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Most of these projects require some preparation and supplies. Be sure to make sure you have all the materials before beginning. Good luck!

Other resources for creativity:

- ★ <http://www.kaboose.com/>
- ★ <http://www.allcrafts.net/kids.htm>
- ★ <http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com/ArtsAndCrafts/index.html>
- ★ www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts
- ★ www.dltk-kids.com
- ★ www.familyfun.com
- ★ <http://www.craftbits.com/kids-crafts>
- ★ <http://kidscrafts.suite101.com/>
- ★ <http://www.crafttown.com/kids.htm>
- ★ <http://familycrafts.about.com/b/>

Backyard Mural

What you need:

- ★ Old bed sheet
- ★ Tempera paints
- ★ Paint brushes
- ★ Sponges
- ★ Squirt bottles
- ★ Paint shirts - be sure to wear when working with paint!

What to do:

1. Soak the old sheet in water. Hang it on a clothesline or drape it over a fence. This will be the canvas.
2. Collect a variety of tempera paint colors and different applicators - sponges, paintbrushes, squirt bottles. Using the paint and applicators, create pictures on the sheet.
3. You can mute and mix colors by spraying the sheet with water. Fill a spray bottle with water to make this easy.
4. If you don't like the creation, hose down the canvas and start over.
5. When you are finished, leave the canvas in a sunny spot to dry.

Other ideas:

- ★ Instead of a bed sheet, use a pillowcase or old T-shirt as a canvas.

From <http://familyfun.go.com/summer/summer-crafts/summer-camp-crafts/outdoor-art-projects/backyard-mural-662814/>

Bubble Print Paper

What you need:

- ★ Tempera or acrylic paint (dark colors are best)
- ★ Bubble blowing liquid
- ★ Drinking straw
- ★ A flat pan that is large enough to hold your paper (for example, the clear plastic containers that baked goods come in from the grocery store or disposable aluminum baking trays)
- ★ Paper - white or pastel, the thicker the better (like cardstock)
- ★ Newspapers to cover the work space
- ★ Paint shirts - be sure to wear when working with paint!

What to do:

1. Cover the workspace with newspaper. Put on your paint shirt!
2. Pour bubble liquid into the pan to a depth of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (1 centimeter).
3. Stir in 1-3 teaspoons (5-15 ml) of paint, depending on the size of the pan. Be sure to thoroughly stir the paint into the liquid.
4. Insert the end of the straw into the liquid and blow very gently until bubbles cover the surface of the liquid. You can also stir the liquid with the straw to create smaller bubbles. Be sure to blow fresh bubbles before each print is made.
5. Holding a piece of paper by the edges, lay it down on the surface of the bubbles. Press the paper down slightly to pop some of the bubbles. Do not let go of the paper or let it touch the liquid!
6. Lay the paper face up on the newspaper to dry. You can print the paper over again or use a different color of paint to create a different look.
7. The paper may curl as it dries. Once dry, lay the paper under a heavy book to flatten it out.

Other ideas:

- ★ Use the paper for all sorts of things! Cut shapes out of the paper using stencils and glue them on folded paper for greeting cards or stationary.
- ★ Cut out an animal shape and add google eyes or other features with a black marker.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/bubble-print-paper.html>

Canvas Market Bags

What you need:

- ★ Canvas tote bags, available at craft stores for about \$1/bag
- ★ Tempera paint, fabric paint
- ★ Glitter
- ★ Sponges - cut into shapes or buy pre-cut sponges
- ★ Paint brushes
- ★ Newspaper - to keep the workspace clean
- ★ Paint shirt - wear when using paint!

What to do:

1. Cover your workspace with newspaper and put your paint shirt on.
2. Lay the tote bag out flat.
3. Decorate the bag with the paint. Apply with a paintbrush, sponge, or your fingers. While paint is still wet, lightly apply glitter. Be careful with the glitter!
4. Allow bag to completely dry before using.

Decoration idea:

Perfect for use at the Rosedale Farmer's Market!



Dough Handprints

What you need:

- ★ 2 cups of flour
- ★ 1 cup salt
- ★ 1 cup water
- ★ Food coloring
- ★ Ribbon
- ★ Gold marker
- ★ Wax paper
- ★ Large bowl to mix in
- ★ Rolling pin
- ★ Cookie sheet
- ★ Oven

What to do:

1. Add food coloring to the water.
2. Mix all ingredients well, kneading until smooth. Dough should be fairly stiff, not soft or runny.
3. Make a smooth ball of dough. The ball should be about the size of what you can enclose in your two hands.
4. Lay out a square of wax paper. Place the dough ball on the wax paper and roll it into a large, round circle. Dough should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick.
5. Press you hand with fingers splayed into the dough. Make sure to press down firmly, but don't press through the dough completely.
6. Put the dough on a cookie sheet. Using a chopstick or pencil, make two holes in the top, about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart.
7. Bake at 200 degrees for 2-3 hours. Dough should be fairly hard, but make sure that it doesn't burn.
8. After the print is cooled, use a gold maker to write your name and the date on the print. Tie a ribbon at the top to use as a loop to hang

Other ideas:

- ★ This makes a wonderful gift for Mother's Day or any holiday!
- ★ Press shells into dough to make a seaside print.
- ★ Make designs in the dough and paint the print.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/dough-handprints.html>

Finger Paint

What you need:

- ★ 3 tablespoons sugar
- ★ ½ cup cornstarch
- ★ 2 cups cold water
- ★ Food coloring
- ★ Detergent
- ★ Saucepan
- ★ Stove

What to do:

1. Mix the sugar and cornstarch together in a saucepan, then add the cold water.
2. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until everything is well blended.
3. Divide the mixture into four or five portions. Add a different food coloring to each, plus a pinch of detergent. The detergent will facilitate clean-up.
4. When the paint was cooled, use it to create! Don't forget your paint shirt!

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/finger-paints.html>

Gak

What is GAK? It is stretchy, gooey, and slippery...but not messy!

What you need:

- ★ Elmer's glue
- ★ Water
- ★ Borax - found in the laundry department of the grocery store
- ★ Food coloring
- ★ Small container or bowl
- ★ Ziplock bag, for storage

What to do:

1. Combine 2 cups of Elmer's glue and 1 ½ cups of warm water in a small container or bowl.
2. Choose your favorite color of food coloring (or combine colors) and add it to the glue/water mixture. Stir the mixture to even spread the color.
3. In a different container, combine 1 cup of hot water with 1 ½ tablespoons of Borax.
4. Combine the glue/water mixture with the water/Borax mixture. Stir thoroughly. You should begin to see the gak take form and solidify.
5. Use the gak! When you are finished playing with the gak, store it in an airtight container to prevent it from drying out.

From <http://www.howtothings.com/hobbies/how-to-make-gak>

Homemade Soap

What you need:

- ★ Glycerin soap, clear or white (*this only works with glycerin soap - do not substitute!*)
- ★ Soap dye in colors
- ★ Soap or candy molds
- ★ Microwave safe liquid measuring cup
- ★ Spoon
- ★ Popsicle stick or coffee stirrer
- ★ Knife
- ★ Microwave

What to do:

1. Cut bars of glycerin soap into three pieces. If you are using purchased glycerin blocks, cut off 2-3 pre-measured chunks.
2. Put the glycerin soap into a measuring cup. Microwave according to package directions (20 seconds), then in 10-second intervals until melted.
3. Add colors at this time. Add a few drops and stir with a spoon. To have a darker color, add more dye.
4. Slowly pour the liquid soap into the mold. Let it sit and harden for 45 minutes to an hour. Some soaps may harden sooner than others.
5. Rinse out the measuring cup and repeat the process using other colors of dye.
6. After the soap has cooled completely, pop them out of the molds. If this is difficult, put the soap into the freezer for ten minutes and then try again.

Other ideas:

- ★ For a tie dye effect, don't add dye until after the white soap has been poured into the molds. Add random drops of dye into the white soap in the mold and swirl with a coffee stick or toothpick.
- ★ For multicolor layers, pour the first color in and allow it to cool enough to form a skin (about 5 minutes). Slowly and carefully add the second color over that.
- ★ For pastel shades, add only a couple drops of dye. For bolder colors, add more drops.
- ★ Make your own colors by mixing the dyes.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/easysoap.html>

Kazoo

What you need:

- ★ Cellophane or waxed paper
- ★ Empty toilet paper tube
- ★ Several rubber bands or tape
- ★ Crayons, markers, or paints

What to do:

1. Stretch a piece of cellophane or waxed paper over one end of a toilet paper tube.
2. Secure the cellophane or waxed paper with several rubber bands or a band of tape.
3. Decorate the tube using crayons, markers, paint, stickers, glitter...whatever you want.
4. Create sounds and music by humming into the open end. This causes the cellophane to vibrate at the opposite end.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/homemade-kazoo.html>

Leaf Collages

What you need:

- ★ Waxed paper
- ★ Leaves - this is the perfect opportunity to go on a nature walk!
- ★ Old crayons
- ★ Plastic knives
- ★ Iron
- ★ Newspaper

What to do:

1. Go on a nature walk to collect leaves from trees and plants. Flat leaves work best. Leaves that are dry are not so good.
2. Cut a square of wax paper. It should be at least the size of an 8.5x11 sheet of paper.
3. Arrange the leaves in a single layer on the waxed paper.
4. Using the plastic knife, make crayon shavings on top of the leaves and waxed paper. Use lots of different crayon colors to make a stained glass appearance.
5. When you like how the collage looks, place a second piece of waxed paper on top of the leaves and crayons.
6. Put a sheet of newspaper over the waxed paper and iron with a slightly warm clothing iron. You are finished when the crayon is melted.
7. Remove the newspaper and you have a stained glass collage!

Marble Painting

What you need:

- ★ Tempera paint
- ★ Trays - aluminum trays work well
- ★ Colored construction paper (must fit in the trays)
- ★ Marbles
- ★ Paint shirt!

What to do:

1. Place the construction paper in the bottom of the tray.
2. Roll a marble in paint. Drop it onto the paper. Move the tray around so that the marble rolls around, leaving a trail of paint.
3. Repeat with a different color.

Other ideas:

- ★ Try different types of balls for a different effect. Bouncy balls, for example, can be thrown or dropped into the tray, resulting in a different paint pattern. If you are doing this, make sure you are outside or someplace where it doesn't matter if things get a little messy.

Project from Casey Petit and the Rosedale Farmer's Market

Marble Papers

What you need:

- ★ Assorted colors of oil paints or marbling inks
- ★ Plain, white paper (computer paper works best)
- ★ Oven pan covered with aluminum foil - make sure the pan is big enough to fit the paper
- ★ Water to fill the pan
- ★ 1 teaspoon of vinegar (if you are using marbling inks)
- ★ Newspaper to cover the work area
- ★ Pencil or toothpick
- ★ Paint shirt

What to do:

1. Line the oven pan with foil. Fill it with water.
2. If you are using marbling inks, add one teaspoon of vinegar to the water and mix well.
3. Put in a small amount of marbling inks or oil paints. It works best to use two or more colors. Swirl the colors with the pencil or toothpick.
4. Slowly put the paper in the pan. Work quickly, especially when using oil paints. If you aren't speedy, the paint will make a sheet on top of the water and you will not be able to marble.
5. Take the paper out and put it face down on the newspaper for about a minute.
6. Allow the paper to completely dry. Then you are ready to use it!

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/marble-papers.html>

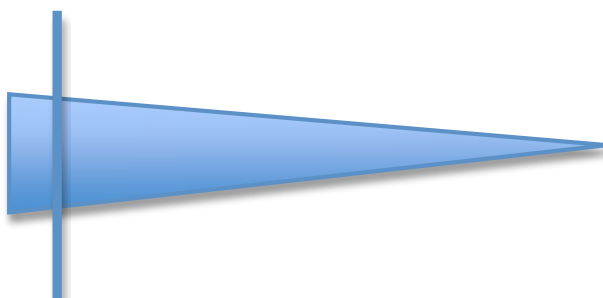
Paper Beads

What you need:

- ★ Wrapping paper or colorful magazine pages
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Glue stick
- ★ Knitting needle or straw

What to do:

1. Cut the paper into triangles. The triangles should be approximately 2 inches or less across the bottom and about 10 inches tall. Each triangle will make one bead, so cut as many triangles as you need.
2. Place the triangle wrong side up on the table. Lay the knitting needle or straw along the wide end of the triangle.



3. Tight roll the strip around the knitting needle or straw twice.
4. Put glue on the rest of the triangular strip and continue to roll the paper evenly.
5. To finish the bead, glue down the narrow end and hold in place until the glue sets. Slip the bead off the need or straw and continue working steps 2-4 until you have as many beads as you want.
6. String the beads on heavy thread, yarn, or string. Tie the ends together.

Other ideas:

- ★ To give the beads a nice shine and to protect them, apply coat of Modge Podge with a paintbrush to the beads. Allow this to dry completely before stringing the beads together.
- ★ Use clay to make beads. Roll the clay into balls or mold it into shapes, then put the clay beads on a knitting needle or skewer. Allow clay to dry on the needle. Paint beads when you are finished.

From

<http://www.allcrafts.net/f.php?url=www.squiglyplayhouse.com/ArtsAndCrafts/Crafts/PaperBeads.html>

Placemats

What you need:

- ★ Colored paper - a larger size
- ★ Markers, stickers, colored paper
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Glue stick
- ★ Contact paper to laminate (optional)

What to do:

- ★ Using markers and paper, decorate the larger piece of paper like a placemat.
- ★ This is a great camp project - each camper can have their own placemat to mark their seat.
- ★ For holidays or other special occasions, make themed placemats (example: Halloween placemat or Christmas placemat)
- ★ When finished decorating, laminate the placemat with contact paper or get it professional laminated (at a place like Kinko's). This will protect the placemat from food and drink spills.

From Allison Edwards and the Healthy Kids Camp

Play Dough

What you need:

- ★ 1 cup flour
- ★ 1 cup warm water
- ★ 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- ★ 1 teaspoon oil
- ★ $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salt
- ★ Food coloring
- ★ Stove
- ★ Saucepan
- ★ Spoon to stir

What to do:

1. In a saucepan, mix all ingredients. Add the food coloring last.
2. Stir over medium heat until smooth.
3. Remove from pan and knead until the dough is blended and smooth.
4. Place in a plastic bag or airtight container when cooled.

From <http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/art/playdoughrecipes/traditional.html>

Rain Painting

What you need:

- ★ Card stock
- ★ Washable markers
- ★ A rainy day

What to do:

1. Using the washable markers, draw on the cardstock. It looks best if the entire paper has been colored.
2. Place the papers outdoors in the rain, just until the colors have run.
3. Bring the paintings back inside and put them on a flat surface to dry.



From <http://familyfun.go.com/summer/summer-crafts/summer-camp-crafts/outdoor-art-projects/painting-in-the-rain-675184/>

Sand Candles

What you need:

- ★ Large heat-proof mixing bowl
- ★ Sand
- ★ Empty 1-pound coffee can
- ★ Paraffin or old candle stubs
- ★ Candle wicking
- ★ Thin wood dowel or stick

What to do:

1. Fill the bowl three quarters full with slightly damp sand. Dig a mold in the sand. It should be the size of a child's fist.
2. Using your hands, bend one side of the coffee can rim to form a spout. Fill the can halfway with paraffin and set it in a saucepan that's one-fourth filled with water. *Never place the can directly on the burner.* Melt the wax over very low heat. When it has melted, turn off the heat.
3. Cut the wicking to 6 to 8 inches longer than the mold is deep. Rest the dowel rod across the top of the bowl and tie one end of the wick around it. Press the other end of the wick into the bottom of the mold.
4. Carefully pour the wax into the mold until it reaches about 1 inch from the top.
5. Once the wax is cool, remove the candle from the mold, brush off any excess sand, and trim the wick.

From <http://familyfun.go.com/summer/summer-crafts/summer-beach-crafts/sand-crafts/sand-candles-665685/>

Suncatchers

What you need:

- ★ Clear plastic plate or clear lids from large coffee can
- ★ Colored tissue paper, cut into pieces
- ★ Crepe paper streamers, cut into pieces
- ★ Stars, sequins, glitter
- ★ Liquid starch or Modge Podge
- ★ Paintbrush
- ★ Hole punch
- ★ Ribbon

What to do:

1. Brush liquid starch or Modge Podge on a clear plastic plate.
2. Decorate the plate with colorful tissue paper, pieces of crepe paper streamers, stars, sequins, and glitter. The starch soaks through the thin pieces and adheres them to the plate.
3. Brush on a second coat to keep things in place.
4. Let the plate dry completely. Punch a hole at the top and hang in a sunny place using a ribbon loop.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/colorful-suncatchers.html>

Tambourine

What you need:

- ★ Heavy-duty paper plate
- ★ Hole punch
- ★ Bells
- ★ Elastic thread or string
- ★ Markers, crayons, or paint

What to do:

1. Punch several holes around the edge of a heavy-duty paper plate.
2. Tie on jingle bells with elastic thread or string.
3. Decorate the plate with paints, markers, or crayons.

Pair this craft with the homemade kazoo and have an impromptu musical concert!

Other ideas:

- ★ Make a shaker using two paper plates. Fill one plate with dried beans, then staple a second plate on top. Secure the two plates so that no beans can fall out. Decorate the plates to create a festive noisemaker.

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/paper-plate-tambourine.html>

Tie Dye

What you need:

- ★ White t-shirts
- ★ Fabric dye (available at WalMart for about \$1 per package)
- ★ Salt
- ★ Water
- ★ Plastic squirt bottles (the red and yellow “ketchup and mustard” squirt bottles work best)
- ★ Rubber bands
- ★ Aluminum roasting trays
- ★ Plastic grocery bags
- ★ Paint shirt
- ★ Rubber gloves

What to do:

1. Lay the t-shirt out flat. Tightly wind, fold, or roll the t-shirt. Secure with rubber bands.
2. Cover your work area with newspaper or large garbage bags. Alternatively, work outside. Put your paint shirt on!
3. Prepare your dye as directed by the manufacturer. You should carefully follow all instructions. While preparing the dye and dyeing your item, you should wear rubber gloves to protect your hands from staining and the hot water.
4. Fill the squirt bottles with dye. There should be a separate bottle for each color of dye. The plastic squirt bottles allow for a more focused application of dye. It is also less messy.
5. Place the shirt in the aluminum tray. Squirt the dye onto the shirt. The more dye squirted, the more intense the color will be.
6. When you are finished, put the shirt into a plastic grocery bag. Do not remove the rubber bands yet! Allow the shirt to dry in the bag.
7. When the shirt is dry, remove it from the bag and take off the rubber bands. Hang the shirt on a clothesline to completely dry.
8. After the shirt is completely dry, it can be rinsed. Run cold water over the shirt until the water is clear (i.e. no dye is leaking out). Let the shirt dry once again.
9. It is not safe to wash the shirt using a washing machine. Be careful when washing with other fabrics.

Windsock

What you need:

- ★ Colored pencils, crayons, markers, and/or paints
- ★ Large sheet of construction paper
- ★ Tape or stapler
- ★ Hole punch
- ★ Yarn, ribbon, or string OR crepe paper streamers OR ribbon

What to do:

1. Decorate the construction paper using colored pencils, crayons, markers, or paint.
2. Roll the sheet of paper into a tube and fasten the rolled edges together with tape or staples.
3. At the top of the windsock, punch two holes. The holes should be a couple of inches from the top, on opposite sides of the windsock.
4. Thread yarn through the holes and tie the ends together to make a hanger.
5. On the bottom, punch holes at one- or two-inch intervals around the circumference of the windsock. The holes should be about one inch from the edge.
6. Thread lengths of yarn, ribbon, or streamers into each hole and tie off the ends.
7. Hang your windsock!

From <http://crafts.kaboose.com/weather-wind-sock.html>