

Kumkum Box

Kumkuma is a turmeric-based powder used for social and religious markings in India. The special powder is stored in a small, decorative Kumkum box. Honor this Indian tradition by making a decorative box using an upcycled container and decorative trim. Use your box to hold medication, change, or small trinkets.

You will need:

- Small container with lid (1- or 2-ounce plastic condiment container, small pill box, upcycled moisturizer jar, etc.)
- Embellishments, such as sequins, metallic or glittered ribbon, and gems (preferably self-adhesive)
- Double-sided tape and/or Aleene's Tacky Glue
- Scissors



Print a [picture of a completed box](#) to show crafters. Post a copy on your bulletin board to create interest in the activity.

Directions:

1. Select a small container with a lid. If using an upcycled container of moisturizer, be sure to wash and dry it thoroughly.



2. Wrap the container with self-adhesive ribbon or gems as shown. If you're using elements that aren't self-adhesive, use double-sided tape or glue to adhere them to the container.
3. Add more decorative elements to the top and sides of the lid.
4. Allow all glue to dry for about 40 minutes. Then fill your Kumkum box and place the lid on top.





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