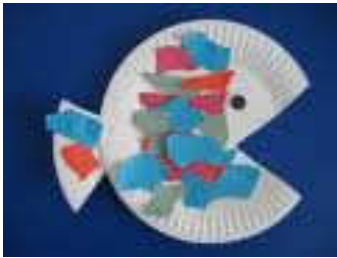


On a Shoe-String Budget Back to Basics Art



Toilet Paper Tube Art

Firecracker/Sparkler

- Have children paint a toilet paper tube red or give them a red piece of paper to glue onto the tube.
- Give children star stickers to decorate the tube.
- Give children several small strips of aluminum foil (about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch) or chenille stems.
- Give children a straw to tape the aluminum foil strips or chenille stems to.
- The straw goes in the center of the tube and the children move it in and out.

Octopus

- Give each child a toilet paper tube.
- Have them paint the entire tube.
- Cut the tube into slits about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the tube.
- Curl the pieces that were just cut.
- Glue googly eyes onto the part that is not cut to form the octopus' face.
- If desired, can be decorated with very small colored circles (the size of a whole punch).

Rocket -

- Have children paint a toilet paper tube red.
- Have children paint a circle blue.
- Make circle into a cone and glue to top of toilet paper tube (Arlene's Tacky Glue works best).
- Write "USA" on the side of the tube with a permanent marker.
- You can add "smoke" to the end of the rocket by taping strips of streamers or tissue paper (shiny scrapbook or wrapping paper works great)

Bracelets

- Cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch tube from a toilet paper tube.
- Cut small strips of paper out of magazines.
- Use a glue stick or glue and cover the back of the magazine strips. Then wrap them around the width of the toilet paper tube until it is completely covered.
- Children may wear bracelets as is or they may decorate with jewels or sequins.

Napkin rings

- Same as above but you want the tubes to be at least one inch wide.

Binoculars

- Tape two toilet paper tubes together.
- Apply saran wrap to both ends.
- Let children look through their binoculars (can be taken on a nature walk).
- Tubes can be decorated if you like.

Tree

- Make two downward slits across from one another at the top of the tube.
- Have children color or paint a small paper plate green.
- Cut the paper plate in $\frac{1}{2}$ and put them in the slits of the tube.
- Give children apple, bird, and/or flower stickers to decorate green part of tree.

Paper Plate Art

Sun

- Have children paint a paper plate yellow.
- Give them small orange triangles to glue around the edges.

Birds Nest

- Glue $\frac{1}{2}$ of a paper plate onto a green sheet of construction paper.
- Give one to each child along with a pile of cut up brown tissue paper. A cup of glue and a q-tip.
- Have children crumple tissue paper and glue onto paper plate, covering the plate.
- Give children birds (oval construction paper with eyes and a beak drawn on them).
- Children place birds in nest. They can be glued on or left separately so that children can take baby birds in and out of nest.
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Cornucopia wall hanging

- Children paint 4 paper plates brown.
- Cut one paper plate into a crescent moon shape.
- Glue plates on top of one another to form a cornucopia shape (the moon shape is the end).

- Give them fruit die cuts to glue on the cornucopia. (or fruit stickers)
- To make into a wall hanging - staple yarn to the cornucopia.

Jack-O-Lantern

- Have children paint paper plate orange.
- Give them black construction paper triangles to glue on for eyes and nose and a shape for the mouth.

Fish Bowl-

- Cut top of paper plate off
- Have children paint the top green and the large piece of paper plate blue.
- Have children glue green part onto the bottom of the blue part.
- Give children small fish cut from construction paper or fish stickers to place on their fish bowl.

Paper plate fish

- Cut triangle out of one side of fish and staple it to the other side of plate to form a fish shape.
- Have children paint the fish.
- Sequins can be added to make a "Rainbow Fish"
- Give children a large google eye for the fish.

Penguin

- Cut the edge off of one paper plate. The center circle becomes the penguins head. Save the edge, it will be the wings and feet.
- Draw a v-shape on the penguin head and have the children color the v-shape black.
- Cut "wings" out of the edge (from above) and have children color them black also.
- Make triangles out of the remaining edge piece and have them colored orange. (two triangles will be feet and one will be the beak).
- After the paint has dried. Glue the wings onto a second plate that has been left white, then glue the head on. Give the children two google eyes and a beak to glue onto their penguin and two feet to glue to the bottom.

Lion

- Have children paint the center of a paper plate yellow and the edge orange.
- When the plate is dry, draw a nose and mouth on the lion and give them two google eyes to glue onto the lions face.
- Have children cut the orange edge to form the lions mane.
- If desired, the edges can be curled with a pencil.

Snake

- Give each child a paper plate and several colorful markers or crayons.
- Have them color ENTIRE paper plate.
- Teachers should then cut the paper plate into a spiral to form a snake.

Porcupine or Hedgehog

- Have children paint or color a paper plate brown.
- Have children glue long, skinny brown triangles to $\frac{1}{2}$ of paper plate edge.
- Fold plate in $\frac{1}{2}$ and staple edges closed.
- Give animal a google eye and a smile.

Pig

- Have children paint entire paper plate pink.
- Also have them paint a bathroom cup pink.
- Teacher must glue cup onto plate for the nose (Arlene's Tacky Glue works best)
- Add eyes and pink construction paper ears.

Turtle

- Have children color a paper plate brown and green with crayons to form turtle shell.
- Give children green construction paper legs, head and tail to glue on.
- Draw eyes onto the head.

Bumblebee

- Have children paint paper plate yellow.
- Give them strips of black construction paper to glue onto the plate for stripes.
- Give them two "wings" cut from waxed paper to glue or tape onto bee as well as two google eyes.

Bathroom cup art

Flower

- Have children paint the sides and bottom of a bathroom cup.
- When dry, have children cut slits in the cup to about a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the bottom.
- Flatten sides of cup to form a flower.
- Glue onto paper and draw a stem and leaves.
- If desired, children can glue gems to the center of the flower.

Crow (Scarecrow)

- Give children two bathroom cups. Have them paint one black and one orange.
- When dry, have children cut slits in the orange cup to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the bottom.
- Place orange cup on top of black cup to form straw hat.
- Glue google eyes on.
- Give child a small orange triangle to glue on for a beak.

Tissue Paper Art

Baby Food Jar Candle Holder

- Give each child an empty baby food jar, a paintbrush, a portion cup full of glue and some tissue paper that has been cut into 1 inch squares. Have them "paint" glue onto the jar and cover with tissue paper (covering the ENTIRE jar). Then, when the glue is dry, paint with glue to cover tissue paper. Use a votive candle and see how pretty the tissue looks when candle is lit. You can also use decorative napkins instead of tissue paper. The napkins are two-ply and you want to peel off one of the layers and just use "one-ply".

Coffee Filter Art

Planet Earth

Give children a coffee filter, a blue marker, and a green marker. Have them color the entire coffee filter blue and green. Spray the coffee filter with water and the colors will spread.

Butterfly

Give children a coffee filter and several bright colored markers. Have them color the entire coffee filter. Spray with water to spread the colors. Gather the coffee filter in the middle with a chenille stem and form antennae with the stems.

Flowers

Same as above but gather into a flower shape and wrap a green chenille stem around the bottom to form a stem.

Art Recipes

PLAYDOUGH

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
2 tablespoons cream of tartar
1 cup water
2 packages unsweetened fruit drink mix or 1 package flavored gelatin

Mix ingredients in a saucepan. Stir constantly over low heat until dough pulls away from sides of pan. Let cool then store in airtight container.

NO-COOK PLAYDOUGH

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
About 1 cup water
Food coloring

Mix flour, salt and oil together in a large bowl. Add several drops of food coloring to the water. Stir the flour mixture as you slowly add the water until a ball of dough forms. Knead the dough until it is soft and pliable. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator.

Sand Castle Dough

2 cups sand
1 cup water
1 cup cornstarch
Combine all ingredients in saucepan. Stir over low heat until thick. Cool and store in airtight container. Shape then let dry.

Cinnamon Dough

1 tablespoon all spice
1 tablespoon nutmeg
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cinnamon
2 tablespoons ground cloves
1 cup applesauce

Mix ingredients in a large bowl. To use, roll out dough and cut with cookie cutters. Poke a hole at the top of each shape. Place shapes on a baking sheet covered with waxed paper. Air dry for several days, turning often.

Play Clay

1 cup cornstarch
2 cups baking soda
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups water
Food coloring or tempera paint

Mix ingredients together in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat in the microwave for about 4 minutes, or until the consistency of mashed potatoes, making sure to stir the mixture every 30 seconds. (Or place ingredients in a sauce pan and stir over low heat until thickened, about 15 minutes.) Spread out the mixture in a baking pan until cool enough to handle. Tint the clay with food coloring or tempera paint. Let children use the Play Clay to make shapes, sculptures, or whatever they wish. Allow the Play Clay creations to dry on a baking rack for 24 hours or until dry.

Variation: Instead of tinting the Play Clay, let children paint their dried creations with tempera paint.

Hint: If you would like to make the Play Clay ahead of time, put the cooled dough in a Ziploc bag, seal out all the air, and store in the refrigerator.

Salt Dough

1 cup salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornstarch

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Stir over low heat until thick. Place on a board or on waxed paper until cool. Knead the dough then store in an airtight container.

Peanut Butter Dough

1 cup peanut butter
1 cup nonfat dry milk

Mix together, adding more peanut butter or milk until you have the consistency you desire. This dough is edible, but you decide if you want to encourage your children to eat art materials. Actually, this dough is perfect for toddlers since it doesn't matter if they eat it.

Baker's Clay

4 cups flour
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water

1 cup salt

Mix all ingredients together. Knead for six minutes. Add more flour if dough is sticky. Form shapes. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

Shampoo Dough

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup thick shampoo

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup white glue

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Knead until smooth. Add more flour if needed to create a workable consistency. Roll and cut into desired shapes. Let dry and paint.

Cutting Activities

CUTTING GRASS

Give children a 3 inch strip of green paper.

- Show children how to cut small straight lines along the top edge (fringing).
- Have them glue strip along the bottom piece of paper.
- Give them markers or crayons and have them draw an outdoor scene on the paper.

Cutting Straws

Give your child a large plastic drinking straw

Have him cut the straw into (approx. 1") sections

Give them a 12" piece of yarn with tape around the end to make a "needle"

Show them how to string the straw pieces onto the yarn

When the child is finished, tie the two ends together to make a necklace.

Cutting Flowers

Give children a small paper cup or a cupcake liner. Show him how to cut slits from the outside (or top) towards the middle.

When your child is finished cutting have him smash the cup and watch as the cup turns into a flower shape. These can be glued onto a piece of paper and green paper stems and leaves can be added.

Cutting Triangles

Set out some small pieces of paper cut into squares and rectangles.

Show the children how to cut the corners to make triangles.

Let them cut until they have 15-20 triangles.

Give them a piece of paper to glue the triangles onto to make an interesting shape.

PAINT RECIPES

Easy finger paint

1 cup liquid laundry starch.

3 tablespoons of tempera paint

Mix all ingredients and store in airtight container.

(Instead of starch you can use clear laundry detergent.)

Another finger paint

3 cups liquid starch

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup water

Powdered tempera

Mix all ingredients. Store in a airtight container.

Corn Syrup Finger Paint

Put a spoonful of corn syrup on each c Then squeeze one or two drops of food coloring onto the corn syrup child's paper (use freezer wrap paper or HEAVY fingerpaint paper).

Let your children use their fingers to mix the color into the corn syrup.

Then make designs all over their papers

Flour Finger Paint

Combine 2 cups flour and 4 cups of water in a microwave-safe bowl or heat in a saucepan on low heat.

Add a pinch of salt.

Mix in food coloring or tempera paint until finger paint is the desired color. (this is a THICK fingerpaint).

Cool and store in a covered container in the refrigerator.

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Cornstarch

Water

Put cornstarch in a bowl. Add a little water at a time and let the children mix the ingredients with their hands. The mixture is hard when squeezed but will run through fingers like liquid.

Sludge Mud

1 roll of toilet paper

1 cup soap flakes

1 tablespoon borax

Water

Rip toilet tissue into small pieces and place in a bowl (children can help with this). Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. This will create a slippery, slushy, muddy compound. (This recipe makes enough for one child).

Salt Paint

1/8 cup liquid starch

2 squirts of food coloring

1/8 cup water

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt

Mix all ingredients together. Paint a paper plate with the paint using a paintbrush. Keep stirring the mixture while it is being used. As the paint dries, it will crystallize.