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Artistic Crafts

Recommended Products:

[Nature-Watch Craft Kits](#)

1. Skill Builders 2
 - a. "Choose your medium: leather work, macrame, crocheting, quilting, decoupage, candle making, (more ideas in book). Do the following: Explain the process & tools needed, make a scrapbook with pictures/samples, Develop 3 designs, complete one."
 - b. "Clay offers many possibilities for expression. Learn about hand building, or to throw clay on a potter's wheel. Make one finished piece."
 - c. "Make your own woodcarving. Or try your hand at building something with wood, maybe a birdhouse."
 - d. Find a place for craft instruction. Compare the cost of each course & find out if anyone would be willing to teach your troop.
2. Technology 1
 - a. "Choose 3 of the following & find out about 3 tools used in each: Candle making, Stained Glass, Woodcarving, Leather working, Pottery making. Prepare demonstration on what you learn & share with your troop."
 - b. The internet has sites for craft organizations from all over the world. Develop your own site or join one to exchange information about crafts w/others your age.
 - c. "Stenciling is popular. Find ways modern technology changed how stencils are made & used. Experiment w/stenciling on paper or cloth, then try a more advanced project."
 - d. "Visit a woodworker's shop. Ask for demonstration of jigsaws, a plane, a router or sander. What safety precautions must be taken when using these tools."
3. Service Projects 1
 - a. Teach a simple craft to younger girls. Make sure skills are age appropriate.
 - b. "Make several craft items & donate to a nursing home, children's center or other organization."
 - c. "Contact craft stores, schools & community centers. Find out about courses, workshops or seminars. Put this in a newsletter, flier or brochure & distribute."
 - d. "Work with your GS troop to develop your own how-to-craft manual. Give copies to your council, library or community center."
4. Career Exploration 1
 - a. "Interview someone who earns part or all of her living with crafting. How did she get started? Visit a craft show. Talk to an artist, what kind of training was needed, what are the pitfalls, does she do other work in addition to crafting?"
 - b. Career options related to crafts. Choose a crafts-related career and find out how you would pursue it.
 - c. "When planning to sell your crafts, know your market. Interview a craft store owner to find out about trends in crafts in the past 10 yrs., the future. How can one keep up with these trends?"
 - d. Occupational therapists help people. Ask an occupational therapist to explain or demonstrate how crafts might be used in her job.