

Hedgehog Remote Control Holder



For this hedgehog awareness week project I've created a mixed media piece to house all those remote controls and USB leads we seem to collect these days but could be used for anything. This is a quick and easy make that could be adapted for any wooden animal blank that has feathers, fur or scales by simply changing paint colours and fabrics used. All our remote controls are now stored in the chicken version (image at the bottom) so they all have a home at the end of the day and are easy to find.

Materials:

- MDF/plywood/wooden hedgehog blank, small wooden box/letter holder
- Paints, paintbrush, hot glue gun
- Scallop scissors, hedgehog coloured felt or other fabric choice

Instructions:

Paint all sides and surfaces of the hedgehog blank. It is a good idea to paint in colours similar to the fabric prickles being added so gaps don't show through. Paint the box to match.

Cover the front with grey felt prickles as shown by hot gluing down with a small blob on the straight edge of the 'prickle' leaving the tip of the triangle loose so it sticks up and out giving a more realistic look. Glue starting at the top edge of the back in layers covering the painted grey area, overlapping layers underneath each other as shown. As you near the bottom add a layer of beige felt prickles and a final layer cream felt prickles for contrast.

I used scallop scissors to cut out the prickles but zigzag or straight would look equally as good. This was a great stash buster for me using scraps left over from previous projects and workshops. Keeping a bag of scraps to dip into is so useful especially when you just need small pieces.

Add a painted nose and eye. I actually glued small circles of felt on this version but have also previously used a mini button as an eye. Glue the finished hedgehog to the side of the box. I added a red felt heart on the inside of the box to cover the heart shaped hole in the box, adding a hidden 'hedgehog' which I thought was a nice touch.



The chicken versions below used the same style wooden chicken blank each time with different style and size boxes/letter holders, some of which were large enough to hold cookery books etc, a nice addition for any kitchen.



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