



## Over the Rainbow

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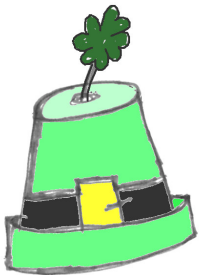


Tired of the dreary gray and brown landscape of winter? Time for some color! March brings the hint of spring and St. Patrick Day too! You don't have to be Irish to think green and have some colorful fun!

### MATERIALS

- Rolls of crêpe paper (or use construction paper cut into strips)
- White paper plates
- Crayons, Markers
- Glue
- Cotton balls (optional)
- Small Clay pots
- Bag of dry beans
- Colorful popsicle sticks
- Construction paper
- Pom-poms, stickers, yarn and ribbons
- Non-toxic poster paints and brushes
- Black and yellow felt (or use construction paper)
- Poster board, cardboard or green foam sheet
- Miniature and small clay pots

### Clay Pot Leprechaun Hats



1. Paint a very small clay pot green, let dry.
2. Cut a round base for the hat out of poster board or foam sheet.
3. The circle should be slightly bigger than the base of your pot.
4. If using cardboard, paint or color the base green.
5. Turn the pot upside down and glue onto the base to make a hat.
6. Add a black/gold band around the hat with felt or construction paper.
7. Use the hole in the clay pot to hold a pencil or pen, or a Shamrock flower (see below). Makes great place card holders for a party!

### Colorful Flower Pot of Shamrocks

1. Paint a medium size clay pot in rainbow stripes and let dry
2. Fill the pot with dried beans, set aside.

3. Cut colorful flowers and green four leaf clovers out of poster board or construction paper. (approx. 4-5 flowers will do nicely! 3 is ok too!)
4. Decorate the clovers and flowers with glitter glue, pompoms, stickers



5. Glue each flower or clover on a popsicle stick, and let dry
6. After all the flowers and shamrocks have dried, arrange in the rainbow flowerpot. The beans will be the base.
7. Squeeze a generous amount of glue on top of the beans to solidify your base and hold the flowers in place (This is optional but a good idea if you don't want the kids playing with the beans!)

### Rainbows and Clouds

1. Cut a white paper plate to look like a cloud
2. Glue cotton balls on the cloud or decorate with silver glitter glue (optional)
3. Cut various lengths of crepe paper or construction paper into rainbow stripes
4. Glue or staple onto the paper plate cloud
5. Use a hole-punch and punch a hole in the cloud
6. Tie a ribbon to hand your rainbow!

