

Burger, Fries and a Drink

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Ready for a fast project of fast food? You'll be satisfying miniature appetites in a minute with America's fast-food favorites: a burger, French fries and a soft drink. At home this sits on top of a base so the cap looks like a table top. My base was a yard sale find. It has brass legs and may have been a candleholder. The little "table" that's in the center of some take-out pizza boxes would work, too.



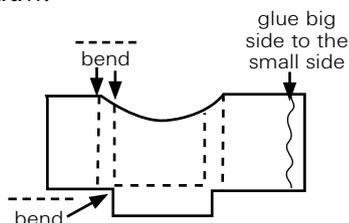
Hamburger

1. From the clay, shape two balls smaller than peas. Flatten slightly to look like buns.
2. Reshape, smoothing edge so the top looks like a bun top. Let dry.
3. Roll a smaller piece of clay into ball to make patty. Press flat. Let dry.
4. Sponge brown paint onto bun. Paint patty dark brown.
5. When dry, use Tacky Glue to glue patty between buns.
6. Brush top with clear nail polish (optional).
7. Glue burger to scrap of 1-inch square tissue paper that you've crinkled up a bit.

Soft Drink

The white plastic cap from an empty bottle of Tacky Glue makes a perfect size "foam" cup.

1. Combine silica beads or sand with a few dots of Tacky Glue and one dot of a slightly yellow-brown paint mixture. Put in Tacky Glue cap.
2. While still wet, insert a tiny piece of fishing line for the straw.



What You'll Need:

- White plastic vitamin bottle cap
- Air-dry clay such as Crayola Model Magic
- Foam sponge
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint: Brown, Dark Brown, Yellow, Red, White, Ochre (optional)
- Clear nail polish
- Aleene's™ Tacky Glue
- White tissue paper
- Cap from Tacky Glue
- Silica beads (from "keep fresh & dry" packets found in shoeboxes, etc.) or sand
- Fishing line
- Real tiny pasta - (found in the Mexican food aisle at the dollar store)

French Fries

1. Trace fry bag pattern onto cardstock. Fold where indicated and glue end to create bag. Paint bag red. When dry, paint a white stripe near top front.
2. Coat pasta with clear nail polish or brush on a light coat of ochre paint. When dry, glue into bag. Paint the end of one piece of pasta red. Dribble a spot of red onto tissue paper. Glue painted pasta to spot of "ketchup."
3. Fold a small piece of aluminum foil into a rectangle to represent a ketchup packet. Snip one corner. Dot corner

with red paint if desired.

4. Glue burger, fries, ketchup packet and drink to vitamin bottle cap and set on a base to create a table. ■

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