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Follow the Rainbow

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This is the first installment of a series authored by the winner of our writing contest.

There was a rainbow on the ground, giving color to the wet, black concrete ground. It filled the little girl, Maya, with wonder and awe. It was her first time seeing one, ever. She tried to jump on top of the rainbow, vaguely remembering her father's story about leprechauns and pots of gold, but really, she was more fascinated with the colors and wanted to see if maybe the colors would melt into her plain white shoes. Her father told her to always follow a rainbow. When she would ask him why, he would say "Because of the leprechauns, and pot of gold, of course!" She looked down, but noticed that the rainbow had actually moved away, a little to her left in front of her. She had been so sure that she had landed right on top of the rainbow, and couldn't help feeling a bit discouraged, but she soldiered on --- well, more accurately, she jumped on.

Each time she was sure she had landed on the rainbow and each time it evaded her. She was sweating now, her tongue sticking out of her mouth in intense concentration, and she barely noticed the streets she passed or even the time that was ticking by as she followed the rainbow. It wasn't until she started feeling a soft pat pat pat atop her head that she stopped. She looked up at the giant swarm of gray overhead that was quickly turning to a limitless black. There were no stars, or even the moon, to soften the tone of the sky. She looked back down to the concrete and her breath came out in a gasp because the rainbow was gone. Where did it go? She looked all around her quite desperately. Now, with the rainbow gone, the blackening sky and the relentless rain started to scare her young mind, imagining every howl of the wind as that of a coyote's or the splattering of the rain against her skin as a boogeyman standing behind her, waiting to grab her.

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Probate and the Holographic Will: What Do You Need to Know

California accepts Holographic or Handwritten wills. This means that someone created their will without the help of an attorney drafting it, but it does have to meet certain basic things. Here are a few things you need to know about Holographic Wills. If you are presenting a will to the court, you need a proof of subscribing witness form that is sent to witnesses who signed the holographic will to confirm they were the ones to sign it. Another issue that you may encounter depending on the county, the court may request a typewritten copy of the holographic will. For more information about what to do when your loved one leaves a handwritten or holographic will contact our office.

PATRIOTIC FLAG MASON JAR

Spruce up your fourth of July decor with this easy to make flag mason jar! The great thing about summer is patriotic crafts can be used all through the season. The flag mason jar can be used as a candle holder or a patriotic vase and best of all only takes a few minutes to make.

SUPPLIES:

- Transparent mason
- Jar 2 mini flags
- Jute String
- spray mount
- (All products can be found at Joann's and other commercial craft stores)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Take a pointy object like manicure scissors, or nail file then slide the point under each flag staple.
- Lift slowly to remove the staple without damaging the flag.
- Spray the back of each flag with the spray mount and carefully apply to the mason jar.
- Try to match the seams on both sides, but they might not be perfect.
- Wrap the jute string around the top of the jar a couple of times and tie in a knot.
- That's it! Enjoy your flag mason jar candle holder or place carnations inside for a pretty floral patriotic display.



<https://www.ohmy-creative.com/holiday-crafts/patriotic-holidays/flag-mason-jar-candle-holder>



JULIET'S CORNER

This was a fun first: Jane and I played together in a mother-daughter tennis tournament! Our entire family plays tennis but we rarely have a chance to play together. When Scott and I do go out and play with the kids, we'll play just for fun, rotating partners. Jane has been taking some lessons and playing on a kids' team, but I wasn't sure how competitive we would be playing together for the first time in an actual tournament.

On tournament morning, we were both a little nervous, but the Fallbrook Tennis Club cat Midnight welcomed us warmly (picture.) The club changed hands recently and the new owner told us the cat was included in the purchase agreement. We got our goodie bags (filled with tennis balls, Gatorade, and other tennis-related swag) and t-shirts and scoped out the competition. We ended up matched against a mother-daughter team from San Diego. The mother was about my age and the daughter was two years older than Jane, so it was a good matchup.

Once we actually started playing, we quickly realized the other team was good, but not perfect. We won a couple of games in each set and down to the last moment, Jane turned to me and said, "Mom, we're still in this. Don't give up!" I love that kid's spirit. Who knows what next for us. Maybe Scott and I will try some mixed doubles.



HEALTHY HOMEMADE FRUIT POPSICLES

It's the heat of summer! What season calls more for a sweet popsicle recipe to combat the heat that is both delicious and healthy. These popsicles are vegetarian, gluten free, and 100 calories or less so anyone can enjoy. We have a variety of fruity flavors to choose from including peach strawberry, minty watermelon, blackberry lemon, and orange mango.



PEACH STRAWBERRY MANGO POPSICLES

In a blender, puree strawberries with four teaspoons honey then set aside. Clean blender, puree sliced peaches with two teaspoons, honey, set aside.

2. Layer the popsicles as follows; 2 teaspoons strawberry puree, one teaspoon yogurt, two teaspoons mango puree and repeat. Make a fruit puree your last layer.

3. Tap the mold on the counter to make sure all of the layers settle. Use a small spoon to drag vertically from the bottom to the top of the mold a few times to create a swirled pattern.

4. Gently tap the molds on the countertop to remove any air bubbles. Insert the popsicle sticks, and then freeze for at least 6 hours, or overnight.

MINTY WATERMELON POPSICLES

1. In a blender, puree 2 1/2 cups diced watermelon pieces, mint leaves, coconut water, lime juice and honey. Cut the remaining 1/2 cup watermelon slices into 1/4 inch cubes.

2. Pour and evenly divide them among the popsicle molds. Stir the popsicle mixture, then fill each mold.

3. Insert the popsicle sticks, if it does not stay in place use a piece of tape to hold them into place. Freeze for at least 6 hours, or overnight.

BLACKBERRY LEMON POPSICLES

1. In a medium-sized bowl whisk together lemon juice, zest, and vanilla yogurt, set aside.

2. Puree blackberries and mixed berry yogurt, set aside.

3. Layer the popsicles as follows; 1 tablespoon lemon, 1 tablespoon blackberry, repeat. Swirl layers if desired.

4. Tap the molds on the countertop to remove any air bubbles. Insert the popsicle sticks, and then freeze for at least 6 hours, or overnight.

ORANGE MANGO COCONUT POPSICLES

1. Puree 3 cups mango slices, 1 1/2 cup coconut milk, orange juice and honey.

2. Cut the remaining 1 cup mango slices into 1/4 inch cubes. Evenly divide them among the popsicle molds.

3. Add 3 tablespoons of mango coconut mixture, gently tapping mold on the counter to make sure liquid fills in the diced mango spaces.

4. Add 1 tablespoon of coconut milk, or until the mold is filled. Insert the popsicle sticks, and then freeze for at least 6 hours, or overnight.

RECIPE NOTES:

Removing Popsicles From Mold- Run the molds under warm water for ten to fifteen seconds. Slowly and carefully remove each popsicle. If the popsicles remain in the mold, run them under the warm water for a few more seconds, ensuring not to melt the pops. Freeze or eat immediately! Each recipe makes approximately 10 popsicles, depending on the size and shape of your molds. Adjust batch sizes accordingly.



Everyone at The Grossman Law Firm
APC would like to wish you a happy
Fourth of July!

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Follow the Rainbow

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Still shopping for outdoor furniture? Here are some tips. Part 1

If you've been procrastinating on buying new outdoor furniture, don't get into such a hurry that you make decisions you'll regret later. Here are a few tips: Seek out attractive, well designed fabrics. You do not have to settle for the traditional outdoor look of awning stripes and the like. Today's fabrics that withstand climate also are stylish. We see more variety in patterns that make fabrics blend well with interior and outdoor usage. Make your decisions not just about function. Decorate your outdoor spaces to be pleasing to the eye. The outdoors are beautiful; so too should be the space in which you enjoy the outdoors.

Fabric: Beauty and durability

But, you do want that fabric to last. So what qualities should you want? Look for the label. You want fabrics that are stain and mildew resistant, water repellent and fade resistant. Most indoor/outdoor fabrics are made from acrylic or polyester and are solution dyed. This means that the color is put into the material when it is a liquid. This makes the color an inherent part of the fabric, not something that is added later on. Most indoor/outdoor fabrics are UV protected and have a guarantee to not fade for 3-10 years depending on the pattern.

Also look at the cleaning instructions. If it's stain resistant, it most likely can be cleaned using a mild detergent and cold water for spot cleaning. Some outdoor fabrics can even be hosed off.

Perhaps the best known brand for these types of fabrics is Sunbrella, which was developed in the early 1960's as an alternative to cotton canvas. The acrylic canvas was originally used for awnings. In the 1970's, the Sunbrella marine fabrics were used on boats and outdoor cushions. In the 1980's, Sunbrella introduced a line of furniture weight fabrics and in 2002, Sunbrella expanded into residential fabrics that can be used indoors or outdoors.



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