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## **DIY WOODEN SLICE OWL**

Do you love owls, or know someone who does? Give them a "hoot" with this easy-to-make wooden owl! Below are the basics, and the full instructions can be found at https://www.houseofhawthornes.com/diy-wood-slice-owl/.

Here is everything you need:

- 1 Large wood slice 10" x 15"
- 1 Sawtooth picture frame hanger
- 2 5" wide jar lids
- 2 Regular canning jar lids and bands
- 2 Bottle caps

- 1 Serving Spoon
- 2 Forks
- 1 Branch
- E6000 Glue
- Stain or Danish Oil (optional)

#### Basic directions:

- 1. (Optional) If you want to add a bit of color to the wood slice, add some stain.
- 2. Attach the picture hanger on the back.
- 3. Glue the branch on the bottom of the wood, then glue the forks over the branch.
- 4. Glue the spoon to the middle of the owl's forehead as a nose/beak/mouth.
- 5. Glue the large lids to the wood, then attach the bottle caps.



Tip: Visit your local Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul and look for the jar lids and old silverware! FRIENDLY POST



## **GOOD MONEY HABITS: DONATING TO CHARITY**

You may have heard about the "spend, save, share" money habit, which says that every time you get or earn some money, you should spend some, save some and share some. It's a great habit to learn, and while most of the time we talk about spending and saving wisely, now we want to focus on why you should share some.

## WHY SHOULD YOU SHARE (AKA DONATE) MONEY?

Sharing, or donating, money is part of being a member of the community. It can help keep where we live a safe, happy and healthy place for everyone, while also providing resources for people in need. It can also help you support a cause that is important to you.

## WHERE SHOULD YOU DONATE?

Some people donate money to their school or church to help them pay for things they can't pay for by themselves. Other people donate to charities or non-profit organizations that help people or animals who are struggling. You may not realize it, but you could know a family who doesn't have enough money to buy food, or someone who is sick or who has a mental illness. The key is to find an organization that you're passionate about. Checkout the list we created on the next page with just a few local organizations the bank supports. There are many, many others that you can search for online.

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- Donna Lexa Art Centers
- Goodwill
- Elmbrook Humane Society
- The Food Pantry
   Serving Waukesha
   County (many cities
   have their own
   food pantry as well)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hebron Housing Services
- Humane Animal Welfare Society (HAWS)
- La Casa de Esperanza
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- St. Vincent de Paul
- The HOPE Center
- The Women's Center
- Wildlife In Need Center (WINC)
- Waukesha County Community Foundation
- Waukesha
   Education
   Foundation

#### **HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU DONATE?**

There is no set amount, it's really up to you and what you can afford. For now, one idea is to make a new "donate" jar and set aside a few dollars every time you get some money. Then, when you fill the jar you can donate that. Or maybe your parents would be willing and able to match those dollars so as a family you can make a larger donation. Many organizations have a donation button right on their website, or have fundraising events you and your family can attend, like run/walks, etc.

Another way to donate, depending on the organization, is to donate items they need instead of money. These can range anywhere from toilet paper or shampoo to dog food, clothes or even art supplies. Get your



friends involved, or even your whole school, instead of buying everything yourself! Just be sure to talk to you parents and teachers first, as they can help you coordinate a big collection drive with the organization.

# **FUN FALL FACTS**

- Superstition says that catching a falling leaf is good luck.
- In autumn, the leaves finally turn into their real colors.
   These real colors hide behind the green chlorophyll pigment in spring and summer.
- The Southern Hemisphere and Northern Hemisphere have opposite seasons. That means that, in the Southern Hemisphere, autumn starts in March, winter starts in June, spring starts in September and summer starts in December.
- People who live near the equator don't have an autumn season. The temperature stays almost the same all year.
- A medieval tradition inspired Trick-or-Treating.
  People would dress up in spooky costumes and do
  fun performances for treats. The spooky costumes
  were also thought to confuse demons and keep
  them away.
- Carving jack-o'-lanterns started with an Irish tradition of carving turnips or potatoes. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America.



# **HALLOWEEN RICE KRISPIES TREATS**

- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 15 oz marshmallows (mini or regular sized)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 9 cups Rice Krispies Cereal
- 1 cup Halloween M&Ms
- 1/2 cup Halloween Sprinkles
- 1 cup candy corn

#### Directions:

- 1. Line a 9×13-inch baking pan with foil and spray with cooking spray. Set aside.
- 2. Melt the butter and the marshmallows in a medium sized saucepan over medium-low heat.
- 3. Once melted, remove from heat and stir in the vanilla.
- 4. Quickly stir in the cereal. Once mixed, then stir in the candy and sprinkles.
- 5. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish and press to flatten. (Tip: You can spray your hands with cooking spray to press the treats into the pan just be careful not to burn yourself.)
- 6. Cool completely and cut into squares.

https://www.crazyforcrust.com/halloween-rice-krispie-treats/

## HALLOWEEN CRYPTOGRAM

See if you can figure out which letter corresponds to each number below in order to solve this Halloween joke! A few letters have already been added to help get you started.

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