How to Make Clip-It Clothespins

Hey kids! Make bright bag clips, colorful memo holders or creative magnets with clothespins! It's a snap!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- *Non-toxic washable paint & brushes*
- *Recycled newspaper*
- *Paper towels*
- *Container of water*
- *Clip clothespins*
- *Magnetic tape (optional)*

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Get ready to paint! Cover your craft area with old newspaper. Use non-toxic washable paint and a paintbrush to paint one side of your clothespins. Air-dry the paint. Then paint the other side (unless you're making a magnet). Air-dry the paint again.

STEP 2

Decorate! Use your imagination to decorate the clothespins. Paint on colorful bugs, geometric shapes, flowers, hearts, stripes, stars or other designs. Air-dry the designs.

STEP 3

Magnetize! If you wish, attach a small piece of magnetic tape. Press the sticky side against the clothespin.

PARENTS

All children love to make things that are useful. Even toddlers can enjoy painting clothespins with non-toxic and washable paint! Need something fast and easy to keep your kids entertained? Keep clothespins and markers in your car or purse – kids will be busily decorating in minutes! Have your children create Clip-Its for phone messages, reminders, important notes, grocery lists, etc. The possibilities are endless!

INTERESTING INFO

Did you know that between 1852 and 1887, the United States Patent Office granted patents to 146 different kinds of clothespins? Amazing!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is no one definitive creative path. There are many ways to be creative – not only intuitive ways but organized, logical ways, too.
- Theresa Bayer (motivational speaker)

Thank you for participating! We hope you enjoyed making your Clip-It Clothespins as much as we did! For more games and activities, please come and visit the Chickasaw Kids website anytime!