

# DIY APOTHECARY JARS

*We'll be live on facebook (@CvillePL) on October 21st at 6pm if you'd like to catch the tutorial on this craft (and you'll be able to watch the recorded session afterward). Feel free to solo craft using these instructions beforehand!*

## **THE BASIC FORMULA:**

1. Use a marker to create a design element on your jar.
2. Carefully using your hot glue gun, trace your marker lines with glue until you have the desired raised design.
3. Allow the glue to cool before painting a thin layer of the base color you want your jar to be--in my example, black. The first 1-2 coats of paint may look streaky on plastic or glass containers; don't worry, this will improve as we continue with more coats of paint. Continue drying/adding coats until you reach the desired effect.
4. After allowing the base paint color to dry, add accent paint details (I'm using gold and bronze) to the edges of your raised designs.
5. You can stop here, or begin customizing even further! Your jar will not be scratch-proof unless you add a layer of mod-podge or some kind of clear sealer/finisher.

## **GET FANCY:**

- Don't want to mess with hot glue? You can print label designs/create your own paper labels and attach to your bottle with a layer of mod-podge.
- Get creative with embellishments: Try sticking on pieces of hay/straw, add twigs and sticks with hot glue, etc!
- Perfect your paint effects: Using a sponge, experiment with layering metallic paints and black together over the base color of the jar for an antique/aged effect.
- Mix a dash of glitter with a dab of mod podge and paint over the bottle for a glitzy finish.
- The possibilities are essentially endless. Set up a crafting spot and let yourself run wild while marathoning movies for Halloween!

Need inspiration? Harry Potter potions and potion ingredients are a gold mine:

ACROMANTULA VENOM

ARMOTENTIA

BEETLE EYE

POWDERED BICORN HORN

CROCODILE HEART

DOXY EGGS

DRAGONS BLOOD

EYE OF NEWT

GRIFFIN CLAW

MANDRAKE ROOT

SPIDERS LEGS

UNICORN BLOOD

WOLFSBANE

WORMWOOD ESSENCE



*Keep an ear open for potential jar/bottle label ideas while watching movies like Nightmare Before Christmas, Hocus Pocus, etc!*

