

How-To Make a Decorative Uncle Sam

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Join me as I make this cute Uncle Sam out of 4 Terra Cotta or Plastic pots. For this project you will need 4 pots, any size will work. But, keep in mind, the larger the pots, the larger your Uncle Sam will be. Feel free to improvise! For example, the original Uncle Sam I saw used white duct tape for the white stripes along the pants, but I couldn't find white duct tape, so I improvised and used white card stock instead.

Here's what you need:

1. 4 Pots
2. Red, White, and Blue craft paint
3. Black, White, and Blue card stock or construction paper
4. Embellishments: your choice how you want to decorate your Uncle Sam. I used glitter stars, glitter paint, and red felt
5. Hot glue gun & glue sticks
6. Coffee Filters, or something white for the hands and neck piece
7. Cotton Balls or mop for the hair
8. Yarn or string to decorate the boots
9. Enjoy

The process is simple:

1. Attach 2 of the pots (bottom to bottom) to create the torso and feet with hot glue. Paint this section with red paint and let dry.
2. Paint one pot blue and let dry.
3. Create or purchase a hat for the head. The hat will be sitting on the top part, (widest part) of the pot. I created mine with card stock, stickers and felt.
4. Once the paint is dry, you may start to decorate the legs. I cut 3/4-inch strips of white card stock, and hot glued them onto the legs. Use black card stock for the boots. Decorate boots and legs as you wish.
5. Hot glue the head to the body. Glue the pieces bottom to bottom just like the legs and torso. Decorate the head and body. I attached the hat, then added the hair along the side of the head. I used a coffee filter for the center handkerchief and hands. I made the bow tie from the same red felt and a white pom pom. I only painted on eye brows, and cheeks on the face, but you may decorate the face however you like.
6. Attach the body to the torso with hot glue.

