

Ridgely's Radar

GUIDE TO SHOPPING, READING, RECIPES, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

DIY Metallic & Glitter Gourds

~ Supplies ~

- Fake Gourds
- [painters tape](#)
- cardboard box
- disposable gloves
- Krylon Brushed Metallic spray paint [nickel](#)
- Krylon Brushed Metallic spray paint [sparkling canyon](#)
- Krylon spray paint [ivory gloss](#)
- Krylon [Crystal Clear Sealant](#)
- turpentine (if you need to clean paint off your hands)
- Craft paper
- [Aleene's Tacky Glue](#)
- small disposable cup (ie condiment cup like [this one](#))
- [sponge brush](#)
- disposable plastic or paper bowl
- Martha Stewart [Smoky Quartz Glitter](#)
- Martha Stewart [White Gold Glitter](#)
- Martha Stewart [Crystal Glitter](#)
- Hair Spray

~Directions ~

Painting the Gourds

1. Tape off the stems with [painters tape](#)
2. Put on disposable gloves
3. Use a deep cardboard box outside. Cut off the top flaps of the box so you have a four-sided open box. You can use the top flats for drying the painted gourds.
4. Holding the gourd(s) by the stem, spray paint it on all sides inside the box. This helped contain the mess.
5. Set the spray-painted gourd down on one of the cardboard tops to dry.
6. Spray all the gourds in the first color and then repeat the process with additional color paint
7. It took several coats to cover the bright fall colors.

TIP: if you want the bottom to be painted - start painting the bottom first and set down to dry - then paint the sides and top.

Glitter Gourds

1. Place a large piece of craft paper on a table
2. If the gourds stem are not taped from painting them - Tape stems on the [gourds](#) with [painters tape](#).
3. Pour [Aleene's Tacky Glue](#) into a small disposable cup that is big enough for the sponge paintbrush to move around (I used a cup like [this one](#))
4. Pour the Glitter into a disposable bowl - set aside for now.
5. Paint the glue on: Using a [sponge brush](#) paint the glue on the gourds. (For the gold and silver glitter ones I painted right onto the colored gourds, but for the white glitter I painted the glue over a gourd painted ivory.)
6. Apply the glitter: Immediately after applying the glue, using a large spoon, sprinkle glitter onto the gourd over a disposable bowl.
7. Shake off any excess glitter into the bowl, scoop it out of the container with a spoon, re-applying it to the gourd.
8. Any spots that did not have glue, dab the sponge brush with glue on the spot and then add more glitter to the spot. Note: It did not get clumpy when I reapplied the glue and glitter
9. When you are finished pour the excess glitter back into its container.
10. Spray the glitter gourds with [Sealant](#) to seal them. It did make the glitter fly around when I did it, so be sure to do this outside or where you do not want glitter everywhere!

Note 1: If the glue is too thick, add a drop or two of water

Note 2: I did not change out the glue brush or bowl when doing the three colors, but I did do the white first so that it stayed all white. I poured the excess glitter back into its jar after I was finished and wiped out the bowl before the next color. The glitter is tiny and does stick to the bowl so that is why I did the white first. A little mixing of silver and gold was not visible on the gourds.

Blog Post: <https://ridgelysradar.com/2013/11/diy-metallic-and-glitter-gourds.html>
Supplies Available in my Amazon Store: [DIY Glitter 7 metallic Gourds Supplies](#)

Have fun making this project!

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