



North Metro Fire

DIY Activities for the Fourth

Try making these fun glow-in-the-dark crafts as an alternative to fireworks. Not only will they be a fun activity for the kids, but they also will add to the festive decor of your home or backyard.

Glow in the Dark Bubbles

Materials:

- 1 cup of liquid dishwashing detergent
- ½ cup of white corn syrup
- 3 cups of water
- Glow in the dark paint

Directions:

- Mix 1 cup liquid dishwashing detergent with ½ cup white corn syrup and 3 cups of water to make the bubble solution.
- Now combine 1 part of the bubble solution with one part of the glow in the dark paint.
- Try blowing with the bubble wand.



Glow in the Dark Sidewalk Chalk

Materials (per chalk color):

- 1 cup of Plaster of Paris
- 1 tbsp of glow-in-the-dark or fluorescent paint
- ¾ cup of warm water
- Ice cube trays of silicone molds

Directions:

- Begin by mixing the glowing paint and water together in a bowl, using one bowl of each color of chalk that you wish to make.
- Continue to mix each bowl until all the paint is dissolved.
- Then, add 1 cup of Plaster of Paris to each bowl and mix until combined.
- Once the ingredients are mixed, spoon the varying mixtures into an ice cube tray, packing tightly. You want to really pack the chalk into your mold for it to hold its shape and consistency.
- After several hours your chalk will be set! We left ours to dry for roughly 12 hours. You can also pop the chalk trays in the freezer for ten minutes just before play.
- This just helped the chalk pop from the ice molds more easily.



Glow in the Dark Fairy Jar

Materials:

- Glow in the dark paint
- Clean, dry jar
- Paint brushes
- Glitter
- School glue

Directions:

- Dab little dots of paint and scatter around the inside of the jar. Feel free to use a variety of colors (the larger you make the dots the better it glows).
- After the glowing dots are dry, you can add glitter inside of the jar.
- Close the lid of the jar, it keeps the magic inside.
- You can decorate the top of your lid with glitter.
- Expose the jar to bright light before turning out the lights. The dots will glow brightly.



**Stay safe this 4th of July and enjoy these activities
as a family!**