

Easy Autumn-Themed Crafts For Any Aspiring Artistic Disasters

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Looking for something fun to do in the name of getting excited about fall? Celebrating the holidays and passing of the seasons is a wonderful way to raise your spirits, so don't hesitate to give one of these activities a try!

Bake Apple Desserts

Apple-picking is a classic fall activity. Grab some friends or family and have a relaxing day visiting your nearest orchard, then take those crisp fruits home to bake some delicious desserts. Caramel apples, apple pie, apple-cinnamon cookies...the possibilities are not endless, but there's certainly enough to satisfy your autumn-triggered apple cravings.



Paint Or Make Pottery

One of my favorite artistic things to do is visit The Pottery Place with my dad—they have beautiful clay pieces (they have plenty of Halloween themed pieces, plus dishes and much more if you'd prefer a mug over a spider) that you can buy and paint yourself in-store. They offer clay classes, wheel classes, and canvas painting as well. The studio is such a relaxing environment, I'd definitely recommend giving it a try!

Write Ghost Stories

Have you ever tried writing your own ghost story? Look for some Halloween or fall themed writing prompts and get writing! Sharing ghost stories is an excellent excuse to eat s'mores, so what's stopping you?

Make A Homemade Wreath

Making your own wreath can be a lot of fun. Who said you have to put fake pinecones and leaves on it? Add Peppa Pig band-aids and giant googly eyes to a stale donut like a degenerate and hang that sucker on your door. If nothing else, it's burglar repellent.

Don't Forget Your Flowers This Fall

Fall is the perfect time to plant flower bulbs too—why not start your garden today?

Make Your Own Candles

Making homemade candles is always a good idea. They make wonderful gifts *and* fill your house with whatever flavors you want, without the outrageous cost of some candles. Whether your favorite fall scent is apple pie, autumn leaves, pumpkin spice, or musty Halloween costumes from the back of your closet, you can make it with some tutorials online and a trip to Michael's.

Put Googly Eyes On Virtually Anything

My current obsession is going on a walk or hike and collecting rocks, leaves, acorns, pinecones, and any other specimen of interest, then putting googly eyes on them and giving them to my favorite people. You would not believe how adorably happy humans get when you hand them a rock with googly eyes.



Learn To Knit

What's the best part about fall? It's getting cold, so you can wear soft sweaters, sleep under fluffy blankets, and get decked out in the fuzziest of socks. How cool would it be to make your own? (Very cool, but also warm, soft, and wonderful.)

Put Together A Photoshoot Scrapbook

Spring is unpredictable. There's mud, rain, weeds...but you know what always looks gorgeous? A backdrop of trees with red, orange, and yellow leaves, and you in a cream-colored sweater, embracing knee-high boot season. Gather your friends for a fall photoshoot and put the pictures you get together into a scrapbook—you can paste in leaves and get autumn-themed decorative tape, paper and more from a craft store to bring it all together.

Make Your Own Scarecrow

Make a scarecrow with old clothes, leaves, and hay, then keep it in your bedroom year round to disturb your family. Go wild—buttons, embroidery, any fabric you have on hand, big or small (a little scarecrow doll would be adorable!), whatever decorations your little heart desires.



Fold Origami

Why not try out some origami? I use post-it notes without the adhesive, because they're cheap, square, and make for some really tiny frogs, which are insanely cute and make very easy gifts. (More complicated origami

projects will require bigger paper than post-its, though.) Learn to make an origami fox, bat, squirrel, deer, whatever animal you want—or just go for your favorite animal. That's fall-themed enough to work, because you're making it in the fall, so go ahead and make yourself an autumn walrus.

Even if you don't think you're particularly talented at baking or writing or crafts or whatever else it is you might want to do, creating something will make you feel relaxed and gratified. A day spent making things is a day spent well, so why not get in the fall spirit with one of these arts and crafts?