

bird jars

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Materials

- Baby food jars, two (washed and dried)
 - *The Dow Chemical Company STYRO-FOAM* brand foam, a 1-1/2" ball and a 2-1/2" egg, two of each
 - Wood shapes:
 - 3/4" long teardrop, two
 - 2" long teardrops, four
 - 1/2" acorn finials, two
 - 7 *Gypsies* Gaffer Tape in Venice (white with script)* and Nottinghill (blue)**
 - *Petaloo* Jewel Centers in Blue Sapphire and Ruby Red***
 - *DecoArt* Americana Acrylics in Bahama Blue and Lamp Black, Dazzling Metallics in Shimmering Silver, DuraClear Matte Varnish
 - *Polyform Products* Sculpey III clay in Ivory and Turquoise
 - *Duncan Enterprises* Aleene's Collage-Pauge and Aleene's Original Tacky Glue
 - Baking sheet (for clay), black 6/0 pebble beads (four), green sheet moss, long jewelry tweezers (optional), oven, paintbrushes and foam brushes, ruler, scissors, sequin pins (four), skewer, toothpick
- *Available through Starlit Studio.
**Available through Scrapbook Express.
***Available through Cut@Home.

Instructions

1. Remove lids from jars. Paint them, and wood shapes, Lamp Black. When dry, drybrush one set of shapes and one lid with Bahama Blue, then paint the other set and lid Shimmering Silver. Use foam brush to coat both lids with Varnish.

2. Press long end of one STYROFOAM egg to one side of ball to create a bird shape, flattening bottoms slightly. Cut toothpick in half and dip ends in Tacky Glue. Use to join head (ball) and body (egg) of bird together. Insert small teardrop into front of ball for beak. Remove, place glue on end, and reinsert end into formed hole. Place bird shape on skewer by placing skewer into bottom of bird.

3. Tear pieces of Gaffer Tape into 1" or smaller pieces. Remove backing of pieces and secure to bird shapes until entire surface of STYROFOAM is covered. When complete, coat surface with foam brush and Collage-Pauge. Referring to color photo, adhere large teardrops to bird for wings. Dip end of sequin pins into Tacky Glue. Thread pins into pebble beads and insert into bird head for eyes. Press painted acorn finial into bottom of bird to

slightly insert into foam. Remove and place glue on acorn finial, then reinsert into bottom of bird. Adhere to top of jar with Tacky Glue and let dry thoroughly before handling.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for second bird.

5. Condition half of each clay package.

Divide each color into three even pieces and roll those into egg shapes. Following manufacturer's instructions, bake in oven. Let cool, then dry-brush with Shimmering Silver.

6. Tear off two grape-sized pieces of sheet moss. Insert nozzle of Tacky Glue into top of each jar and pour a quarter sized dollop into each jar bottom. Place three eggs and piece of sheet moss into jar bottoms, arranging as desired. (**Note:** If needed, use long jewelry tweezers to insert pieces.)

7. When glue at bottom of jar is set, place lids with birds back in place. Cut a 1/2" x 8" piece of each color Gaffer Tape and wrap around top of jars as shown. Place Jewel Centers on wings and on jars as shown in color photo.

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