



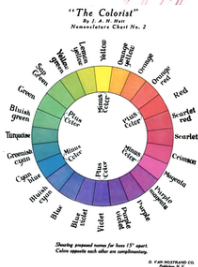
# Rio Arriba 4-H Presents: Tell Us About it Tuesdays!

## Housing and Interior Design I

This project helps youth explore the potential of design related to their own room. Members learn about line, color, accessorizing, and function.

### Some Project Activities include:

- Keeping your room clean
- Learning about interior design
- Creating special projects to personalize your room
- Keep track of what you learn and what you spend



### Complete the following activities, share your results, and earn points!

Watch these videos to help grow your creativity:

Just Joss'n: Principles and Elements of Design: <https://youtu.be/HUMNQnvhdBI>

Try your hand at Solving a Storage Problem with creating a Covered Box or Covered Can, or both. (Attached)

Send a picture of your bracelets and knot tally to:

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**Earn points for your participation and receive Pizza Gift cards!**

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## Storage Helpers

Storage can sometimes be a problem in your own room. There are some things you can do to make better use of or make more storage space. We all collect a lot of things – books, sports gear, clothes. To get the most use of these items, it is a good idea to have adequate storage space in a convenient place.



Shelves of concrete blocks or bricks and boards can make ideal storage. The boards can be painted or stained to coordinate with the colors in your room. Collect sturdy cardboard boxes for temporary storage space. The boxes can be painted or covered with decorative paper and stacked in a variety of ways.

## Activity

### SOLVING A STORAGE PROBLEM

How will you solve your storage problem? Think through these steps:

- What and where is the problem?
- What are the possible solutions for this problem? Think of at least three.
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- List the problems that might come from each of your proposed solutions.
- Where can you get information or directions needed for solving your storage problem? (parents, friends, magazines, books, internet, 4-H Leader, etc)
- Which solution will you choose?

Remember as you work on your solution, sometimes plans change. If you must change plans reconsider your other alternatives or brainstorm some other ideas to solve your problem.

# Activity

## COVERING A BOX

Cardboard boxes can be bright and colorful. Just paint with enamel paint, either high-gloss or semi-gloss, or cover with colorful paper. Ideas for paper coverings include remnants of wallpaper, gift-wrapping paper, newspaper, or scraps from magazines. Enamel paints do not soil easily and can take several cleanings. Paper coverings will be easier to clean, and will last longer, if you give them a coat of lacquer or plastic spray. This is a good way to re-use (recycle) some items. Here are directions for covering a box with paper.

### SUPPLY LIST

- Sturdy box
- Paper to cover
- Ruler or yardstick
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue-white glue, rubber cement, wall paper paste, or homemade flour paste

### DO THE FOLLOWING

- The paper should be large enough to cover the bottom and four sides of the storage box with at least a 1-inch overlap on the top edges. Place paper wrong-side up on a flat surface. Place box in middle and pull up on all four edges to be sure the paper is large enough. Draw a line around the bottom of the box. Spread glue on bottom of the box. (Self-adhesive paper will not need glue.) Set box in place marked on paper. Press firmly to smooth out air bubbles.
- Lay ruler or yardstick next to the long side of box. Draw a line from each corner of the box to the edge of the paper. Repeat for the other long side.
- Cut along the pencil lines from edge of paper to corner of box. These flaps form the end panels.
- Spread glue on one long side of box. Pull covering paper up over it. Smooth out bubbles by rubbing from bottom to top, center to corners. The paper will extend beyond the box corners. Trim paper extension leaving a 2-inch flap on each end. Spread glue on the flaps and smooth them into place. Do other long side in the same way.
- Spread glue on box ends and smooth the end panels up over the box ends.
- Clip corners on flaps sticking up above the box. Spread glue on flaps and smooth them down inside the box.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Is the box strong and sturdy?
- Is the paper smooth, without wrinkles or air bubbles?
- Is the paper clean and neat, without tears or glue spots?

# Activity

## COVERING A CAN

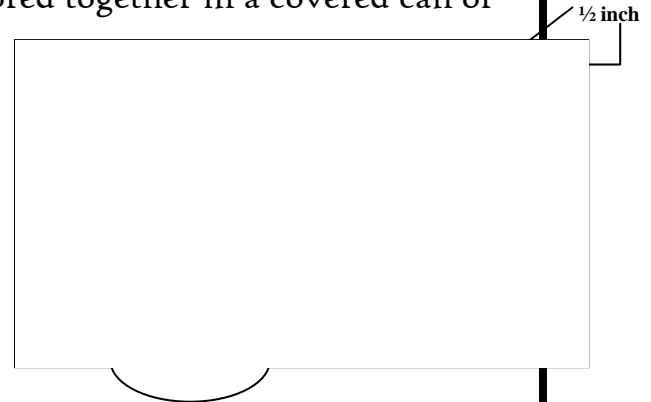
A “storage saver” can help you put your room in order and organize your activities. We all want a place to put our treasures. Consider the need for a place to keep your stencil collectables.

Look around your room. What things can be stored together in a covered can or carton?

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What can you think of to use as containers?

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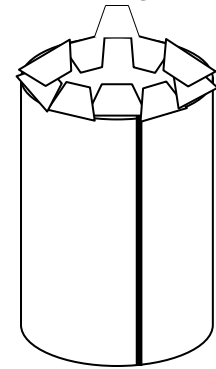


You can make attractive containers by covering cans or round cardboard cartons.

### SUPPLY LIST

- A tin can or round cardboard carton. Select a can or carton that will easily store the items you have. A vegetable can is a good can for crayons or pencils. An ice cream carton will make a great wastebasket.
- Use a self-adhesive paper for your covering or substitute fabric and glue. Be sure the can will not show through
- Decorations
- Ruler or yardstick
- Pencil

Figure 2



### DO THE FOLLOWING

- Be sure your container is clean and in good condition.
- Cut your covering the size of the container’s surface plus  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch on one side and the bottom. (figure 1) When your self-adhesive paper has a pattern, special care should be taken to cut the pattern straight. Make  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch slits about inch apart on the bottom edge.
- Lay the self-adhesive paper wrong side up on the table and pull off the paper backing. Place the carton or can in the center of the cover and fold the sides evenly and smoothly around it overlapping the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch
- Finishing the bottom: Fold over the slitted part of the self-adhesive paper along the bottom of your can or carton and press in place. (figure 2)
- A can or carton covered with plain paper can be dressed up with yarn braid, lace, or cord. A can or carton with a design paper may be all the decoration you will need.