

## **Mini Cork Board**

Make a cute and useful mini cork board out of recycled corks for your locker, bedroom, or dorm room.



## Ingredients (Included):

- 8 corks
- Hot glue gun with glue sticks
- container of acrylic paint
- 2 eyelet screws
- 1 paintbrush
- 1 length of yarn

**Tip:** These cork stoppers were donated by Wilmette Public Library patrons. It's optional, but you should consider cleaning them first — it's easy and should take no more than 10 minutes.

Place warm water and two drops of detergent in a small bowl. Add your corks and swirl them gently to produce suds. Use a clean cloth to wipe each cork down, especially the end that was in the wine bottle. Rinse the detergent off with cool water and place on a hard surface on a paper towel to dry. Let them dry for at least two hours.







**Step One:** Hot glue your corks together. Make sure you are working on a protected surface.

Put a thin line of hot glue down the line of one cork, then quickly press to another one. Hold for at least 30 seconds.

Repeat with the remaining corks until you have the shape you want. For these eight corks, you can hot glue two sets of four corks, then glue those two sets together. It will make about a 3 inch square.

Try to keep your hot glue neat in between the corks. The paint adheres to the glue differently and can look a bit messy.

**Step Two:** Put your corkboard on a protected surface for painting. Use the paintbrush to cover one side of the corks with color.







**Step Two, cont:** Let dry, flip, and repeat on the other side. You can do multiple coats on each side to make the color deeper, or you can do a light wash to let the cork texture come through.

**Step Three:** Twist in your eyelet screws on both ends of your corkboard. This takes a little effort at first to make the point end of the eyelet stick in the cork, but keep pushing down and twisting and eventually it will start to drill in to the cork and become stable.

**Step Four:** Tie the yarn to each eyelet for hanging and snip off the edges.

Hang wherever you want to place quick, cute photos, notes, and more. You can also add a magnet to the back of the corks and hang on the fridge instead.









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