

# The Little buffalos Savings Club

Quarterly Newsletter for Kids



## Homemade Coffee Filter Flowers

Try this fun activity to brighten up any day!

### What you'll need

- Round, basket-style white coffee filters
- Scissors
- Spray bottle
- Wax paper
- Dropper or small spoons
- Food coloring
- Pipecleaners or popsicle sticks (optional)

1. **Prepare some coffee filters.** Flatten out some filters. Tip: Leave a few under a heavy book overnight.
2. **Fold the coffee filter.** Take one coffee filter. Fold it in half four times to make a wedge.
3. **Cut the wedge.** Draw a line starting from one top corner going down towards the opposite side. Cut along the line. Be creative with the shape!
4. **Unfold the paper.** Carefully unfold the paper to reveal a flower.
5. **Make several more flowers.** Repeat the steps above to create more paper flowers.
6. **Spray the filters.** Spray the folded coffee filter with water to moisten it.
7. **Color the flowers.** Fill a small container with about a tablespoon of water and 2–3 drops of food coloring. Mix well. Dip the edge of the folded coffee filter into the colored liquid for about 2 seconds. The color will run up the moist coffee filter. Dip the same curved tip very quickly into another color of diluted food coloring. Carefully unfold the coffee filter and lay on a sheet of wax paper to dry.
8. **Let the flowers dry completely.** Once dry, you can glue a paper circle, felt, or button at the center of each flower.
9. **Have fun!** Use pipe cleaners or popsicle sticks to make stems. Layer flowers to make bigger, fuller flowers. Twist flowers when they are wet to create new designs!



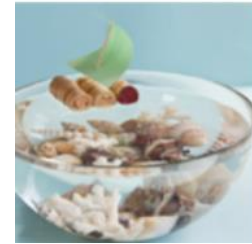
## Make Mini Cork Boats

Make your own mini-boat to set sail for adventures on the high seas! Or the bathtub.

### What you'll need:

- Three corks per boat — this gives it the perfect stability
- Two rubber bands for each boat
- Toothpicks
- Paper or craft foam
- Scissors
- String (optional)

1. **Build your boat** – Place two rubber bands around the three corks — try to get three corks that are roughly the same size.
2. **Make your sail** – Cut paper or craft foam to the shape you want.
3. **Ready the mast** – Pierce your sail near the top and bottom and thread with a toothpick to make the mast.
4. **Hoist the sails** – Poke your toothpick mast onto your cork boat base, and you are ready to sail!
5. **Float your boat** – In the tub or outside at a pond or creek. Use a straw to blow air into the sail and see how fast your ship can go.
6. **Set your anchor** – Add a string to your cork boat if you wish to take it to the local pond or river so you don't lose it.



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