



Handicraft

For our handicraft lesson, we will be creating Clothespin Planes, modeled after the WWII American Aircraft. This is a simple activity that all ages can enjoy — from your younger children (with a bit of help with the glue), to teens who can add decorations and embellishments to their satisfaction.

"I've filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him skill and know-how and expertise in every kind of craft to create designs ... he's an all-around craftsman."

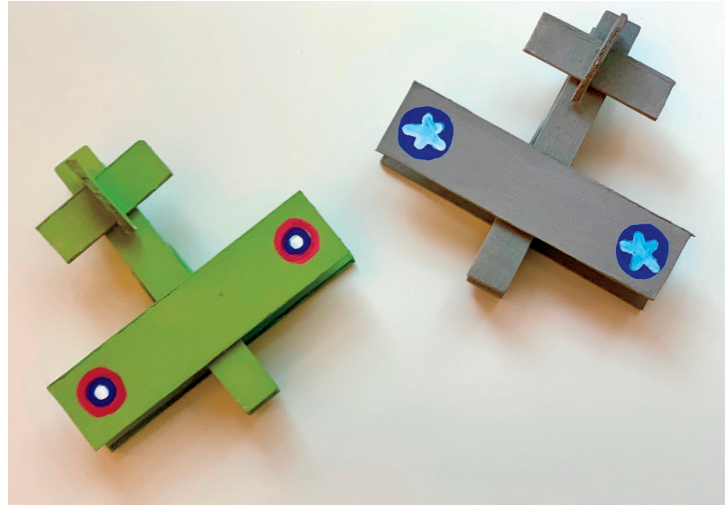
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Handicraft Lesson

WWII Clothespin Aircrafts

Supplies

- clothespins
- cardboard (we would recommend using the back of an old drawing pad/notebook)
- acrylic paints (gray and forest green)
- paint pens, red, blue, and white
- glue
- scissors
- (optional: straight edge paper cutter)

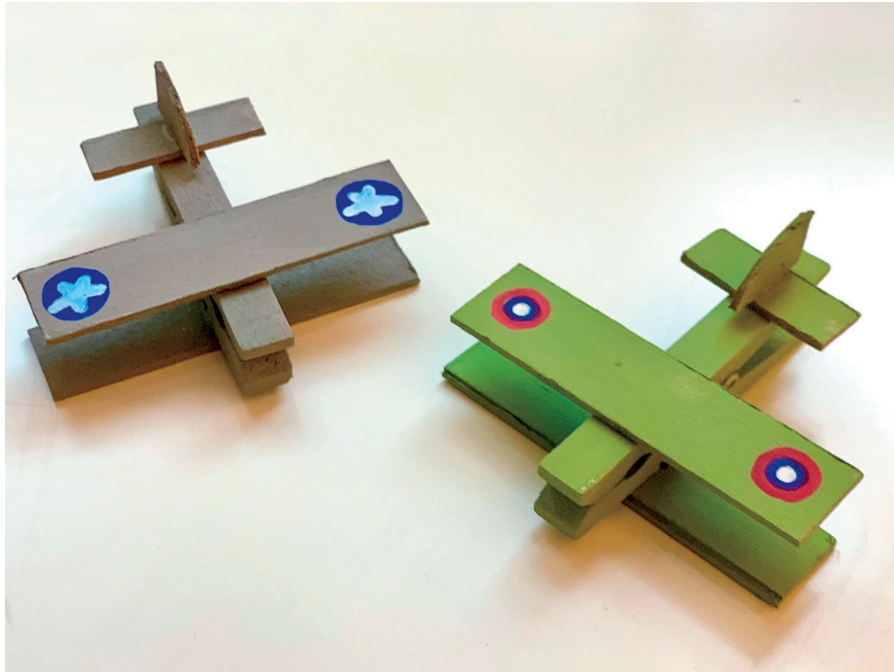


Directions

1. Take the cardboard (or the back of an old drawing pad) and cut it into two strips, 3 inches long and 2/3 inch wide. (This would be a great time to use a straight edge paper cutter, but regular scissors will still work.)
2. Cut two more strips 1 1/2 inch long and 1/2 inch wide, then take one of the smaller cardboard piece and cut a curved edge.
3. Paint the cardboard pieces and the clothespin with your color of choice. (If you want you can make two and paint one green and one gray.) Allow to dry.

Directions (continued)

4. Use the paint pens to add details to the aircraft wings: circles, strips, stars, or something of your own design! (You can look at pictures of old aircraft fighters to get more ideas.)
5. Glue the flat end of the two long strips about half an inch from the front end of the clothespin
6. Glue the flat end of the small strip to the back of the clothespin
7. Stand the curved strip of cardboard on end and glue it to the top of the short strip
8. Allow to dry completely



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