

3rd-5th Grade Art Activities

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Instructions

Cactus Collage: For this you will use colored construction paper, glue, scissors, pencil or sharpie, and a round piece of cardboard from a frozen pizza box. If you don't have a round pizza cardboard, you can use another piece of cardboard.



Arrange your colored paper in layers and rip a few to look like mountains. Tearing the paper gives the edges a natural texture.



Trace the shape of the pizza cardboard on the back of the papers and carefully cut out. Remember to do each layer one at a time so you know which part of the cardboard you will glue it to.



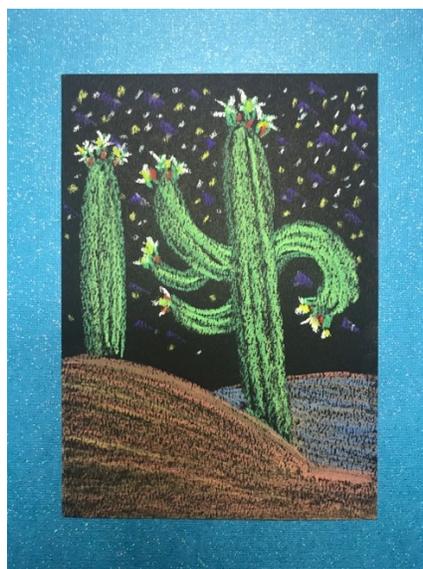
After you have created the foreground, middle ground, and background of your landscape by layering and gluing the colored paper to the pizza cardboard, choose a cactus or other subject of your choice, such as a rabbit, to draw, cut out, and glue to the foreground of your collage. I used rainbow lines to draw my cactus, and I had

to be very careful cutting it out. You can cut each piece of your cactus out separately if you like. Or you can do something different, such as an animal or a house. Creativity is always good!



I finished my collage by cutting out cactus flowers and gluing them to my cactus. How will you finish your collage?

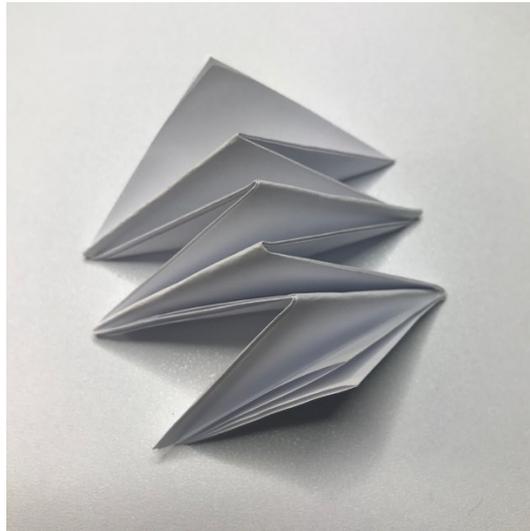
Saguaros at Night: For this artwork you will need black paper and chalk pastels or oil pastels. You can use my drawing as an inspiration for one that is all your own!



Tie-Dye Paper: For this you need rectangular office paper, watercolor paint or food colors, paint brushes, and plastic wrap to protect your work surface.

Steps:

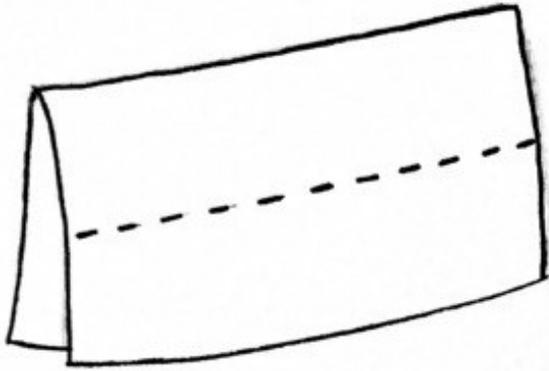
Fold your paper in a flag fold. When you are done it should look like this:



Dip it in water so that the paper is all wet but do not let it get soggy or it will rip. Squeeze out the excess water then paint one color of watercolors or food colors onto the corners and another color onto the center of the folds. You will want to unfold it right away to see what it looks like, but don't! The paper will rip. You must wait for the paper to dry before unfolding it. It takes practice, but it is fun!

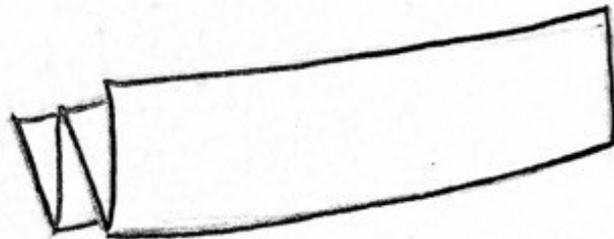


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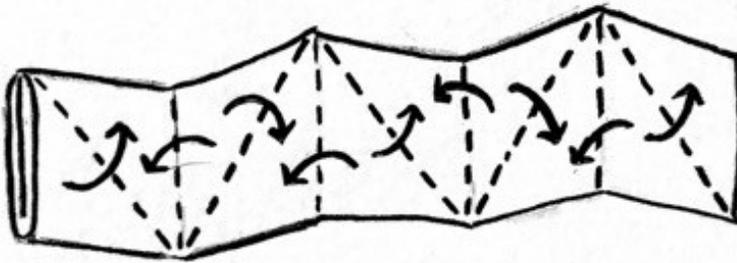


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Bread Dough Medallion Necklaces: For this you will need to use the recipe provided for bread dough. Other materials are mentioned below.



This bread dough was colored with turmeric powder, a spice that can be used as a natural dye. You can also color the dough with food colors or leave it plain and paint it later. It is best to only make a half recipe the first time! Divide the recipe by two.

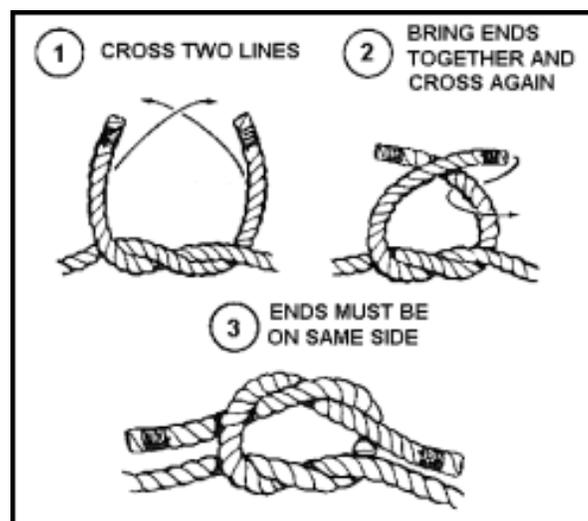


Form the dough into medallions that are about 3/8" thick. Use a chopstick or stick to make holes. You can also make beads, just make sure all holes are large enough to put string or yarn through them. Carefully bake them according to the included recipe's instructions. This art project takes kitchen skills along with your art skills! Large blunt embroidery needles are useful for stringing the necklace. The medallions are best colored with permanent markers and acrylic paint, but you can experiment with other materials if you don't have those. Decorate them any way

you want! Make sure your string or yarn is long enough to go over your head and attach the medallion as shown above. I glued colorful paper spacers onto the strings between my beads to keep them further apart. How will you design yours?



You will need to tie your necklace with a square knot, so it does not come apart.



BASIC BREADCRAFT

MATERIALS:

4 cups flour	bowl	plastic
1½ cups warm water	baking sheet	foil
1 cup salt	board	wax paper

PROCESS:

1. combine flour and salt in bowl
2. make well in center
3. pour in 1 cup water, mixing with hands
4. add more water and continue mixing
note: not crumbly or sticky, but should form a ball
5. knead 5 minutes on floured board, until smooth
6. work with small portion of dough at a time
7. wrap remainder in plastic and put in refrigerator
hint: if dough dries out, add a few drops of water and knead
8. work on foil or wax paper
9. bake 1 hour or until hard at 325°
hint: dough should not "give" when tapped with knife

VARIATIONS:

use for —

napkin rings	jewelry
wall plaques	beads
pretend rolls, pretzels, bagels	molds and impressions
as cranberries to string	bugs, insects, animals
with popcorn	free form objects
pretend fruits, vegetables, and meats	
picture frames	

