**Spice Up Your Boring School Supplies!**

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 Are you tired of your boring school supplies?! Are you sick of never getting compliments on your outdated binders, notebooks, and pencils? Well, you have come to the right page. By reading this article, you will learn how to spice up your school supplies and have the hottest materials in town!

Decorate Your Drab Notebooks

 This craft includes a notebook, Mod Podge, scissors, paint brush, and pictures or patterned paper. To begin, choose pictures from the internet, magazines, or patterned paper from your local craft store. Once you have picked out your design, lay it out on your notebook to make sure everything fits before you apply Mod Podge. If your design does not fit, trim off the excess paper. Apply one coat of Mod Podge, then place your paper on top. Afterwards, apply one more coat of Mod Podge to set everything in its place. Allow for the Mod Podge to dry, then you can show off your fabulous design to all your friends.

Beautify Your Binder

 For this we will need a binder with a clear pocket in the front, patterned construction paper, and pictures. First, you can find pictures on the internet or from magazines. Then, either glue or tape them onto your patterned construction paper. Finally, slide your collage into the clear pocket on the front cover of your binder. Now you have beautified your binder from a sad, dull mess to a shiny, new piece of art to show off to your friends.

Tie Dye Your Backpack

 For this craft, you will need a white backpack and a tie-dye kit. Wrap the backpack in rubber bands, then apply your desired colors onto the backpack. Allow the backpack to dry and soak up the colors for at least 30 minutes. Rinse the dried backpack with cold water, then put it in the dryer. **Warning:** If you use this backpack in the rain or get it wet, the colors may bleed onto your skin and clothes.

Pencil Décor

 Tired of writing with the same old number 2 pencil? Time to mix things up. This craft will require washi tape and plain wood pencils. All you need to do is wrap the washi tape around the pencils. Now you have some super stylish pencils to enjoy writing with!

Old School Whiteboard

 To make this craft, you will need chalkboard paint, a frame, and something to paint on, such as a piece of wood, cardboard, or other materials. First, paint a coat of chalkboard paint, which you can buy at your local craft store, on your surface. You will need more than one coat to achieve maximum opacity, so make sure you apply multiple coats. Next, add a frame to your chalkboard so it looks more polished. Now, you have a super fun chalkboard that you made yourself!

Phone Case Fix

 Is your phone case old and boring? This DIY will take you from drab to fab! You will need an old phone, a printer or paint, sticker paper, and Mod Podge. For starters, you will find a photo of your choice of the internet and print it on the sticker paper, then trim the paper to fit the phone case. Peel the sticker off of the paper and place it onto the phone case. Another way to decorate your phone case is to paint it. Simply apply a paint color of your choice to your phone case. You should also apply a coat of Mod Podge to seal your paint on so it will not chip off. Now, you have transformed your phone case from a drab mess to a fabulous, shiny new case!

Paper Clip Bookmarks

 For this craft you will need a piece of washi tape and a paper clip. Simply wrap tape around the top of the paper clip. Cut the tape into any interesting shape of your choice. Now you have your own personally customized book mark!

Washi Tape Your Notebook

 To do this craft you need multiple patterns of washi tape, a notebook, two pieces of computer paper, scissors, a label, and Mod Podge. First, take your notebook and trim your pieces of computer paper to be the size of your notebook. Then, secure your paper on the notebook with Mod Podge. After the Mod Podge has dried, take a piece of washi tape and tape it horizontally across both sides of your notebook. Repeat this step until your notebook is completely covered in washi tape. To seal everything in, apply a thin layer of Mod Podge over the tape. Lastly, finish it off with an adorable label. Now you have a stylish, customized notebook that will make writing more enjoyable!

 These simple DIYs will go a long way in helping you stay motivated for school, and express yourself with your everyday school materials. Now, all you need to do is to figure out how to deal with all of the compliments you will get for these items!