



DIY LiFE Kit

“What is needed today is mindful and deliberate utilization, instead of mindless and destructive consumption.”

- Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India



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Make organic floor cleaner in 7 simple steps



1. Measure 300gm of orange peels (or any citrus fruit peels) and 100gm of Jaggery
2. Take a 2L reusable PET bottle with a lid (Do not use glass bottles)
3. Add 1L of water, orange peels and jiggery into the bottle (1:3:10)
4. Add a half-spoon of yeast to speed up the process (optional)
5. Close the lid and mix it well in a clockwise direction.
6. Store the bottle in cool place for two weeks (for 30 days, if yeast is not added)
7. Stir the solution and open the lid daily to release gas.
8. It is ready when it stops releasing gas and the peel have turned into a pulp.
9. Let it settle and separate the clear liquid.

Clear citrus cleanser

- 1) Natural Disinfectant / floor cleaner:
1 part cleanser to 100 parts water
- 2) Plant Fertilizer:
1 part cleanser to 100 parts water

Citrus Pulpy cleanser

- 1) Toilet cleaning/Chimney cleaning
Leave the undiluted pulp for 10-15 min and scrub
- 2) Bathroom / kitchen Surface: Use undiluted in mop

Make liquid hand - wash using soap scraps



1. Take soap scraps (about 100gm) & finely chop or grate them using a grater.
2. Pour 2 L of water in a saucepan and bring it to boil.
3. Add grated soap into the boiling water & stir it constantly over the medium flame until soap dissolves into the water.
4. Remove the pan from the heat and let it sit for 12 hours to cool down.
5. Add a teaspoon full of glycerin & mix it well. (or add any essential oil, Optional)
6. Shake well & store it in a dispenser bottle to use.



Make your own organic Holi colours



Pink Colour Ingredients: Beetroot Grated - 2 cups, Cornstarch - 3 cups, Water - 1 cup
Method: Place the freshly grated beetroot in a cloth and squeeze out the juice. Mix beet juice with corn starch and rose water. Mix till it gets even color. Now spread it on a tray and allow it to dry. Collect, pass through a fine strainer, and use.

Yellow Colour Ingredients: Water - 1½ cups, Turmeric - 2 tbsp, Cornstarch - 3 cups
Method: Take 1½ cups of water and add 2 tablespoon of turmeric to it. Boil the water and cool it down. Mix it with 3 cups of corn starch. Mix it properly for few minutes to remove lump. Dry it under the sun for 8-10 hours. Grind the dried cake to fine powder. It is ready to use

Green Colour Ingredients: Coriander & Spinach(fresh) - 1 large bunch, Water - 1½ cups, Cornstarch - 3 cups
Method: Grind the greens with water and strain them. In the juice add cornstarch. Mix till it gets even color. Now spread it on a tray and allow it to dry. Collect, pass through a fine strainer, and use.

Differentiate between synthetic & natural Holi colours

1. Check the packaging label & Look for organic label
2. Check the list of ingredients used in making the colours. It must have natural components like turmeric, rose petals, indigo, etc.
4. Natural colours look a little less vibrant and shine less.
5. Smell the colours for their natural occurring ingredients
6. As natural colors wash away easily with water, do a skin test.
7. Manufacturers of organic colors often share their lab test certificate number on the packaging. Ask the vendor for its authenticity.

Seed Rakhi

1. Mix clay, water & seeds of your choice and mould it into any shape of your choice.
2. Use toothpick or any sharp object to make design on it
3. Make two holes to insert strings (cotton or wollen)
4. Dry it overnight and paint it with natural colours
5. After using the rakhi, sow it in soil.



Paper Rakhi

1. Reuse colour papers and cut them in circular shape of different sizes.
2. Paste them on one on top of each other. Use any used cardboard to make a base.
3. Paste few pulses on the topmost circle and glue it on the thread.
4. You can also make rakhi using paper quilling



Cloth Rakhi

1. Cut a piece of cloth from used cloth material
2. Secure the edges with a simple stitch
3. Use sketchpen or natural colours to paint it
4. Cut out a round shape you like from used cardboard box.
5. Paste the cloth on the cardboard.
6. Use cotton or woolen thread to make a string and fix it.



Dry fruits Rakhi

1. Cut a few cashew and almonds in half
2. Cut a round-shaped piece of used cardboard
3. Spread the glue on the round-shaped cardboard and paste cashew on it in a pattern/design of your choice
4. Add some black pepper/grains to make it more colorful
5. Repeat the same steps for almond rakhi and paste a cotton or woolen thread to the back.



Make eco-friendly Rakhis



1. Prepare dough by mixing water and clay
2. Cut it to make different body parts. Small portions for hands, legs, ears, head, trunk, crown and bigger portions for the body & stomach.
3. Make a pedestal in any shape (rectangle, square or circle) as you like.
4. Fix the body portion to the pedestal
5. Roll out the legs, hands & trunk and fix to the body
6. Fix ears and crown to the head
7. When the total structure is set, use a toothpick or a sharp object to draw the features.

Steps to make eco-friendly rakhi

For the Thread

1. Cut a piece of cloth in straight lines or opt for wool or a cotton thread.
2. Braid, knot or simply leaving them open.
3. Use 3-4 strands to make the rakhi durable.
4. Close the end of the threads by glue or a simple stitch/knot



Rakhi made of grains

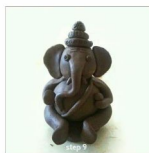
1. Cut a round piece of used cardboard. Then paste the grains to make a design
2. Use black jeera / pulses to decorate it as you like.
3. Then, paste a thread (cloth or woolen) across it.



Make eco-friendly Ganesh idols



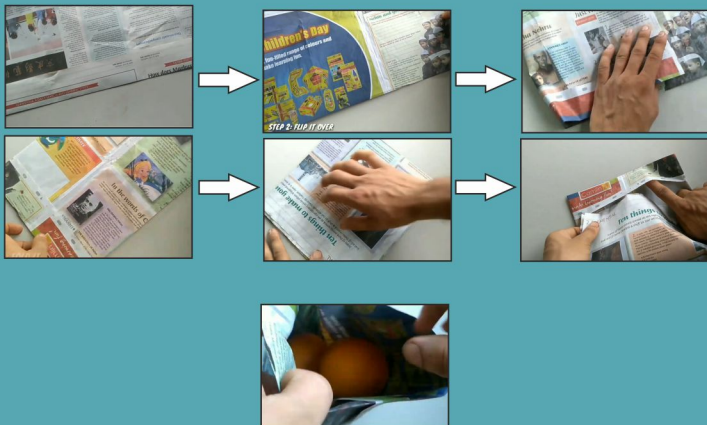
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Reuse newspapers - Make carry bags



1. Fold the base
2. Flip it over
3. Fold one third of the paper both sides
4. Tuck the upper layer under lower layer
5. Flip it
6. Fold it
7. Tuck It under the fold



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