

### “Fun-guy” Charm

Attach half a ping-pong ball to a cork to make this little ornament in celebration of National Mushroom Month.

#### You will need:

- White ping-pong ball
- Bottle cork
- Metal paperclip (1 1/4" / no. 1 size)
- Toothpick
- Wooden skewer
- Red and white acrylic craft paint and painting supplies
- Sandpaper or emery board
- Tacky glue
- Nail scissors
- Needle-nose pliers
- 8" cord or twine



Display a photo of a completed [“Fun-guy” Charm](#) to attract crafters.

#### Directions:

1. Cut a ping-pong ball in half using nail scissors. Sand the rough edges.
2. Unbend a paper clip and use needle-nose pliers to trim 1/2" off the narrow end as shown on the following page.
3. Push the ends of the 1/2" piece of paper clip into the top center of the ping-pong ball. Leave enough paper clip extended to thread the cord or twine through for hanging.



4. Paint the ping-pong ball red and let it dry for about 20 minutes.
5. Stick a toothpick in one end of the cork to use as a handle as you paint the cork with a thin coat of white paint. Let it dry for about 10 minutes.



6. Apply a generous dollop of tacky glue to the bottom of the cork and attach the red mushroom top. Push the prongs of the paper clip into the cork. (You may need to push the paper clip into the cork with pliers or turn the mushroom over and use the tabletop to press on the paper clip.)
7. Use the flat end of a skewer to stamp dots of white paint onto the red mushroom top. Let the project dry for another 20 minutes before threading the cord or twine through the paper clip.
8. Hang your charm on a keychain or houseplant. To wear as a necklace, use a longer piece of cord.







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