

# CRAFTS - GETTING READY FOR CAMP!!

## Water Bottle Holders by Julie McGuffee <http://craftsforkids.com>

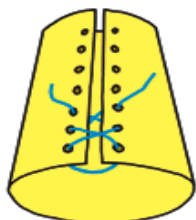
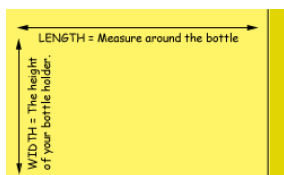
What you will need:

Sport bottle 1/8"	Plastic lacing	Tapestry needle
Craft foam sheets - asst. colors	Pony beads	Ruler
Foam shapes	Markers	Glue
Wiggle eyes	Hole punch	Rubber bands



Instructions:

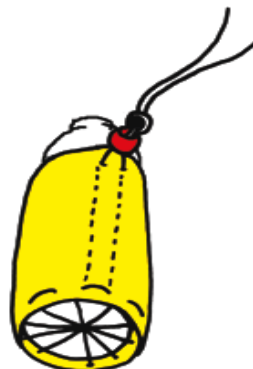
1. Measure around the bottle (circumference) at its broadest point. Measure the height of the bottle up to the point where it begins to narrow. Use these measurements to cut a rectangle from the foam. Option: Use one sheet of thick foam or glue two sheets of thin foam together. When gluing two sheets together, cut the outer piece about 1/4" longer. While the glue is still wet, wrap the glued sheets around the bottle. Use two or three rubber bands to hold in place until dry then proceed as follows.
2. Use ruler and pencil to draw a line 1/2" from each end of the foam and 1/2" from the bottom edge of the foam. Starting 1/4" from one end, make marks 1/2" apart along these lines. Use a hole punch to make at each mark.
3. Fold about 48" of plastic lacing in half. Hold the foam around the bottle. Thread one end of the lacing through the hole at the bottom of the foam and the other end of the lacing through the hole on the opposite side. Thread one side of the lacing onto the tapestry needle then sew the ends together by threading the lacing backwards and forwards through every other hole to the top. Repeat with the other piece of lacing. This process is similar to threading laces onto a pair of sneakers.
4. Thread both ends of the lace through the center of a pony bead then tie an overhand knot above the bead.
5. Thread about 15" of plastic lacing onto the tapestry needle. Thread the lacing backwards and forwards across the bottom of the bottle. This prevents the bottle from falling out.
6. Make two holes 1/2" apart at the top of edge of the foam opposite the seam line. Fold 36" of lacing in half. Thread each end through adjacent holes at the bottom of the holder below the two holes at the top. Thread the ends of the lace up through the inside of the holder and out through the holes at the top. Thread the ends of the lace through the center of a pony bead then tie an overhand knot above the bead. Align the ends with the ends of the lacing at the opposite side then tie all four ends in an overhand knot to make a strap. Trim the ends.
7. Glue foam shapes around the side of the bottle holder to decorate then embellish with markers if desired.



Lace edges of foam together.



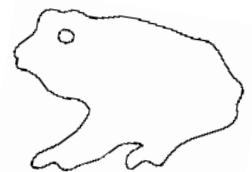
Lace across the bottom of the holder so the bottle won't fall.



Make a lace strap for the other side of the holder.



Decorate the outside of the holder with foam shapes.



## Cool Camp Soap!

by Tracia Williams <http://craftsforkids.com/projects/campsoap.htm>

One of the best and worst parts of camp is no showers! But every once in a while you might want to clean up with your own hand made soap.



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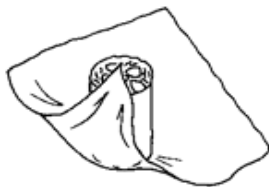
Loofa sponge      Glass      Measuring cup      Plastic wrap      Knife  
Block glycerin soap      Microwave      Tall drinking glass      Scissors

### Instructions:

- Dampen the loofa sponge in water then squeeze out excess. Cutting across the loofa, use scissors to divide into three pieces.
- Cut 3 large squares of plastic wrap. Set one piece of the loofa upright on the center of a piece of plastic wrap then wrap the sides of the sponge, leaving the top open. Repeat with remaining pieces. It is important that the plastic wrap not have any seams or openings in the bottom area. Push wrapped sponge into tumbler.
- Use knife to cut glycerin soap into small pieces about the size of small ice cubes. Place these pieces inside the measuring cup then microwave them at 15 second intervals, occasionally stirring the melting soap pieces with a large craft stick. DO NOT let the soap come to a boil. Once the soap has melted, pour it into the glass over the loofa sponge.
- Let the soap set in the tumbler overnight. Or, place it in the refrigerator to speed up the process.

### NEVER PUT SOAP IN THE FREEZER

When the soap has set, remove the loofa from the tumbler then remove the clear plastic wrap. Use a knife to cut into slices.



Place loofa on a large piece of plastic wrap.



Place wrapped loofa in tumbler then fill with melted soap.



When soap has hardened, cut loofa into slices.

## Campfire Poncho!

Great Project for Older Girls! <http://www.girlguides.ca>

Old blanket or new fabric 90 cm by 120 cm

Drawstring (heavy skate lace, thick cord or something else suitable)

Scissors, thread, pins, sewing machine.

- Make a square for the main body of the poncho by folding the fabric diagonally and cutting off the excess strip, as shown. Save the strip for the poncho hood.
- Cut a neck opening about 27 cm wide. Be careful not to make the opening too big.
- From the strip of fabric, cut a piece large enough to form a hood (about 60 cm by 30 cm). Fold it in half. The fold forms the top of the hood.
- Sew one side of the hood to form the back seam.
- Sew a casing around the front edge of the hood, through which a drawstring can be run.
- Sew the bottom edge of the hood to the neck opening, being careful not to sew the casing shut.
- If you wish, finish the edges of your poncho with blanket stitch, a fringe, or hem.
- With leftover fabric you can add a pocket or two.

