

## Pumpkin Patch Basket

### Supplies included in kit:

- 3 shatterproof ornaments, various sizes
- Pint strawberry basket (plastic)
- Spanish moss
- Sandpaper
- Popsicle stick
- 2" piece of wooden paint stick
- Printed "Pumpkins" sign
- 8" twine
- 2'x3/4" strip of homespun fabric (approx.)
- 3 branch pieces, each approx. 1" long
- Khaki Apple Barrel paint
- Foam brush
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks



### Additional supplies needed:

- Scissors
- Hair dryer (optional)

### A note about preparing the ornaments:

Due to time constraints during our Crazy Crafters classes, the ornaments have been spray painted ahead of time. The ornaments have also had the hanger tops removed and the neck cut off with wire cutters. I hand painted my prototype pumpkin balls, but it took several coats and a lot of drying time.

I also used my trusty wire cutters to snip small branches for the pumpkin stems, but there are probably better tools available for that purpose.

### Directions:

1. Plug in the glue gun to start heating.
2. Rough up the strawberry basket with sandpaper to help the paint to stick.
3. Using the foam brush, paint the basket Khaki. Set aside to begin drying.
4. Paint the popsicle stick and the piece of paint stick. (You really only need to paint one side and the edges of the paint stick. If there are words stamped on the paint stick, I like to paint the blank side because the printed side will be covered later.)
5. Hot glue the branch pieces to the tops of the ornaments for stems. (Be generous with the glue here.)

6. Hot glue little wreaths of Spanish moss around the stems. (Again, be generous with the glue.)
7. If the basket is dry, paint a second coat of Khaki. (You can speed it along with a hair dryer if needed.)
8. When the wooden pieces are dry, assemble the Pumpkins stake. First, trim off the extra paper from the printed Pumpkins sign.
9. Next, glue the paper to the unpainted side of the paint stick. The best way I have found to do this is to: (1) put two dots of glue on the top corners of the wood, (2) quickly stick the paper on, (3) flip the paper up to put two more dots on the bottom corners, and (4) firmly press the paper back down.
10. Glue the popsicle stick to the back of the Pumpkins sign.
11. Tie a little bow with the twine and glue it below the word "Pumpkins." Set the stake aside.
12. When the basket is completely dry, add the homespun bow. Pull threads off all sides of the strip of fabric to fray the edges. Tie it around the basket with a double knot in the front. If it wants to slide down, hold the fabric in place either with dabs of hot glue or by weaving the fabric through the basket.
13. Give the Spanish moss a good fluff and put it in the bottom of the basket.
14. Arrange the pumpkins on top.
15. Choose the best spot for the Pumpkins stake and hot glue it to the inside of the basket. (You will probably have to take the pumpkins back out, but it helps to have the basket assembled for deciding where to put the stake.)
16. Note: If you decide to move the stake and rip some of the paint off, you can hide the damage with a little hot glue and Spanish moss. 😊
17. Enjoy the pumpkin season!