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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- Wood Squirrel Bodies
- Wood Squirrel Tails
- Bag of Wooden Squirrel Pieces: Legs, Arms, Ears and Acorn
- Paint
- Brushes
- Glue

YOU WILL NEED:

- Cups of Water
- Paper Towels
- Rubber bands (optional)
- Paper Plates (optional)

AGE GROUP: 6 and up
PROJECT TIME: 45 minutes

EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE:

- 1 Squirrel Body
- 1 Squirrel Tail
- 1 Pair each: Legs, Arms, Ears
- 1 Acorn

The paint and glue will be shared among the group.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. During the painting and assembly steps, time is needed to let pieces dry. We recommend painting the pieces first, then having the kids glue and assemble the squirrels. However, you may shorten the project by having the kids paint all the pieces, letting them dry and then having an adult use a hot glue gun (not included) to assemble the pieces into place.
2. It is helpful to divide the parts and pieces for each person ahead of time. Use the paper plates to set up the parts that each person will need.

INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: We recommend painting the pieces before assembling the squirrel – it is easier.

1. Decide what paint colors you want to use for your squirrel. Remember you can mix colors, too!
2. Thin your paints by mixing a couple drops of water into the paint with your brush, this will make it flow easier.
3. Paint all your pieces. On the smaller pieces, you may need to let one side dry then flip over to paint the other. Let everything dry.

TIP: To speed up drying time, have an adult dry the pieces with a hair dryer.

4. Use the instruction photo as a guide and assemble your squirrel.

With your squirrel standing up and facing you,

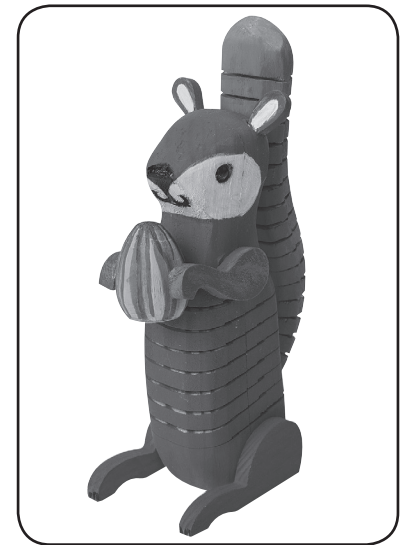
5. First put a small dab of glue in the ear holes and insert and press the ears into the holes. Then put a dab of glue in the hole in the back for the squirrel tail and press the tail into place.

6. Put a dab of glue on the lower sides of the squirrel body and position the legs into place. Hold in place for a minute until the glue starts to set.
7. Put a dab of glue on the upper sides of the squirrel and position the arms into place. Hold in place for a minute until the glue starts to set.
8. Let all pieces dry in place.

TIP: Lay the squirrel on its side while the arms and legs are drying.

9. When the arms are dry and secure in place, put a dab of glue on the front body of the squirrel and position the acorn in the arms of the squirrel. You can glue the acorn in horizontal or vertical – it is up to you. Hold in position for a minute to set the glue.
10. If you want the tail to stand up permanently, add a dab of glue to the top back of the squirrel, curl up the tail and press in place.

OPTIONAL: You can use the rubber band to secure the acorn in the arms and the tail up while drying.



Fun! Facts!

Unplug and Play

- Kids ages 8-18 spend an average of 7 hours and 38 minutes in a typical day using entertainment media, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. That's more than 53 hours a week!
- In an average week, only 6 percent of children ages 9-13 play outside on their own, according to the Children & Nature Network.
- Think about some ways you can be "unplugged." Take a walk and explore, make nature "prints," play games or listen for birds!