

Make a Leprechaun Handprint

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- MATERIALS**
- Manilla cardstock
 - Black cardstock
 - Pencil
 - Glue
 - Scissors
 - Gold-glitter cardstock
 - Orange marker
 - Black marker
 - Green cardstock
 - Orange pompom

Give me all the rainbows, pots of gold and green. It's OK to craft up a fun St. Patrick's Day decoration even if you aren't Irish. St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day marks a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing and a lot of green, and I encourage sharing all of these parts with your children. This year, my kids wanted to craft some lucky leprechaun magic together. We used our hands and a few pieces of cardstock to make these adorable leprechaun handprints.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place your child's hand on the manilla cardstock. Make a hand tracing on the cardstock with a pencil.
 2. Let your child cut out the tracing with scissors.
 3. Use the orange marker to color the top part of the hand and fingers only; leave the palm uncolored.
 4. Make the leprechaun's hat by cutting out a hat shape from the green cardstock. Cut out a strip from the black cardstock. Glue the black strip onto the hat cutout.
 5. To make the buckle, cut a square shape from the gold glitter cardstock. Glue the square over the black strip on the hat. Cut a smaller square from the black cardstock and glue the square to the middle of the gold glitter cardstock square to make the perfect leprechaun hat buckle.
 6. Use the black marker to make two dots under the brim of the hat for the leprechaun's eyes.
 7. Glue the orange pompom underneath the brim of the hat and between the eyes to make the cutest leprechaun nose.
- Enjoy this creative way to craft with your kids! ■
- XO,
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