

CountrySampler

Paint Roller Pumpkin

Create a charming pumpkin that can be reused in your autumn decorating from year to year.

Materials and Tools

7 paint rollers with matching nap
Paint tray
1 quart orange latex paint
7 paint-stirring sticks
Cardboard box
Jute rope and twine
Aluminum foil
Spanish moss
Artificial leaves
Kraft paper tag
Old book page
Crow stamp and black ink
Disposable gloves
Hot glue gun and glue sticks
Scissors

Instructions

1. Pour the whole quart of paint into a tray. While wearing gloves, roll one roller in the paint as if preparing to paint a wall. Once the roller's nap is completely covered but not dripping, slip the roller onto a stirring stick and set across the open top of a cardboard box to allow good air flow. Repeat with the remaining rollers. Turn a fan on the rollers, if desired, and let them dry overnight. They will be hard to the touch when dry.
2. Assemble the pumpkin with one roller as the center and the other rollers evenly spaced around it. Attach with hot glue.
3. Cut six lengths of jute rope to accent the pumpkin's ribs, each about 3" longer than the height of the pumpkin. Tuck the ends of each rope into the middle roller at top and bottom and secure with glue.
4. Cut about 2' of foil. Crumple it to form a stem and bend into a natural crook shape. Push the stem's base down into the middle roller, adhering



with glue if needed. Dot the stem's tip with hot glue to attach jute twine and wrap twine down the stem toward the base until covered.

5. Fill the roller holes with moss. Trim with a tag, layered with aged book paper stamped with a crow, and finish with a cluster of autumn leaves.