

Woodcraft Patch
Sept. 19, 2023 6:00-8:00 pm
Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic-Gourd Style

I started with a bottle gourd, about 4" tall. I cut off the top which became the basket. Then, viola, it became a hot air balloon.

Sound fun? Come join us at the next Woodcraft Patch on September 19 at 6:00. We'll have our own little Balloon Classic.

Before, during, and after pictures...



Items to bring:

- Gourd that has been cut and cleaned. Bottle, pear, Martinhouse or any similarly shaped gourd will work. Use your imagination to visualize what it may look like. *I will have a very few gourds if you can't find something that you like in your collection.* Some shapes will allow you to use the cut off bottom piece as the basket. Other shapes may require a basket (which I will bring).
- Paint, stain, or alcohol inks-whatever you would like to use.
- Pitt Pen for adding details. Don't have one, no problem. I will bring some to borrow.
- Brushes and container for water. If you want dots, bring stylus or dotting tool.
- Any embellishments that you might like to add.
- Some type of paper or pad as a work surface to protect the table from drips.
- Paper towels for cleanup.

Items provided:

- A small selection of gourds if you can't find something that you like at home.
- Basket for the bottom. I have two sizes, 4" and 1". You can also use the part of the gourd that you cut off.
- Pitt pen for detail work. Spray varnish for finished project.
- Hand drill for making holes for the cord or ribbon.
- Ribbon or cord to be used between the basket and hot air balloon. Feel free to bring your own if you have something that you like.
- Hook for hanging your finished project. Glue to secure the hook in place.

Cost of the class: \$3.00-\$5.00 donation for supplies.