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CREATE A CRITTER 2 CONTEST - PAPER PLAY CENTER



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About me: Love paper crafts, love scrap booking, love Halloween, love my Cricut... 'nuff said.

Project skill level: advanced

Project time: 1 hour to 2 hours

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This is a paper play center for children (or adults!) that I made using the Create a Critter 2 cartridge. There are four sections: a haunted house and forest with a pirate ghost (pictured), a bright outdoor field with a happy squirrel and bird, a costume party room complete with a party pig and removable masks for other characters, and a circus with a sweet lion and a ring of fire. The characters and accessories are removable and can stand up so each can go play with the others in their area. And the base, walls, characters, and accessories are all completely collapsible so storage and travel are easy!!! Imaginative children could have hours of fun with this set!

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OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

Card Stock

Foam Stickers

Cardboard (2 12X12 pieces)

Thick Cardboard

Adhesive

Wiggle Eyes

Plastic Drinking Straw

STEP 1

Take 2 12X12 pieces of cardboard (I used the backs of two 12X12 paper packs). One will be the base, and one will be the walls. Cut the wall piece into 2 6X12 pieces. Cut a 3-4 inch slit directly in the center of each. Slide the two pieces together to form a cross. These are your walls.

STEP 2

Decide what floor and wall colors you want. Each section will have a 6X6 piece of card stock for the floor and 2 6X6 pieces of card stock for the walls. (For the grass and rolling hills in the field and haunted house sections, I used stone texture specialty paper.) After you decide on your color scheme/room themes, glue the card stock in each section.

STEP 3

Decorate however you want! For some dimension, you can add foam tape or use an embossing machine for some items (ex. I used both for the clouds and just foam tape for the balloons.) [NOTE: Some items in the project were cut freehand (i.e., the ring of fire, grassy hills, curtain, table, and sign).]

STEP 4

Cut out your characters and accessories using the card stock and materials of your choice. Characters shown in the pictures are approximately 3 inches tall. Masks in the Costume Party section were cut using the lion face image, skull image for the pirate hat, and the squirrel's pilgrim hat - all sized to fit the character's faces. The ring of fire was cut freehand and glued to a cut and blackened drinking straw to make it stand.

STEP 5

After your characters and accessories have been cut and glued, cut thin strips of thicker cardboard to fit the back of your items. Fold a portion of the top of the cardboard so that this piece can be glued to the back of the character or accessory - just like a table picture frame (see picture). These were all sized and cut to each specific character or accessory's size.

STEP 6

Time to play! Enjoy!

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