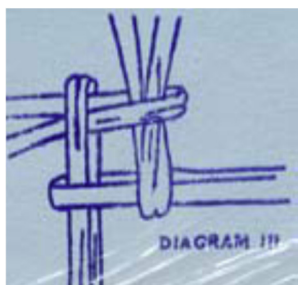
Loop number 1 over number 2 (Diagram I)



Then loop number 3 over number 2 (Diagram II)



Next loop number 4 over number 3, threading the ends through the loop of number 1. (Diagram III)



Tighten the ends of the rushes. (Diagram IV)

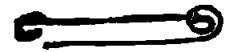
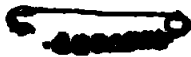


This forms the base for working the cross. Repeat the process with the next eight rushes. Finally, draw the ends of the rushes tightly and trim. Tie each set with damp rush or raffia about 1" in from each end. Construction straws or pipe cleaners may be used if rushes cannot be acquired.

Irish Flag Pin

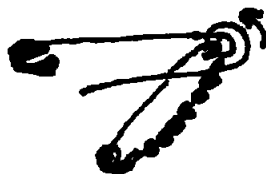
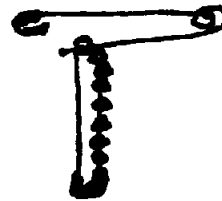
Materials: 7 safety pins approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " , Seed beads, size 9 in green, white and orange, superglue

Using 6 pins, thread 2 each with
green, white and orange beads



Take the other pin and open the
rounded end with a knife.

Holding pin opened with point towards
you, take a green beaded pin and with
beaded side toward you thread it onto
the main pin, bringing the beaded pin up
and around the slightly opened end.



When the beaded pin reaches the centre of the loop, let
it drop down through the main pin and continue around
the loop until it reaches the head of the main pin.

Repeat with the other beaded pins in turn 2
green, 2 white & 2 orange beads. Pinch the opened
end of the main pin closed. This will keep
the other pins safely on the back of the
main pin. This completes the brooch pin of
the Irish flag.



To make sure that the beaded pins do not open, use a small drop of superglue on each
bead and the pins may be glued together at the end, which will give a solid type flag.

PLAITED HEADBANDS

Using lengths of chunky wool in green, white and
orange Girls can make cool plaited headbands. They
will probably find it better to work in pairs – you
could pair younger Girls with older ones.

1. Cut wool into 1m. lengths.
2. Use 3 lengths of each colour wool per headband.
3. Knot one end of all 9 lengths together. Plait to
other end



IRISH FRIENDSHIP PENS

Make them for yourself or swap them with your friends!

Equipment:

Ball Point Pen, green, white and gold/orange-coloured
yarn, tacky glue or Low Tack glue gun, beads (optional)

Instructions:

Using as little glue as possible, place a very thin bead of
glue near the tip of the pen and up about 1" on to the
barrel. Starting near the tip, wrap yarn tightly around
pen without leaving any gaps.

Add more glue as you go. You can change yarn colours
every few strands.

When you reach the end, trim and secure with a little
dab of glue. Cut three 12" pieces of yarn. Knot the
three pieces together near one end. Braid and end with
another knot. Glue on pen end.