

Adopt-a-Prop

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Accordion-folded Palm Fronds

Supplies

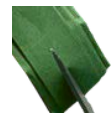
- Green Kraft paper (approximately 18" x 36")
- Glue gun with glue sticks
- Bamboo stick or BBQ skewer
- Scissors



Thanks to [Something Turquoise](https://somethingturquoise.com/2021/05/28/diy-paper-palms/) for this great idea. I recommend you visit this link for more detailed directions step-by-step with pictures:
<https://somethingturquoise.com/2021/05/28/diy-paper-palms/>

Directions

- Fold the paper long-ways in an accordion style (like a fan-fold) with about 1" pleats (so the paper will still be 36" x 1" when completely folded).
- Fold the entire folded strip in half (now each side of the fold is 18" x 1")
- Cut a 1/2" slit where the fold is (see image).
- Using the glue gun, glue together the top half of the two fan-folded sides of the paper (see image).
- Cut a point on each fold, starting at the edge of the outer peak and cutting toward the valley about 4".
- Insert the bamboo stick or BBQ skewer into the slit, extending it to where you previously stopped gluing the two halves together.
- Use the glue gun to attach the remainder of the fold with the stick between the fold to secure the stem.



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Bamboo Stalks

Supplies

- Green paper cups
- Glue gun with glue sticks
- Small to medium cardboard boxes of various heights
- Masking tape.
- Greenery or leaves cut from green paper



Directions

- Place hot glue around the rim of a cup and then attach the rim of another cup. Hold it long enough to set.
- Place hot glue on the base of one of those cups and attach the base of another cup. Hold it long enough to set.
- Continue in this fashion to create one stalk of bamboo that is 3 - 6 feet high.
- Create multiple stalks of varying heights.
- Use the glue gun to attach an entire stalk to the top of a cardboard box. Then add some tape to better secure it to the top of the box.
- Continue to add each stock to the boxes.
- Cover the boxes with greenery or leaves cut from paper.
- Add some paper leaves to various places on each stalk



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Coffee Filter Butterflies

Supplies

- White coffee filters
- Washable markers (the vibrant, bleeding kind) or watercolor paints and a paintbrush
- Spray bottle with water
- Chenille stems
- Clothespins



Directions

- Separate coffee filters and lay them flat on a table (it is recommended that you cover your table first to protect it!)
- Color the coffee filters with washable markers, or with watercolor paints.
- If using washable markers, use the spray bottle with water to lightly mist the filter and bleed the colors.
- Allow the filters to dry.
- Once dry, accordion-fold the filter into a butterfly shape. After folding, pinch the center of the filter, wrap a clothespin around the filter (tight enough to hold but loose enough so it doesn't tear) and gently fan out each side to make the wings.
- Fold the chenille stem in half and twist it around the clothespin to make the antennae.



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Cricut Leaves

Supplies

- Lots of Green paper (various shades)
- Some orange, pink and yellow paper
- Cricut machine
- SVG file (use provided one or files of your own)



Directions

- Cut out scores of paper leaves for us to use in various places for decor (most should be shades of green, but some yellows, oranges, and pinks can be in the mix too)

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Cricut Tropical Flowers

Supplies

- Lots of Colored paper (especially hot pink, orange, yellow, red, purple)
- Cricut machine
- SVG file (use provided one or files of your own)



Directions

- Cut out various flowers in different sizes and colors for us to use for decor throughout the building
- If you want to get creative, try layering flowers of different sizes for a 3-D effect.



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Cupcake Liner Hanging Flowers

Supplies

- Bright colored cupcake liners
- String or Yarn (3 feet long)
- Hot glue (or good tacky glue)



Directions

- Lay the string/yarn straight on a table.
- Fold a cupcake liner in half and bunch at the bottom
- Beginning about 12" - 16" from the top of the yarn/string, dab hot glue on the yarn and press the cupcake liner onto the glue so that the cupcake liner fans to the left of the yarn.
- For the next cupcake liner, fan it to the right of the yarn.
- Continue alternating the direction of the cupcake liners until reaching the bottom of the yarn (see the picture for reference).
- Please make at least 12 flowers strings.



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Lei Flowers

Supplies

- Bamboo skewers
- Hawaiian lei
- Scissors
- Tacky glue



Directions

- Cut the lei string and remove the flowers
- Poke each flower through the skewer (if your skewer is a bit too thick, you can use the scissors to make the hole a tad bigger)
- Once all the flowers have been added, adjust the spread between the flowers until you are happy with the look
- Add a bit of tacky glue to attach the top flower to the skewer and the bottom flower to the skewer (if you don't have glue, tape will work too).



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Mesh Ribbon Florals

Supplies

- Mesh wired ribbon
- Stapler



Directions

- Roll ribbon into tubes 1-2" in diameter and 6-12" tall.
- Staple at seams to hold tube shape.
- Use the stapler to attach multiple tubes together at the base.



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Mossy Rocks (large)

Supplies

- Cardboard box (16" - 24")
- Packing tape
- Optional: staple gun
- Optional Additional pieces of cardboard
- Large sheets of brown or grey paper
- Paint (black, dark green, yellow-green)
- Sponges and/or brushes for painting



Directions

- Take the rectangular box and smash it so it no longer looks like a cube or prism. Especially pay attention to the corners to make sure they have been smashed down. (Stepping on the box works well for this.)
- Optional: To add further shaping to the box, crumple some pieces of cardboard and use the packing tape to attach it to various places on the original box. This is just to add shape and dimension.
- Wrap the entire box in the brown or grey paper, securing it with the packing tape on the back or bottom of the box. You can also use a staple gun to attach the paper to the box.
- Using a sponge, liberally add black paint to the crevices around the entire box.
- Next take a sponge to cover a lot of the box with dark green paint. Allow the texture of the sponge to show.
- Finally, use a dry brush or another sponge to add yellow-green paint. Feel free to play with the paint colors until you are happy with the mossy look of the rock.



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Palm Tree

Supplies

- Tree stand
- Carpet tube (about 6' to 8' long)
- Old golf umbrella (broken is OK)
- Pack of 50 brown paper lunch bags
- Duck tape or packing tape
- Green kraft paper from roll
- Glue gun with glue sticks

Here's a link to a tutorial with pictures:

<https://eberhartsexplorers.blogspot.com/2012/06/diy-palm-tree.html>

Directions

- Put a rubber band around the carpet tube, about 6" from the bottom.
- Cut the bottoms off the paper bags so that there is no bottom to the bag.
- Put a bag over the carpet tube and scrunch it down to the rubber band on the bottom of the tube. Secure this first bag with the rubber band.
- One at a time, continue placing paper bags on the tube and scrunching them down to the bag at the bottom (no need for more rubber bands). Continue until the entire tube is covered with bags.
- Remove all fabric from the umbrella so that it is just the wires.
- Fold long strips of green paper in half, cut it into a long pear shape, and then cut slits or narrow triangles from the edges to make big leaves.
- Unfold the paper and hot glue the center fold of each cut leaf to the top of an umbrella wire.
- Insert the umbrella into the top of the carpet tube and, if necessary, secure it with duck tape or packing tape (just cover any tape with another paper bag to hide the tape).
- Insert the carpet tube into the tree stand (which can also be done at church).



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Paper Chain Snakes

Supplies

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Markers
- Stapler, tape, or glue



Directions

- For each snake, cut 10-20 strips of construction paper that are roughly 1"-2" wide.
- Glue, tape, or staple the first strip of paper into a circle. Loop the next strip through the first, then glue, tape, or staple it, repeating until a long chain is formed.
- Cut a head shape from construction paper (a large, rounded triangle works well, or see the above picture for an idea of the shape.) Decorate the head with markers and/or googly eyes.
- Cut a tongue out of red construction paper. Glue or tape the tongue to your head.
- Glue, tape, or staple the snake head to the first link of the chain.
- Cut a tail out of construction paper and glue, tape, or staple it to the final link of the chain.

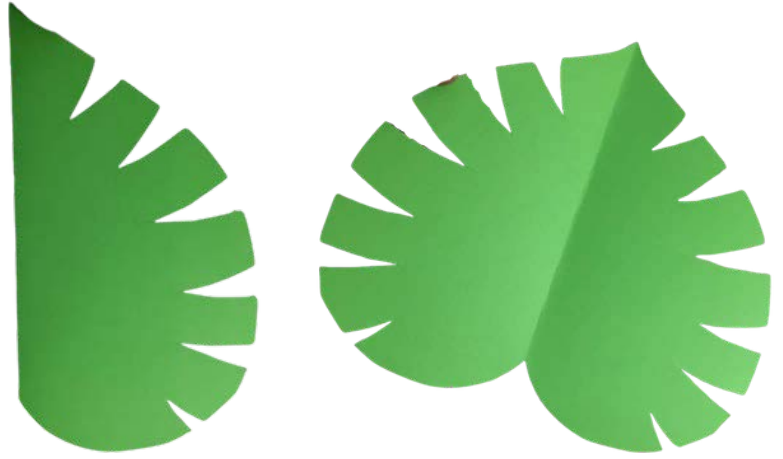


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Paper Leaves

Supplies

- Cardstock or paper in various shades of green
- Leaf templates (optional)
- Scissors



Directions

- Fold the paper in half.
- Option 1 (freehand): Cut half of a heart shape (like you are making a paper heart.). Then cut triangles on the curved part of the leaf.
- Option 2 (use template): Trace a half leaf from the template file and cut it out.
- Unfold.



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Paper Plate Parrot

Supplies

- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Ribbon (optional)
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Tape or glue
- Hole punch (optional)
- Ribbon or string
- Googly eyes (optional)



Directions

- Cut a paper plate in half. One half will be the parrot's head, the other will be the body.
- Paint one half to look like the parrot's head and the other to look like its body.
- Glue a googly eye to the head (or paint/draw the eye)
- Glue ribbon to the bottom of the body to make the parrot's tail.
- Use glue to attach the head piece to the body.
- To hang the parrot from the ceiling, punch a hole in the top of the head and string ribbon or string through the hole.

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Paper Plate Toucan

Supplies

- Dinner-sized paper plates
- Dessert-sized paper plates
- Scissors
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Tape or glue
- Hole punch (optional)
- Ribbon or string (optional)



Directions

- Cut a dinner-sized paper plate in half. One half will be the toucan's head, the other will be the body.
- Cut a dessert-sized paper plate in half. This will be the toucan's tail.
- Paint one half of the dinner-sized plate to look like the toucan's beak and the other to look like its body. Paint the half of the dessert-sized plate to look like the toucan's tail.
- Use glue to attach the head piece to the top of body, and the tail to the bottom of the body.
- To hang the toucan from the ceiling, punch a hole in the top of the head and string ribbon or string through the hole.



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Paper Tree Frogs

Supplies

- Cardstock
- Frog templates
- Scissors
- Paints (acrylic, tempera, or watercolors work) or markers



Directions

- On cardstock, draw the outline of a frog (or print the templates on cardstock).
- Cut out the frog.
- Use paints, markers, and/or other embellishments to decorate the frog.

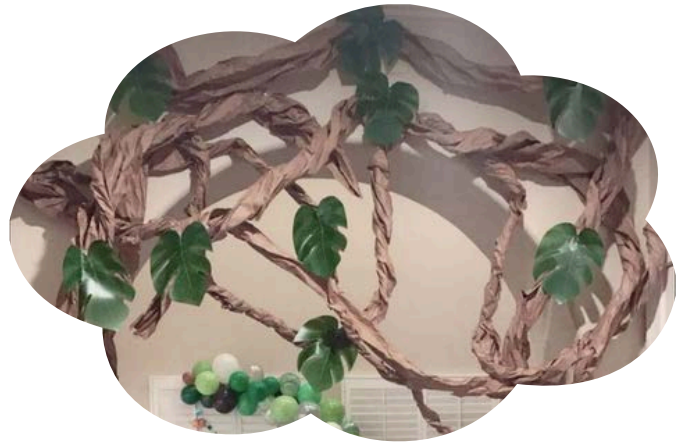


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Paper Vines & Leaves

Supplies

- Brown kraft paper
- Green kraft paper
- Optional: various colors of green tissue paper, construction paper, etc.
- Stapler



Directions

- Cut long strips (15' to 20') of brown kraft paper (or use brown packing paper saved from Amazon and other deliveries). Begin on one end and twist the paper. Continue twisting until the entire length looks like a vine. Watch this video for a tutorial: <https://youtu.be/PEORS9zCoEU>
- **PRO-TIP:** After twisting one end of the paper, attach it to a drill. While another person is securely holding the other end, let the drill do the twisting for you!
- Optional: Cut large, simple leaves from the green kraft paper. Feel free to add leaves of other colors of green by cutting tissue paper or construction paper to add to the vines. Staple the leaves to the vines.



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Poly-fil Clouds (for Bible Story Room)

Supplies

- 3 Skewers
- 2 white paper bowls
- 12 oz bag of Poly-fil
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Fishing line
- Scissors

There's a great tutorial with pictures of similar clouds here:

https://www.reveriehomeco.com/post/diy-clouds?utm_source=Pinterest&utm_medium=organic

Directions

- Cut a hole a couple inches in diameter in the bottom of one of the bowls (it doesn't need to be perfect).
- Put hot glue around the rim of that bowl and attach the rim of the second bowl to it.
- Once the glue has dried, Insert wooden skewers through the bowls. Place three skewers at different angles and lengths so the cloud can have a natural, uneven shape.
- Insert some fishing line through the hole in the top bowl and wrap it around the center of the top-most skewer, tying a secure knot. Leave the fishing line long enough to hang the cloud from the ceiling.
- Pull small pieces of poly-fil from the bag. Apply hot glue to the poly-fil and attach it to the Styrofoam ball.
- Continue attaching poly-fil around the entire ball—covering the top, bottom, and sides.
- Add poly-fil around the skewers to build out the cloud shape.
- Continue layering and shaping the poly-fil until the cloud reaches the desired size and form. (Remember, clouds aren't perfect balls, so have fun with the shapes!)



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Tablecloth Vines

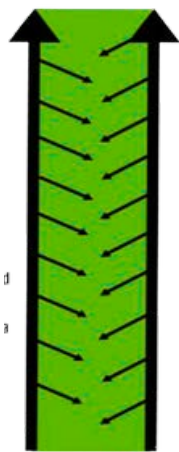
Supplies

- Tablecloths (various shades of green)
- Scissors (nice, sharp ones!)



Directions

- Here's a video that shows how to cut the tablecloths:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FoLIYP79s&t=191s
- Partially unfold the plastic tablecloth until it is long and thin (there should still be 4 layers).
- Slice up the right and left side of the folded tablecloth to separate the layers (but leave them stacked as is).
- Make diagonal cuts from the edge toward the center, alternating sides (see the diagram). Be careful not to cut all the way to another cut.
 - You can leave the tablecloths stacked and gently roll them to bring to the church. We will open them when we are ready to hang them for decor.



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Tissue Paper Flowers

Supplies

- Colored tissue paper (8 to 10 sheets per flower)
- String or fishing line
- Scissors

Directions

- Neatly stack 8 to 10 sheets of tissue paper on top of one another.
- Beginning at one end, fan fold the entire stack of tissue paper (about 1 inch per fold)
- Tie a string around the center of the entire fanfold.
- Use the scissors to cut each end of the tissue paper to a point (like a triangle) or rounded in a half circle.
- Then one sheet at a time, carefully separate it and pull it gently toward the string.
- Continue until all of the sheets have been fluffed and separated from one another. Gently shape the coral.
- You'll find a good tutorial with pictures here: <https://hellocreativefamily.com/how-to-make-diy-giant-tissue-paper-flowers-tutorial/>



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Tube grasses

Supplies

- Colored construction paper (especially shades of green, orange, and yellow)
- Stapler (or glue or tape)
- Scissors



Directions

- Stack several sheets of paper together.
- Cut narrow strips (much like fringe) from one end. Leave several inches at the bottom of the paper uncut.
- Roll the paper into tubes of various widths and secure the base of each one with staples.



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Oversized Dragonflies

Supplies

- Pool Noodles
- Zipties
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- scissors
- fishing wire
- sharpie marker



Directions

- First, cut the pool noodles in half and saved a small foam circle for later. Then draw and cut out big wings from cardboard.
- Next, add zip ties along the pool noodle
- After that, wrap the wings in aluminum foil to give them a shiny, textured look.
- Then attach the wings to the pool noodle using fishing line so they look like they're ready to fly!
- Finally, cut the foam circle in half and added it to the top to finish off the dragonfly head.

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