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YOU'LL NEED:

Old doors

Assorted Doilies

Hinges

Glue Dots

Screws

Given I'm dotty when it comes to doilies, I display mine on two discarded French doors. Hinged together in the middle, I tack my doilies to the glass in the doors by using removable glue dots (available in craft stores).

Another idea: if I want the doors to serve as a room divider, I cut pieces of corrugated cardboard to replace the glass (subtract 1/8" off the dimensions of each "pane" to allow for the addition of fabric) and wrap each piece in cotton batting (thin and stapled onto the cardboard). Then, I top that with vintage fabric or hankies held in place with glue dots (this is when you decide if you want it to be two-sided or one-sided). Next, I wrap pieces of lace or ribbon around each "window" to hold in place the photos that I want to display. Pressed into each opening, your "windows on the world" will be entirely of your own choosing!



MAKE-DO
Can-do
RE-DO

“ The rain falls down ... The wind blows up;
I've spent all the pennies in my old tin cup.
Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without! ”

— Clyde Watson, *Father Fox's Pennyrhymes*



FOOD COVERS

Place vintage doilies in assorted embroidery hoops for delightful food and beverage covers.

DOOR CORNER SHELF

Cut an old door lengthwise, so that one half is wider than the other by the thickness of the door. Place halves together at a right angle. Cut triangular shelves to fit. Screw together all pieces from the back.

SHELF EDGING

Attach lace from old worn-out doilies to shelf fronts by applying adhesive Velcro to shelf and iron-on Velcro to lace.



Tie One On



YOU'LL NEED:

aprons

Velcro

Attach self-adhesive side of Velcro to sink edge. Place top hem of aprons along the iron on Velcro strip, iron (or stitch). Mount to sink by placing Velcro together. Tie bows.



Bon Ami is my favorite non-toxic cleanser. It's been around since 1887. Their trademarked slogan reads, "When you need a little muscle but want a soft touch." Visit their delightful website at www.bonami.com.

Button down

YOU'LL NEED:

Old window frames

Galvanized tin

Swivel mechanism

Hinges

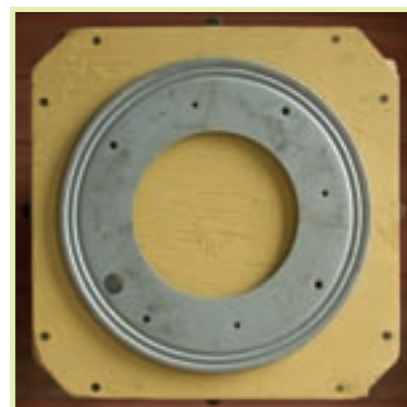
Glazing points

Screws

Plywood

Since I love buttons, I like to display mine by turning them into magnets using a spot of glue. To button up a "rack" of family photos, simply hinge together four matching window frames. Replace the panes of glass with 28-gauge galvanized tin held in place with glazing points. Screw a piece of plywood on the bottom and mount a swivel mechanism (available in hardware stores) to the bottom of your new and very unique photo album.

MAKE IT
Easy



Hold it

WIRE PHOTO HOLDERS

YOU'LL NEED:

Various sized buttons, some with shanks

18- or 20-gauge wire

antique bottles

vintage spray nozzles

insulators

wire cutters

needle-nose pliers

Wind one end of wire around a bottle neck, nozzle, or insulator. Form loops on other end with needle-nose pliers. Attach buttons by threading wire through one or more button holes. Use shank buttons for flower centers, if desired. Slide vintage snapshots, recipes, etc. into wire loops for display.



FORK PLATE STAND

YOU'LL NEED:

forks

needle-nose pliers

Holding fork handle firmly, use pliers to bend outer teeth forward and middle teeth backward. Bend outer fork tips up sharply to hold plate secure. Bend back tips to the outside to stabilize.



FORK RECIPE HOLDER

YOU'LL NEED:

fork

hammer

antique bottle

Place fork handle down into jar; insert recipe card in between fork teeth.



Hangin' Out

SILVERWARE WIND CHIME

YOU'LL NEED:

four pieces silverware
vintage sugar bowl or container
fishing line

drill and metal bit
scissors
swivel, keychain ring, or bolt washer

1. Drill four holes evenly spaced around the top rim of your container. Drill four holes evenly spaced in the bottom of the container as well.
2. Tie one end of a 10" length of fishing line to swivel, ring, or bolt washer. Insert other end through one hole in the top rim of the container, from outside to inside. Weave the line through a neighboring hole from inside to outside. Bring line up to swivel and knot loosely. Repeat for remaining set of top rim holes. Adjust line until bowl hangs evenly. Knot securely and trim ends.
3. Drill a hole $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the handle end on each piece of silverware. Thread a piece of fishing line 2" longer than desired through handle hole, knot off securely, and trim end. Do this for all four pieces, making lines varying lengths.
4. Thread each line end through one of the holes in the container bottom. From inside, draw the line ends together and knot securely.

FORK PLATE HANGER

YOU'LL NEED:

fork
hammer

needle-nose pliers
drill with metal bit

Hammer fork flat. Use pliers to bend outer teeth forward; bend tips up sharply to hold plate secure. Bend middle teeth slightly to each side. Curl each middle tip by holding it firmly at the end with pliers and twisting. Drill hole in center of fork handle $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from the end.

SILVERWARE EARRINGS

YOU'LL NEED:

two pieces of silverware
saw with metal cutting blade
one set of earring hooks
drill and metal bit
sandpaper

Cut silverware handle tips off 1" in from ends. Sand rough edges. Drill a hole in each, $\frac{1}{8}$ " in from the top end. Attach earring hooks.

