

Baby Food Jar

Wood Vase and Candleholder



This is a great project for anyone who wants to add a little colour and something unique to their indoor, or outdoor space. Even if you're not a seasoned do-it-yourselfer, this project is so simple and straightforward, you'll be proud to show off your handy work when you're finished.

Disclaimer: if you don't have baby food jars at your fingertips, any size mason jar would be a perfect replacement!

To start off, you will need:

- Baby food jars (any size and amount that you want- in the tutorial there were five large and four medium jars used)
- Clamps (one per jar- you can buy a bag of 10 at Home Depot in the plumbing section for around \$10)
- Screws
- Drill
- Hammer
- Metal punch (or screwdriver)
- 2 Hooks (optional)
- Jute, twine, etc. (optional- to hang the wood)

Directions:

- 1) Brush the wood off with a wire brush to remove any dust or dirt. With a hammer and a metal punch (or a screwdriver, if you don't have a punch), punch a hole in the metal clamp to make it easier for the screw to go through (you will be drilling it in step 3. Make sure you place a piece of wood underneath the metal, and punch the opening on the opposite side of where the clamp tightens. This will be the spot where the clamp is screwed into the wood.
- 2) Measure and mark where you would like the baby food (or mason) jars to be placed on the wood. Place a clamp on your marking, with the part that you punched touching the wood. Drill the screw into the opening. Repeat with all of the jars.
- 3) Place the jars inside each clamp, and tighten again so that the jars are nice and snug.

- 4) To hang the decoration, you will need to mark where you want the two hooks to go on the top of the wood. Drill a hole on each side that is deep enough for the hook to go through. Twist each hook into the hole until it is tight. String a piece of jute, twine, etc. through the hooks, knot each end, and hang with a nail wherever you would like.



When you finish these four steps, your project should look a little something like this:



Once you get this far, now comes the fun part! This is where you get to decide what you want to put into the jars to fill them. Below you will find a few ideas on how to fill and decorate your jars.

1) Cut fresh flowers in water on top, potted plants growing on bottom.



Geraniums are great to put in the jars filled with water because the cuttings root in water. Once they have grown some roots, you can plant them in the jars on the bottom in soil. Once they grow even bigger, you can transfer them to bigger pots, cut some more trimmings, put them in the water, and keep the cycle going!

The petunias that were planted on the bottom fit in the larger baby food jars, but just barely. The jars with soil in them are perfect for growing plants from seeds, or little seedlings. Again, once they outgrow their containers, you just transfer them over into a bigger container.

2) Tea light candles on top, cut fresh flowers in water on bottom

I love the look of these tea lights in the jars, especially at night. Make sure that you do not leave the candles lit unattended, and keep them out of the reach of children!



3) Tea light candles on the top and bottom

You can also fill all of the jars with tea lights, and the effect is so pretty! This would be a great decoration for a backyard barbecue or evening fire, or even for a little ambiance in your home.



As you can see, there are a variety of ways to set up this unique and fun DIY décor piece.

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