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Making charms out of recycled plastic an easy task that one can complete in a mere five minutes



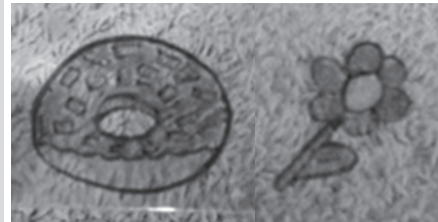
The materials needed are as follows: plastic (most likely from a muffin container, croissant container, etc.), scissors, permanent markers, an oven (or toaster oven), a hole punch, some string/ribbon/etc. and a spoon.



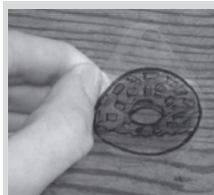
Step 1: Cut out the top of the box.



Step 2: Draw on your designs with permanent marker.



Step 3: Color them in with permanent markers. Don't worry if the colors don't really show up at first, once they bake, the colors will show up and be darker.



Step 4: Cut them out, and if desired, cut out a ways around the charm and use a hole punch to make a hole in it.



Step 5: Preheat your oven or toaster oven to 250 degrees. **Step 6:** Place the charms on a baking sheet and place in the oven for two to three minutes.

Step 7: Remove the charms from the oven. They might have curled up a bit, so make sure to have a spoon handy so that you can gently press them back down. Be aware that the charms should have shrunk at least a bit and that the colors will have darkened.



Step 8: Use some string or ribbon and put it through the hole that you made in the charm. Then tie the charm to whatever you'd like such as a backpack, a key chain, your phone, etc.

Enjoy your new, handmade charms!

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Artist of the Week: Junior Lexie Zaugg

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"Drawing is mostly an emotional outlet for me. Whatever I'm feeling is what I draw, so my style will differ depending on my mood. I love that it takes me away from my life and can help me bring life into something else."

Artist of the Week, junior Lexie Zaugg has been drawing most of her life. Although she loves to try different forms of art, she will always stick to her roots of drawing.

As far as inspiration goes, Zaugg draws from many sources. "I love realism. Any portrait artist who works with people and faces is my inspiration. I love looking at photos of people, as well as watching how they interact with different people and emotions. However, for specific artists, Da Vinci was always a hero of mine when I



was little, and I still hope to be as amazing as him some day."

Zaugg's drawing has taken her to win several competitions, but she still enjoys doing it for

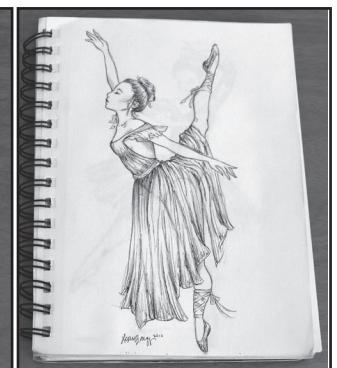
fun and for other people, and even though she is an extremely skilled artist, she still wants to keep improving. "My goal is and always has been to continually improve my-



self. I wish to improve my accuracy and speed, as well as coming up with new ideas more frequently."

With a busy schedule, Zaugg has limited time

to draw, but still works to improve her craft and plans to draw later in life. "I want to continue to draw, but I don't know where it will get me in life. I use it right now to



Junior Lexie Zaugg gets much of her inspiration for drawing from the portrait work of many other artists both past and present.

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make some money, but other than that I think it will just be a hobby later in life."

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