

## Picnic Basket

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Summertime, and the livin' is easy. Make this little picnic basket for a day at the beach.

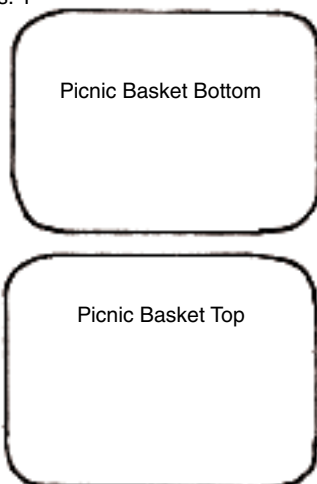
### PICNIC BASKET

#### What You'll Need:

- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Acrylic paint - Medium Brown, Brown, Red, Green
- Acrylic varnish
- Paintbrush
- Tan needlepoint canvas (about 15 holes/inch)
- Cardboard 1/16" thick
- Craft knife
- Needle and brown thread
- Brown quilling paper 1/8" wide
- Index card
- Red and White checked gingham (1/8" checks)

**1.** From cardboard cut: 1 3/8" x 1" (basket bottom), and 1 7/16" x 1 1/16" (basket top). Round corners (Illus. 1).

Illus. 1



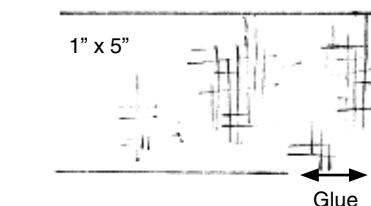
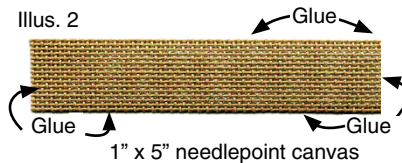
**2.** With medium brown, paint both sides of bottom. Paint one side and edges of top. Paint both sides of quilling paper brown.

**3.** Cut needlepoint canvas 1" x 5". Trim close to lengthwise threads on both long edges. To encourage canvas to bend easily, roll it around a pencil or dowel.

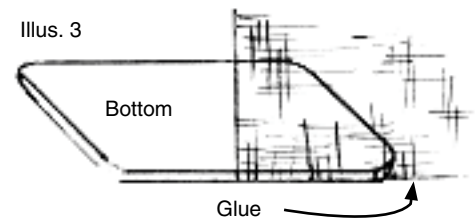
**4.** Apply glue to edges of the canvas to prevent unraveling, then apply more glue to one edge from corner to about 1/2" along edge (Illus. 2).

**5.** Stick this edge in the middle of one long edge of the basket bottom, flush with the bottom. Continue gluing the canvas to the basket's bottom edge having each side securely glued before turning the corners. Before gluing the last long side, measure the canvas and cut the strip so that both vertical edges butt together. Glue (Illus. 3).

**6.** Glue a strip of quilling paper over the canvas seam. Start inside at the bottom of the basket. Go up and over the top edge, then down to the bottom outside edge. This is the basket back (Illus. 4).

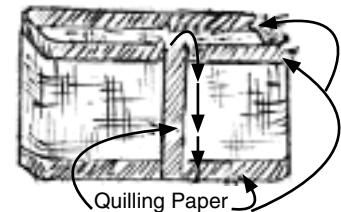


Illus. 3



**7.** To trim the bottom edge, you will glue a strip of quilling paper around bottom, flush with the bottom edge. Start at the back vertical quilling strip and end at the other edge of the vertical strip. Repeat to trim the top edge, outside and inside (Illus. 4).

Illus. 4



**8.** To make handles, cut a 12" strip of quilling paper. Fold it in half and glue together.

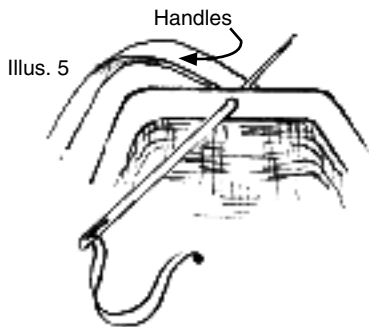
**9.** Cut glued strip in half. Lay strips on top of each other.

**10.** With a needle, poke a hole through both strips about 1/8" from one end.

**11.** On short side of basket, at the top center, poke a hole through the quilling paper to the outside.

**12.** Thread a needle. Tie ends of thread into a knot. Poke needle through the hole in the basket going from the inside to the outside, then through the holes in both handle strips. Cut thread 2" to 3" beyond handle (Illus. 5).

**13.** Tie thread in a double knot next to the handle, allowing handle to move. Apply a bit of glue to both knots. When dry, cut thread. Repeat for other end of handle.

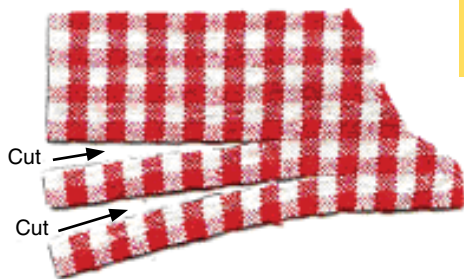


**14.** To complete top, cut a strip of checked gingham about 1" by 3". Spread glue on one side of fabric. When dry, carefully cut strips, having two rows of checks on each strip (Illus. 6).

**15.** Center and glue one strip to each long side of top, even with edge.

**16.** Cut strips to fit on short sides and glue. Trim excess from corners (Illus. 7).

Illus. 6



Illus. 7



Apple Pattern

Cut index card to fit inside rectangle in center (Illus. 7). Glue in place.

**17.** Trace apple pattern to center of white rectangle (Illus. 7). Paint apple red and stem brown. Paint a small leaf on stem.

**18.** To make hinge, paint a strip of copy paper brown on one side. When dry, cut a strip  $\frac{3}{16}$ " by 1". Glue one long edge to back edge of basket top, with unglued part of strip extending below top. Glue this extension to back of basket. Varnish top.

## NAPKINS, PLATES AND UTENSILS

### What You'll Need:

- Red & white checked gingham ( $\frac{1}{8}$ " checks)
- Craft glue
- Old credit card
- Quarter
- Bottle with  $\frac{7}{8}$ " screw-on top (Tip: Some acrylic paint bottles have  $\frac{7}{8}$ " tops)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Foam mouse pad
- $\frac{1}{8}$ "-wide silk ribbon, 3" long
- Iron
- Paintbrush
- Thin papers
- 4 each of plastic knives and forks. I used Chrysnbon.
- Acrylic paint - Red

## Plates

**1.** Cut gingham  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by 6". Spread a thin coat of glue over fabric, using credit card as a scraper to evenly spread glue on front and back. Let dry. Press with iron.

**2.** On thin paper, trace around a quarter to make a 1" circle. Make three more, leaving space between them. Glue paper to the wrong side of fabric. When dry, cut out circles.

**3.** Lay circles on mouse pad with fabric side up. Press down on circles with  $\frac{7}{8}$ " lid to form a rim on plate.

## Napkins

Cut out four 1" squares of gingham. Fringe each side by pulling out threads for  $\frac{1}{8}$ " into fabric. Roll up each napkin and glue, or fold into squares or triangles and iron flat.

## Utensils & Holder

**1.** Paint handles of knives and forks red. Let dry.

**2.** Draw a pencil line across the center of the inside of picnic basket lid. Place a dot of glue in the center of the line. Fold the silk ribbon in half. Attach the center of the ribbon to the glue. Let dry.

**3.** Lay a fork next to the glued part of ribbon. Place a dot of glue on the lid next to the fork and glue ribbon over the fork and to the lid. Let dry. Finish gluing the utensils and ribbon to each side of the center. Cut off excess ribbon. ■

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