



HARVEST OF BLESSINGS

God has given us so much to be thankful for! Ask everyone in your family to write some things they are thankful for on a pumpkin and put them in your patch of blessings. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, read them aloud to share God's many blessings (Psalm 105:1).

YOU WILL NEED:

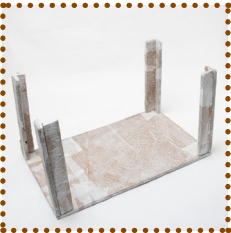
- Colorful Knit or T-shirt Fabric
- Jute, Sisal Rope and Cord
- Needle and Thread
- 1 Styrofoam Ball
- Paint and Brush
- Nylon Stockings
- Hot Glue Gun
- Craft Knife
- Poly Filler
- Paper Napkins
- Long Needle
- School Glue
- Cardboard
- 1 Skewer
- Markers
- Scissors
- Ruler



DIRECTIONS:



1. The CRATE. Cut out the following pieces from cardboard: 2 (14" x 8½"), 12 (14" x 1½"), 12 (9" x 1½"), and 16 (7" x 1"). Glue all the pieces together in pairs. Use school glue to apply paper napkin to all surfaces of the pieces. Let dry.



2. To make the crate, glue the 7" pieces over the corners of the 14" x 8½" base as shown.



3. Glue the remaining "boards" to the uprights of the crate. Paint the crate white, let dry. Dry-brush on a little tan or wood-colored paint.



4. To make a **PUMPKIN** use the sleeves of old T-shirts, pants, socks, and knit hats in autumn colors. Cut the long sleeves into 2 or 3 parts to make pumpkins.



5. Turn a tube-shaped piece inside out. Gather the end with a needle and thread. Pull the thread tight. Wrap the thread around several times, fasten, and cut the thread.



6. Turn right-side out. Stuff with filling. Baste-stitch around the edge with needle and thread. Tighten the thread, leaving a small hole. Fasten the thread.



7. Using a long needle and thin cord, stitch down through the center from top to bottom, then from the center of the bottom over the outside 5-8 times, dividing the pumpkin into sections.



8. Make pumpkins of different sizes and colors. For the stems, use pieces of stick or glue pieces of jute together. Decorate the pumpkins with fabric leaves and make vines of jute, sisal, or cord.



9. For the **SCARECROW**, cut 2½"-3" from the skewer and attach it crosswise near the top of the other piece. Cut 1 (6" long) and 2 (4" long) bunches of sisal. Glue the 6" bunch across the skewer at the top. Use the 2 shorter bunches for the legs. Make pants and add some stuffing for body. Glue into place.



10. Tuck fabric over the stuffing for a shirt. Add a belt.



11. Put the ball on top of the skewer. Cover it with nylon stocking. Glue. Trim off the excess. Unravel some sisal for the hair. Draw a smiling face. Use a piece of stiff fabric to make a hat.



12. Gather your **PUMPKIN HARVEST** into the crate and add your scarecrow. Be sure to thank God for all your blessings.