

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

13. ADDER NIGHT LIGHTS

INTRODUCTION

Here is a nice simple craft that young children will love. It brings in the concept of recycling as the jars are re-used and if you buy battery powered LED candles, these can be re-used too. Bought in bulk online, the LED candles are not expensive (about 25p each – see 'Resources'). The effect is a lovely keepsake for children. For this night light, we chose a summer adder scene, but depending on the event you are attending, any season could be used, or even just funky abstract adder patterns!

MATERIALS:

- Empty glass jars (roughly jam jar size) – pre-cleaned and labels removed
- Sheets of different coloured tissue paper
- PVA glue and pots
- Paint brushes
- LED tea light candles
- Safety scissors

MAKE IT!

1 Start by tearing the tissue paper up into strips. Keep the black tissue paper separate as this will be the adder. You might want to cut out a yellow circle for the sun.



2 Then starting at the bottom of the jar, apply a layer of PVA glue with a brush and start adding the tissue paper on to create your scene.



MAKE IT!

- 3** Work your way up the jar, adding more details. Here we are adding the sun and sky.



- 4** To create an adder, cut a snake shaped strip of black tissue paper, fold it in half and snip triangles out of along the upper edge.



- 5** When opened out, the adder will have diamond shapes along its back. You could experiment using other tissue paper colours too.



- 6** Add your adder and some different shades of green, mixed with pinks and purples to represent heather and you're done!



- 7** Put an LED tea light in and when it gets dark, turn it on and enjoy the glow!

