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Materials

- 1 paper cup (16oz)
- 1 yarn ball
- 1 tied bundle of yarn
- 1 pipe cleaner
- 1 ribbon (12")
- 2 felt leaf pieces
- 2 felt flower pieces
- 2 small felt circle pieces
- 1 large felt circle piece
- *Scissors (not included)
- *Glue (not included)

Upcycled Paper Cup Basket

Skill Level: Beginner

Notes:

- Yarn and felt colors may differ from the picture.
- A hot glue gun is recommended for this project, but, if a glue gun is not available, any strong glue (such as tacky glue) will work. If you're using anything other than hot glue, be sure to allow enough drying time at each step that calls for gluing before moving on.

Instructions

1. You will be cutting the cup into 9 sections connected by the base. Cut the cup from the top rim down to the base, being careful not to cut into the base itself. You can mark where you will cut ahead of time if you want to make sure the spacing is even.

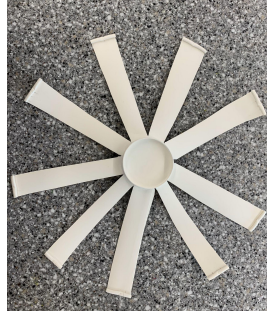


2. Fold each section down along the base. As you're doing this, make sure your cuts are right up against the base. If not, you can cut them down to the base now, then finish your fold.

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3. Flip the cup over so the bottom of the cup is facing up and the cut sections are pressed out flat. To make each piece sit flat, you can pinch each section between your finger and thumb and run down the length of it to curl it back.



4. Glue the large felt circle onto the bottom of the cup.

5. Take your yarn ball (not the small bundle) and unwrap the end of the yarn. Add a bit of glue on the end of the yarn, then place it between a cut section and the base, with the glue against the base. Use the cut section to press the yarn and glue onto the base.



6. Pull the cut pieces so that they are pointing up. Your cup should be inside-out from how it was originally. This is the direction we want to build our basket in.
7. Begin weaving the yarn in and out around the cut pieces of the cup. Make sure to pull tautly as you go through each section and to not leave any gaps between rows of yarn. Do not pull too hard or you may warp your basket shape. As you're weaving, keep the cut pieces facing upwards to maintain the shape of the cup.



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8. Continue wrapping the yarn until you reach the height you would like, or you run out of yarn. In the sample, the yarn was wrapped until it reached 3 inches in height. When you are finished wrapping, tuck the end of yarn into the basket and hot glue it along an inside seam to hide it.
9. Cut the excess top section of the cup away. Get as close to your yarn as possible without cutting it.
10. Take your small bundle of yarn and untie it. This yarn will also be used for wrapping the pipe cleaner handle later, so you will want a good amount left over after this step. Cut three pieces, each only slightly longer than the circumference of the basket rim. Use these pieces to touch up the bare paper areas around the rim. Wrap and glue one piece around the front, one around the inside, and one along the top. You can tuck and glue any loose ends into the basket.



11. Take your leftover yarn and wrap it around the pipe cleaner. Apply glue to one end of the pipe cleaner, then quickly wrap the yarn around the glue. Continue wrapping the yarn around the pipe cleaner until you get near the end. Apply glue to this end of the pipe cleaner and finish your wraps around the glued area. Trim any excess yarn, as well as any sections of the pipe cleaner that you were not able to cover with yarn.



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12. Glue the pipe cleaner ends into the basket to make your handle. Bend the pipe cleaner into an upside down “U” shape, then glue the ends inside the basket on opposite sides.



13. Decide where you would like your flowers to be placed on the basket. You will want your wrap of the ribbon to end at this spot, so that when you add your flowers they will cover the seam. Glue the ribbon around the top of the basket.
14. Decide how you would like to arrange your flowers and leaves. It's easiest to glue your felt pieces together how you like before gluing them to the basket. Glue your flower and leaf arrangement onto the seam of your ribbon on the basket.



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