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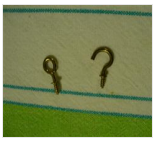

COAT HANGER: CREATE A CRITTER 2 SNEAK PEEK

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About me: I am a wife and mother. I craft in my "spare" time. I recently began working with a lot of reclaimed materials. I try to save money and have fun. Above all, I try to honor God and bless others.

Project skill level: moderate
Project time: 1 hour to 2 hours
Project tags: Home Décor/Accents Organization Wall Décor/Wreaths/Banners Teacher Gifts/Cards Gifts

Reclaimed materials make this cute little hanger budget friendly, as well as practical. Easily personalized, this board is a great addition to a kid's room, hallway, coat closet, and other spaces. Here is the story of how this came about: A few months ago, we redid our floors, adding a laminate flooring. In the process, we had to cut many of the pieces of laminate flooring down to size, leaving a huge pile of pieces. I could not see throwing them away - they HAD to be good for something. They sat in the garage for a while, stacked nicely and reminding me constantly that they were there, until one day, I realized my youngest needed a coat hanger and all 3 of the girls needed necklace hangers. Of Course!!! A project that would work with those unevenly sized pieces. So here it is. All ready to hold the coats, jackets, and activity bags that will be hung on it over the course of growing up.

CRICUT®: WHAT WAS USED

Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter Machine

Cricut® Everyday Cartridge, Create a Critter 2

OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

- laminate flooring remnant
- remnant decorative paper - your choice
- black pen or marker
- electric drill and bits
- needlenose pliers
- spray paint - your choice of color
- craft glue
- door/drawer knobs
- small cup hooks
- remnant leather strap string ribbon

STEP 1

Choose your piece of laminate flooring from remnants or cut to length from the piece of wood you have available. Spray paint the front and all 4 sides your chosen color. Let dry.

finished coat hanger

STEP 2

Using your favorite Cricut machine and the Create a Critter 2 cartridge, cut out 3 birds in your chosen color scheme. I chose one that was all blue except for the beak, one that was all pink except for the beak and one that was all purple except for the beak. After assembling each bird, use a black marker, such as a Sharpie, to color in each birdie's eye.

Using your craft glue, glue the birds to your spray painted board where you want them. Let them dry. If you want to protect your project, now is the time to spray on a clear coat of something like polyurethane or something. I did not use anything on this one.

close up of left side

STEP 3

You are now ready to add your knobs. Push the screw through the board from the back and screw the knob onto it from the front. Do this for each knob that you have chosen to attach.

These knobs were found at a garage sale for about a quarter each. Reclaimed materials - my favorite!

close up of left side

back of the board where the screws for the knobs are

STEP 4

Now it is time to add the cup hooks. In order for the hanging cord to not come off of the hooks, you will need to close the hook down. Note the picture: the one on the right is still open and the one on the left has been closed. Using your needle nose pliers, gently squeeze the hook end toward the back side. It will close down nicely. Don't squeeze too hard or it will close up too much.

Left: after bending; Right: before bending

STEP 5

Screw the closed cup hooks into the pilot holes that you drilled into the top edge of the board. After they are in, add a cord to hang it by. This is an old shoelace (more reclaimed materials). Use whatever you have on hand and like the look of.

close up of knot and hook

STEP 6

Your board is now finished and ready to use. Enjoy!

another view of the finished project

STEP 7

Using your electric drill and the appropriate bit size, drill holes for each of your knobs. Drill all the way through the board. The bit size will depend on the size of the screw needed for the knobs you chose.
While you have your drill out, change to your smallest drill bit and drill pilot holes in the top edge a couple inches away from the sides for the cup hooks to screw into later.
NOTE: If you are using laminate flooring, it is thinner than a cabinet door. This means that the screws that come with the knobs for cabinets will probably be too long. You will need to get shorter screws. I used 8/32 by 1/2 inch screws that I got at the hardware store.

STEP 8

Want to make another one? Change it up and personalize it. Add a phrase, add a name, change the critter you choose from the cartridge, use a different color of paint, use a different hanging cord. The possibilities are endless. Look around to see what you have that you can put to use.

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