

All about SWAPS!

Inquiring Minds Want to Know - Just what **are** SWAPS? You may have heard the term before. Visit the website below for detailed explanation:

<http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/traditions/swaps/>

- SWAPS stands for "Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned somewhere" OR "Shared With A Pal."
- Try these websites for a few new SWAPs:
www.gsswaps.net www.scoutswaps.com
- The next pages show just a few SWAPS created by troops in our Valley Lake Service Unit. Get creative and have a Troop Swap-o-Rama to make your own! SWAPS are always a big hit at campouts, World Thinking Day celebrations, and other Girl Scout holidays & special occasions. Start your collection today! If you would like instructions on how to make any of these featured SWAPS, just contact Arlys Thompson at arlys@charter.net, she'd love to help you out!

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SWAP-O-RAMA #1:



MY PET TICK

Glue a small piece of black fuzzy material to one end of a mini-popsicle stick.
Glue two small seed-beads on for eyes.
With fine-point Sharpie, write "My Pet Tick" and add 6 tiny "legs"
Use craft glue to attach a hanging cord to the back side (once front is dry)
Tie small knots in the ends of the cord to prevent fraying; add pin.



CAMP T-P ROLL

Cut 1 1/4" sections of clear plastic straw for the roll.
With sharp scissors, evenly cut a 10-12" length of white paper napkin about 1" wide.
Glue end of t-p piece to plastic straw, then carefully roll up your length of "toilet paper" so it is evenly on the roll. Slide a cord through the roll, knot, & add a pin.



MY DIARY

Create a rectangular pattern (about 2"x1"); cut rectangle from desired color of craft foam
Fold in half; then cut a few pieces of white paper evenly to fit inside for "pages"
With fine-point Sharpie, put a title on the front "cover"
Carefully position stapler to make a "binding" for your mini-book, making sure to catch all of your inside pages. Hint: depending on book size, mini-staplers may work better.



FIRE PIT/RING

Collect about 10 tiny rocks that are all about the same size.
 Cut an approx. 2" square from craft foam (green, if desired)
 Position pebbles in a ring & glue them down with craft glue. Let them dry for 1/2 hr.
 Break up some tiny twigs and glue them to the center of the ring
 Attach a pin to the back at one corner, if desired. (Make sure to use enough glue to hold the rocks in place, and let the glue dry completely before finishing).



CHERRY PIE

Using circle pattern for "crust," cut a round "piecrust" shape out of felt with a pinking shears.
 Use a generous amount of craft glue & place "crust" into the bottle cap, making sure felt is tucked in tightly all around. Let the felt dry slightly, then place another generous amount of glue into "crust." Sprinkle red seed beads into pie shape for "cherry filling." If desired, cut 5-6 tiny lattice strips to place over top. Attach magnet.



PINK BUNNY SLIPPERS

Cut a small "shoe" pattern from paper, 1 for each foot, then cut the slipper base out of pink craft foam. It should be about 1" long and approx. 1/2" wide.
 Using the larger, chenille-type fuzzy pipe-cleaners, forming it to follow slipper shape, glue pipe-cleaner on all around the slipper base; trim & tuck in the ends so they don't show.
 Add pink craft foam ears, a tiny black craft foam triangular nose, and tiny eyes.
 Glue all of these on with craft glue. Use a tiny pin to attach the slippers to each other.



CATERPILLAR ON LEAF

Twist together tightly 1 black and 1 brown fuzzy pipe-cleaner, trimming to desired size.
 Give it a bend in the middle to make it look like the caterpillar is "inching"
 Glue tiny eyes to the front/"head"
 Use the leaves from silk flowers; attach caterpillar using craft glue.



Camp Sign



Ice Bag (made w/sea salt)



Earmuffs (can't get any easier than this one)!



Piece of pizza (craft foam & mini pom-poms)



Cotton Candy (toothpick & colored cotton)