



# VISUAL ARTS



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Do you want to express yourself, be creative, or make an impression? Cutting and pasting, painting, sculpting, drawing, printing, preserving memories and construction with fibers and other materials are all exciting hands-on activities in the visual arts project. Experience different careers, culture, science and technology that are available. Explore your creativity and discover a hobby that you might enjoy for the rest of your life. Be yourself, explore visual arts!

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

### STARTING OUT

- ✿ Explore ways to cut and assemble paper
- ✿ Experiment with line and color
- ✿ Recognize art with expressive qualities
- ✿ Select and mix colors to create a color wheel – learn about secondary and tertiary colors
- ✿ Learn about texture

### LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Create a composition with positive and negative space
- ✿ Recognize and create images that illustrate movement
- ✿ Experiment with various brushes and paint
- ✿ Compare different types of media
- ✿ Experiment with line, shape, color, texture and space

### GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Experiment with rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity
- ✿ Understand and apply media techniques and processes
- ✿ Demonstrate understanding of proportion by drawing
- ✿ Understand visual art in relationship to history and culture

## RESOURCES

- ✿ <http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/4-hcurriculum-visual-arts.aspx>
- ✿ *Get Started in Art* (4H592)
- ✿ *Visual Arts 1: Sketchbook Crossroads* (08140)
- ✿ *Visual Arts 2: Portfolio Pathways* (08141)

## TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Check out books at the library or visit online sources to learn more about techniques, composition, copyright and privacy laws and the history and future of art
- ✿ Create a portfolio of your best artwork (sketches, techniques and final compositions)
- ✿ Attend art exhibitions at museums and schools
- ✿ Enter your artwork in a local, state or national exhibition
- ✿ Volunteer to create a work of art for your school, church or other organization
- ✿ Is it fair time? Consider taking an exhibit, a piece of your project learning, to the fair for judging and to show what you have learned throughout the year
- ✿ Attend a local art class or workshop
- ✿ Watch another artist at work
- ✿ Volunteer at a local art event
- ✿ Invite an artist to do a demonstration at your club meeting

### ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Create a poster, flier or brochure using your artistic skills

Teach art activities at a daycare, afterschool or summer program

Plan and conduct your own art workshop.  
Give a demonstration about your favorite art or craft at your club meeting

### GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Make tray favors for your local nursing home using your crafting skills

Create holiday decorations for your friends and family

Donate your art for a fundraiser

Help decorate a community building using paint, crafts, or other media

Create a city mural

### LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Lead your family in an art project

Offer to critique your friend or family's artwork

Volunteer to serve on a local Art Council, if you do not have one, create one in your community

Help another member prepare for project judging

## EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ Piece of original art such as charcoal drawing, watercolor, tempera or acrylic painting, pen and ink drawing, colored pencil drawing, etc.
- ✿ Portfolio about visual arts techniques such as perspective, sketching, contour drawing, shading, blending, etc.
- ✿ Display about drawing tools
- ✿ Report about a favorite artist's life or type of art
- ✿ Notebook based on an interview with a local artist or jeweler
- ✿ Report about museum visits
- ✿ An original sculpture such as cardboard, wire, plaster or clay
- ✿ Poster or display on design element(s) or art principle(s)
- ✿ Demonstrate mixing colors on a poster or display
- ✿ Portfolio of advertisements showing design elements or art principles
- ✿ Original optical illusion using shape and space
- ✿ Poster on different vegetable dyes
- ✿ Demonstrate silk-screening
- ✿ Piece of jewelry using handmade beads or ornaments
- ✿ Photo display of art found in your community or state
- ✿ Report about careers that use artistic techniques such as a jeweler or designer
- ✿ Making a painting with different media such as sand
- ✿ Two drawings comparing perspectives
- ✿ Calligraphic style alphabe

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