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SEVERAL FABULOUS THINGS YOU CAN MAKE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY



Do-It-Yourself Snow Globes

All these years, I haven't forgotten the snow globes we made out of baby food jars when I was in kindergarten. I loved those things! Back in the day, we used some pretty awful plastic flowers (I think we were making Mother's Day presents), but I thought it might be fun to try making some using old castoff toys and gumball machine trinkets.

What you'll need

- **small glass jar** (my favorite turned out to be not the standard baby food jar but a jar that horseradish came in!)
- **glue gun**
- **white glitter**
- **distilled water**
- **small toy or plastic flower or greenery**

What to do

- 1. Wash jar and remove label.** (If label leaves sticky residue, rub it with vegetable oil, then wash with soap.)
- 2. Wash and dry jar lid and toy.**
- 3. Glue toy** to inside of lid using glue gun. (Note: some of my lids didn't have linings of any sort, so the inside

of the lid was exposed metal. Because the inside of the lid is the "ground" for the snow globe, I wanted it to be white. So I cut circles out of white yogurt container lids and glued them into the jar lids.)

- 4. Put a small amount** (approx. 1 tsp) of glitter in jar.
- 5. Fill jar** to brim with distilled water.
- 6. Carefully screw lid onto jar.** (You probably will want to do this over the sink.)
- 7. Turn jar over and let it snow!**

A couple of notes:

I found that, surprisingly, some baby food jars, once opened, will not re-seal. So, when choosing the jar to use for your snow globe, *check to make sure it will seal before you get started.* (I ended up having to put glue around the edges of my jar lid before screwing it on, to ensure that no water would leak out.)

After making these, I read online that adding a tiny bit of glycerin will keep the "snow" up in the air longer, in case you want to try that.

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