

Shelly's Buttons & More

Squirrel Outing - Happy Fall Y'all Truck Project



Create a cheerful fall tabletop decoration featuring **one Squirrel Outing Craft Button & Embellishment Set**. This project is inspired by the sample image above, so the truck blank and supporting decorations may be changed to fit the supplies you find.

Skill level	Intermediate	Approx. size	10-12 in. wide
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Supplies

- **1 Squirrel Outing Craft Button & Embellishment Set** - 5 squirrels and 3 acorns
- Unfinished wooden vintage pickup truck blank, about 10-12 in. wide
- Wood base or wood slice slightly wider than the truck
- Small unfinished wood plaque for the Happy Fall Y'all sign
- Small wood rectangle for the Nuts About Fall license plate
- Acrylic paint: olive green, light blue, dark brown, cream, silver/gray, black and red
- Small artificial pumpkins in 2-3 sizes
- Artificial fall leaves and small berry picks
- Permanent vinyl, letter stickers, stencil or paint markers for lettering
- Strong craft adhesive or hot glue; wood glue for wood-to-wood pieces
- Paintbrushes, fine-grit sandpaper and optional brown distressing ink
- Optional matte clear sealer for painted wood

Use Every Piece From Your Squirrel Outing Package

Piece	Suggested placement
Tan squirrel #1	Upper left of the truck bed
Gray squirrel #1	Upper right of the truck bed

Piece	Suggested placement
Brown squirrel	Center front of the truck bed
Gray squirrel #2	Lower left on the base
Tan squirrel #2	Lower right on the base
Acorn #1	Near the lower-left squirrel
Acorn #2	Near the lower center
Acorn #3	Near the lower-right squirrel

Project Instructions

1. Prepare and paint the truck.

Lightly sand the wood blank and remove dust. Paint the truck olive green, the rear window light blue, and the tailgate dark brown. Paint the bumper and mirrors silver/gray and add red taillight details. Let dry.

2. Add a rustic finish.

Dry-brush a small amount of dark brown paint around edges and corners. Keep the distressing light so the truck looks gently weathered rather than heavily antiqued.

3. Make the Happy Fall Y'all sign.

Paint the main plaque cream. Add the words **Happy Fall Y'all!** with vinyl, a stencil, stickers or a paint marker. Add simple leafy accents if desired. Lightly distress the edges and glue the plaque to the tailgate.

4. Arrange the truck bed.

Place the largest pumpkin toward the back center, then add smaller pumpkins, fall leaves and berry picks. Do not glue yet. Arrange the three truck-bed squirrels in the positions shown in the placement chart.

5. Attach the featured embellishments.

When you are happy with the arrangement, glue the three squirrels securely in the truck bed. If your pieces have button shanks and you want them to sit flat, carefully remove the shanks with button-shank cutters first.

6. Build the base.

Paint or stain the wood base brown and glue the truck securely to it. Arrange fall leaves across the front. Attach the remaining gray and tan squirrels at the lower left and right.

7. Add all three acorns.

Place the three acorn embellishments across the front base - one near each lower squirrel and one near the center.

8. Make the mini license plate.

Paint the small rectangle cream and add **NUTS ABOUT FALL**. Distress the edges lightly and attach it beneath the tailgate.

9. Finish.

Fill small gaps with leaves or berries until the design feels balanced. If desired, apply matte clear sealer only to compatible painted wood surfaces after all paint is fully dry.

Project note: This is an inspiration project created to showcase the Squirrel Outing Craft Button & Embellishment Set. The exact truck blank, pumpkins, leaves, berries and other supporting materials may vary. Use similar items from your favorite craft supplier and make the design your own.

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