

Candy Basket and Napkin Holder



YOU WILL NEED:

Bead Colors:

Cheddar	Cranapple
Light Brown	Orange
Brown	Gold Metallic
Creame	Tan
Rust	

The quantity of beads you need will depend on the sizes of the containers you will use. Using a 1000 bead bag of each color will give you enough beads to do several pieces. You will also need grapevine or willow for the basket handle and ribbon trim to complete your projects.

Oven-Melty Technique

Warning to Parents: the baking must be done by an adult only.

1. To create containers with this technique, choose a glass or metal container that can be used in the oven. We used a small glass bowl for the Candy Basket, and a mini loaf pan for the Napkin Holder.
2. Set your oven to 300°. Spray your container thoroughly with a non-stick baking spray.
3. Create a bead mix of autumn colors with all the colors listed for this project. Pour enough of the autumn bead mix into the container to cover the bottom, then pat some in place going up the sides. For the Napkin Holder, you only need to go up two opposite sides, not all four sides. Carefully place the container in the preheated oven and allow the beads to melt. Check the results every few minutes and pull the container out when you are happy with the effect. The beads will flatten and stretch when melted, creating an interesting texture. Remove the container from the oven and allow it to cool. If you used non-stick spray, carefully wash the cooled pieces thoroughly by hand with dish soap.

Basket Assembly

Carefully weave the ends of your basket handle into the beads on opposite sides. Tie ribbon on each side for a decorative touch.