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WE HAVE A Clay Pot Idea FOR THEM ALL!

Turn everyday clay flowerpots into one-of-a kind seasonal décor. Here's some ideas to get you started.



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stars and dots

Can't get enough red, white and blue? Make a patriotic plant stand! Apply acrylic paint—make stars with stencils and make dots with a circular foam brush. Then, stack as shown and secure with all-purpose craft glue.

Tip: When stenciling, trace only the star's outline. Then remove the stencil and fill in the shape with a small paintbrush. This keeps excess paint oozing outside of the lines.

scaredy pot

This little straw man is just too cute to be scary. To make him, embellish a set of clay pots with bits of burlap, strands of raffia and simple acrylic paint for the face. When everything is dry, thread four extra long strands of jute twine (you can trim them later) through the head, knotting them together on the inside. Let the "arm" strings dangle to the sides, and thread the "leg" strings through the upturned body. Then, knot on the hands and feet as shown.

Tip: For extra strength, thread jute twine through a wooden bead (on the inside of the pot) before knotting. Then follow with a bit of hot glue.

pots and dolls

You've just gotta love this adorable nesting doll style décor—and these ladies are treats, not tricks! To make them, stack three different-sized pairs of pots as shown, gluing them together with a strong, all-purpose craft adhesive. Paint each set white, and then découpage them with strips of tissue paper for texture and color.



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face facts

Faces and accents (candy, leaves and stars) were drawn and painted on separate sheets of paper. When the tissue paper was dry, we cut everything out and découpaged it to the pots as shown. Another coat of découpage medium to even things out, a sprinkling of gemstones for sparkle, and some shiny glitter highlights were all we needed to finish up these adorable designs.

jingle all the way

To create this gingerbread-style ornament, glue a ¾6" dowel rod to a 2" wooden dowel cap—you'll find both in the Craft Department. Coat them with terra cotta-colored acrylic paint, and when they're dry, feed the dowel (it may require some trimming) through the bottom of a 2.5" upturned clay pot. Now, wire two 1.5" pots to the dowel as shown, passing the wire through a hand-painted jingle bell before bending it up and twisting to secure. Use jute twine to tie on two more 1.5" pots and bells for the legs. Then, finish up with your choice of holly jolly embellishments.

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« teacher's pot

Create this distinguished dame by stacking up an assortment of clay pots and saucers. Give the lady some limbs by stringing grapevine wire through eight small pots and two wooden balls, as shown. Then glue her together with permanent adhesive, and dress her up with some telling teacher details.

» pretty in clay

This dazzling darlin' is picture perfect. Who knew clay pots could look so good! She's held together with grapevine wire that's anchored to a bundle of dowel rods and strung from her charming head to her tidy toes. Acrylic paint was used to create her darling dress and her fabulous features. And you've gotta love those locks-she's rocking a natural do!







plant stand with a twist

Turn a traditional plant stand on its head with this creation! For this look, we applied acrylic paint to a simple clay pot and a simple clay saucer. We glued them together with permanent craft adhesive, and then we sandwiched them between a pair of large unpainted saucers. Now we have the perfect perch for a group of petite potted pansies.

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terra cotta toadstools

Clay pots (and saucers) aren't just for planting anymore! You can turn them into adorable outdoor accessories with a short list of supplies. An eight-inch tall stem pot—yep, that's really what it's called—forms the base of these quirky toadstools. The mushroom top is an upside down saucer. We added the color and the dots with acrylic paint.

Caution: These little toadstools are meant for flowers and plants and not children.



« table for two

Don't hide those extra flowerpots in the garden shed. Put them to good use! Simply stack pots of the same size, and you've created a sturdy stand for a small tabletop. No alterations were made to these pots—they're just freeing up storage space and serving as unique, affordable outdoor décor!



in the pots-light

It's time for a little light planting. This luminous look features a strand of mini lights strung through hand-painted clay pots. We wrapped the lights with brown florist tape before winding grapevine wire around the light strand.

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