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Kids' CORNER

Jumbo Laundry Hamper

by Terrilynn Fox Quillen

Here's a quick and easy hamper to put in your dollhouse. Raid a kitchen cabinet for the spice container—you can always repackage the spice—and cut up a pair of old jeans for “free” components to this project.



What You'll Need:

- Empty metal spice canister, 2-oz., with white plastic hinge-top, 1¼" x 3"
- Tan burlap-look soft plastic shelf-liner, 3" x 9"
- Foam packing material, ¼" x 1" x 2"
- Brightly colored cotton fabric, 4" x 6"
- Three-dimensional scrapbook sticker dress shirt, 2¼" x 1½"
- 2 aged denim scraps, 1½" x 3" long, folded to ¾" x 3" long*
- Clear fabric glue gel
- Repositionable adhesive glue dots

1. Center the burlap-look shelf liner strip over the front of the canister; spot glue in place. Overlap ends at back and glue seam down securely.

2. Center the scrap of foam packing material over the bright cotton fabric lengthwise; fold top down and bottom up. Glue seam in place. Fold edges to points. Glue together at center to create a tiny pillow.

3. Open the lid of the “hamper.” Stuff pillow inside, vertically, with seam at back. Lay the shirt draped over the hamper. Use glue dots to anchor in place.

4. Fold denim lengthwise. Press with an iron to make a sharp crease. Hold folded strips of denim together at the top, and stuff ends one inch down inside the opening in the hamper. Fan strips out slightly to simulate a pair of dirty jeans. Use glue dots to hold in place.

*The denim used in this project was salvaged from the hem of an old pair of jeans, and as such, was already folded to double-thickness, with a sharp crease.

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