

Craft Fun! Pirate's Spyglass Kaleidoscope

What you need: flimsy plastic container, paper towel roll, marker, scissors, plastic wrap, thin rubber bands, fake gemstones, ruler, empty cereal box, aluminum foil, invisible tape, brown paper bag, hole punch

- 1) Take a flimsy plastic container—the kind baked goods or berries come in—and trace a circle using the end of a paper towel roll.
- 2) Use the scissors to cut the circle, just inside the marked lines, from the plastic.
- 3) Place a small piece of plastic wrap at the end of the paper towel roll, pull tight, and secure with a rubber band.
- 4) Drop a small amount of fake gemstones into the roll—not too much since you want them to move around.
- 5) Drop the plastic circle into the roll, and use a ruler to gently flatten onto top of gems. Do not turn roll upside down at this point—your gems will spill out!
- 6) Place the ruler inside the tube and take a measurement.
- 7) Cut three 1 1/4-inch-wide strips of cardboard from cereal boxes to match the length just measured.
- 8) Cover cardboard strips in aluminum foil, shiny side facing out, and secure with tape on one side of each.
- 9) Tape the three foil-covered strips together, tape sides out, to form a triangular tube.
- 10) Slip the triangular tube inside the paper towel roll.
- 11) Cut a small brown-paper square to cover the open end of the roll, punching a hole in the center of the square, and secure with a thin rubber band.
- 12) Wrap remaining brown paper around the paper towel roll to cover, securing with tape.
- 13) Take three strips of aluminum foil, and fold them over lengthwise several times to form sturdy bands. Wrap one band around the center of the spyglass, using tape to secure, and the other two at the very edges around both ends of the roll. Now take a peek.