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**ART ACTIVITY  
GUIDE 2020**

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# Activity 1: Patterns with Leaves

1. Find 3 different types of leaves.
2. Place leaves under white paper.
3. Use crayons to color over white paper.
4. Repeat step 3 multiple times for each leaf on same paper, mixing colors and pressure applied to create a patterned paper.
5. This new patterned paper can be used for collage, front cover of a booklet, or book mark if it gets cut down, etc.
6. (Optional) Talk about all of the different leaves that you discovered as a group. Find shapes and patterns you can discuss with students.

## Materials:

white paper  
crayons  
leaves



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## Activity 2: Illuminated Manuscript Letter

1. What is the first letter of your name? Write that letter on your paper.
2. Trace around the letter like a big bubble. Make the bubble letter fill your paper. Erase the original letter inside your bubble letter.
3. Think about what your name means, where it comes from. Decorate the inside of the bubble letter with colors, shapes and patterns that represent your name and you.
4. Decorate the outside of the letter as if it were a frame.
5. (Optional) Cut out letter and glue against colored.

### Materials:

white paper  
pencil  
crayons  
construction paper  
scissors



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## Activity 3: Watercolor Secret Message

1. (Optional) Work with a partner.
2. What is an encouraging symbol/message you would like to say to your partner or someone at this time?
3. Using a white crayon, write or draw that message on white paper. Feel free to make other decorations around the message with white crayon.
4. Hand this paper to your partner. You should get one in return.
5. Use watercolor to paint over white paper with white message and the image should appear! If you don't have a partner, you can finish the project by painting it yourself.

### Materials:

white cardstock paper  
white crayon  
watercolor  
paint brush/water



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## Activity 4: Make a Fan

1. Imagine a warm, safe and beautiful place. What do you see? Water, trees, clouds?
2. Use this image in your head and create a landscape drawing on your paper. Make it super colorful and cover the whole page!
3. When the image is totally finished, fold your paper horizontally in half. Fold in half horizontally again, then fold a third time. You should have 8 folded parts.
4. Open the paper and take each folded section and fold back and forth all the way through 8 sections to create a fan.

### Materials:

construction paper  
crayons  
pencils



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## Activity 5: Design Your Own Sunglasses

1. Use sunglass template.
2. Decorate the frame of the sunglasses.
3. Think about 3-4 unique things about you that you want people to know.
4. Write or draw those 3-4 things about you in the lens of the glasses. Fill the entire lens!
5. (Optional) Cut out sunglasses!

### Materials:

white cardstock paper  
pencils  
color pencils/crayons  
scissors



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## Activity 6: Mountain Painting

1. Draw the outline of a mountain range on cardboard. This could be a zigzag line or a wavy line all the way across the cardboard.
2. Cut out the mountain range to make a template.
3. Using very watered-down color, brush the light paint (also called “wash”) all over the white paper.
4. Cover the top part of your painted paper with your mountain template, so the zigzag/wavy edge points down and you can still see most of your paper.
5. Using a darker and less watered-down color, paint another layer on the exposed paper. It’s okay if some paint gets on the template.
6. Lift the cardboard template and place it a little lower. on the paper so less paper shows.
7. Paint another layer of the same color on the exposed paper.

Repeat steps 6 and 7 two or three more times to make a beautiful in-depth mountain scene.

### Materials:

white cardstock paper  
white crayon  
watercolor  
paint brush / water



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## Activity 7: Rubber Band Stamps

1. Cut a piece of cardboard into a square or rectangle about as big as your hand.
2. Take a few rubber bands and cut them into different lengths.
3. Make a pattern or design with the cut rubber bands and glue them on to the cardboard. This is called a plate or a stamp.
4. When the rubber bands are dry, brush paint onto the rubber bands.
5. While the paint is still wet, press or stamp your plate on to paper.

### Materials:

c a r d b o a r d  
r u b b e r   b a n d s  
g l u e  
s c i s s o r s  
p a i n t / b r u s h / p a p e r



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## Activity 8: Mobiles

1. Get one coat hanger.
2. Look through a magazine and neatly cut out 6-8 of your favorite pictures. They can be the same theme, like food, colors, animals, places. If you don't have a magazine you can cut up, use different color papers and cut out 6-8 shapes. The pictures/shapes should be about the size of your palm.
3. Cut string or yarn into 6-8 pieces of different lengths. The shortest piece should be about 12 inches, or the length of your forearm.
4. Glue or tape one picture/shape to the end of each string or yarn.
5. One at a time, tie the other end of each string to the coat hanger. Make sure you space out each tied string so they have room to hang down freely.
6. Hang your mobile and enjoy!

### Materials:

coat hanger  
scissors  
magazines  
string / yarn  
glue / tape



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## Activity 9: Recycled Maracas

1. Get a plastic bottle or container with a lid.
2. Go on nature walk and collect pebbles, sticks, and other safe materials. You can use dry rice and beans too.
3. Put collection into container and seal with a lid. If it does not have a lid, you can make one out of paper.
4. Decorate the outside of the container by gluing or taping different color papers or pictures from magazines. The challenge is to cover the ENTIRE container!
5. Shake, shake, shake your maracas to your favorite song or make one up!

### Materials:

container with lid  
magazine paper  
construction paper  
scissors  
glue



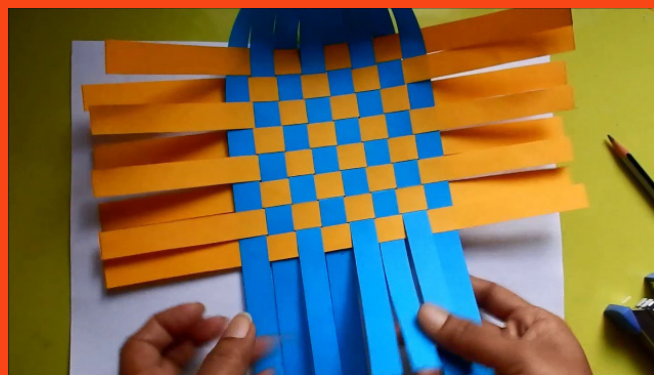
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## Activity 10: Paper Weaving

1. Take 1 sheet of paper and cut it into two halves. Make sure you end up with two pages that are the same size.
2. Freely watercolor page 1.
3. Cut out a bunch of pictures from a magazine and glue them really well onto page 2 to make a collage.
4. Cut each page into 4 long strips so you have a total of 8.
5. Line up the 4 of your painted strips side by side, making sure the long sides do not overlap. Tape the top edge of all 4 strips down on to the table, so they look like a whole page.
6. Take a strip of collaged paper and weave it through the painted strips, going over then under, over then under. Tape the edges down when you finished weaving the strip.
7. Take another strip of collaged paper. This time, start weaving by going under then over, under then over. Push the strip up so it's right next to the strip you just wove.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7. When you have finished, gently lift your paper weaving off the table and fold the tape over to the backside.
9. (Optional) Glue your paper weave onto construction paper.

### Materials:

2 pieces of white paper  
magazines  
watercolor/water/brush  
tape  
glue  
scissors



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