

Easter Cross with Glass Gems

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This is an Easter Cross project that the boys really enjoy building. It is surprising how many combinations of colors the boys will use.

Materials needed:

1. 1 x 2 x 11 1/2" pine (with good wood grain).
2. 1 x 2 x 7 1/2" pine (from same wood).
3. 11 Glass Gems (cf. Hobby Lobby, Michaels, etc.).
4. White glue, clear silicone or craft (solvent) glue.
5. 3" x 4" 'trophy' base or make from 1 x 4 pine.
6. One 1/4" x 1 1/2" lag screw, one 1/4" washer.
7. Label, glue stick, 7/16" socket wrench.

Before the Meeting

1. Cut wood to length and sand (or sand in meeting).
2. Use a dado blade, router or radial arm saw to cut a channel (3/8" deep x ~ 1.5" wide) into the back side of the short (7 1/2") horizontal arm such that the vertical 1 x 2 will fit snugly into it.
3. Drill 13/64" hole about 1" deep into the bottom end of the 11 1/2" wood (for the lag screw).
4. Make label for base, cf:

It is Christ who died, and who has risen again, who is even now at the right hand of God and who also makes intercession for us. Romans 8: 33-35.

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Assembly at the Meeting

1. Have each boy write his name on the bottom of the base of the project he is taking home.
2. Use glue stick to attach label to base (see photo).
3. Attach base to 11 1/2" vertical wood using a 7/16" socket wrench and a 1/4" x 1 1/2" lag screw and washer.
4. Use white glue to attach the side arm (7 1/2") to vertical (11 1/2") wood.
5. Lay cross on it back, face up.
6. Lay out glass gems in the desired pattern.
7. Use clear silicone glue or craft glue (cf. E-6000 at WalMart, GOOP, Hobby Lobby) to glue on each glass gem. Then leave the project to dry until the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Take the crosses home at the next meeting and deliver some crosses to the elderly in your community. Be sure to call them on the day of the visit so they will stay up and have the porch light on. Take the boys to get some ice cream after the delivery.



Lane McNett giving a cross to his grandmother, Melba Rasor. Author (RPA) on the left.