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**FUN FACT**  
Before the modern eraser was invented, students used pieces of bread to wipe away mistakes.



**WARNING!**  
Ask an adult's permission before using the oven.

# Make DIY notebooks and erasers

## What you need

- Felt
- Scissors
- Hot glue (with an adult's help)
- Notebook or journal
- Eraser clay
- Toothpick
- Pencil
- Washi tape
- Fabric glue
- Yarn

## Instructions

- 1. To make the apple notebook:** Cut an apple shape from a piece of felt. (Make sure it's long enough to hold a pencil.) With an adult's help, adhere apple to the notebook with hot glue. Let dry.
- 2. Leaf pencil topper:** Using your fingers, shape a ball of eraser clay into a leaf. Press toothpick into center. Gently push the pencil end into the leaf to make a hole, then remove. Bake the eraser according to package directions. Let it cool, then add it to the top of a green pencil (or wrap a pencil with green washi tape).
- 3. Milkshake notebook:** Cut a glass shape from a piece of white felt. Then cut a smaller version from pink felt and adhere to the white "glass" with fabric glue. With an adult's help, hot glue the "glass" to the notebook.
- 4. "Straw" pencil with strawberry eraser:** Wrap a white pencil with a strip of red tape. Then shape a ball of red eraser clay into a strawberry. Gently push the pencil's eraser end into the strawberry to make a hole, then remove pencil. Use the toothpick to poke seed holes. Use green clay for leaves and press gently to top. Bake according to package directions. Let cool, then add eraser to pencil.
- 5. Hot dog notebook:** Cut an oval out of yellow felt, then cut a notch in the top (to insert a pen or pencil) and bottom to resemble a bun. Cut a narrow oval out of red felt for the hot dog. Use fabric glue to adhere hot dog to bun and add a string of yarn for mustard. With an adult's help, hot glue bun to notebook.
- 6. Hamburger eraser:** Knead yellow eraser clay into two balls and flatten into buns. Roll red clay into a burger and green clay into lettuce. Bake according to directions. Let cool.



## ECO TIP OF THE WEEK REDUCE PAPER TOWEL USAGE

One way to make your family's kitchen more eco-friendly is to try to use fewer paper towels. Using paper towels can be harmful to the environment because they are produced using trees and other natural resources and also end up taking up space in landfills after they're thrown away. Instead, talk to your family about cleaning up messes in the kitchen with reusable products when you can. For example, keep a basket of clean cloth kitchen towels or dish rags in the kitchen and a small basket under the sink for dirty ones. When the basket is full, put them in the washing machine and use them again.

