



Meeting 18 Handicrafts



Here are three fun handicraft activities to do with your Sunbeams. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Sunbeams or create your own activities.





The following activities partially complete the requirements for the Handicraft award.

ACTIVITY

1

Crayon Scratch Board

15
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- White card stock or poster board (use the slick side), 8.5 × 11 in (22 × 28 cm)
- Crayons (all colors plus extra black crayons)
- Pencils

WHAT YOU DO

Hand out card stock and crayons, then instruct the children to completely color their card stock so no white paper shows through. Have them use all the colors but black, and tell them to make stripes, scribbles, or shapes rather than a picture (you may want to make a sample to show them). Next have them use a black crayon to completely cover their design. Now have them use sharp or mechanical pencils to scratch a picture out from the black crayon.

TIP

Have extra paper in case some children finish quickly and want to make another picture.



String Painting

15

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Show the children a completed painting that you have done. Then model how they are to make their paintings. Give each child or group of three or four children containers of paint: blue, red, yellow, orange, purple, green, black, or any other colors of your choice. Give each child a piece of string for each color of paint that you have given them, a sheet of construction paper, and some newspaper. The newspaper is for the children to lay their string on when not dipping it in paint. Show the children how to hold the string by the end when dipping it in the paint. (Remind them not to purposely stick their fingers in the paint. Sunbeams will inevitably get paint on their hands, but that is part of the fun!) Hold the string above the paper then lower it onto the paper. The child should still be holding the end of the string. Repeat until the page is filled with string designs.

2

ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Construction paper, 9 × 12 in (23 × 30.5 cm)
- Tempera paint
- Cups
- Cotton string, 10 in (25 cm)
- Paper towels
- Newspaper



ACTIVITY

3

Block Printing

15
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Construction paper, 9 × 12 in (23 × 30.5 cm)
- Corrugated cardboard squares, 3 × 3 in (8 × 8 cm)
- Craft glue
- Sponges cut into 0.5 in (1 cm) squares
- Cotton or jute, 0.5 in (1 cm) in diameter
- Penne pasta
- Tempera paint
- Shallow dishes such as aluminum pie pans
- Newspaper
- Paper towels

Ahead of time: Turn the cardboard squares into printing blocks. On some cardboard squares glue four pieces of sponge to form a square. Leave space between the sponges so they don't touch each other. On other cardboard squares, randomly glue the pasta. On the remaining cardboard squares, glue on a design with the string (a radiating circle works well).

Show the Sunbeams a completed printed paper. Then show them how to dip the printing blocks into paint and press them onto their paper. If there is too much paint on the print block, dab it on newspaper. Have the children completely fill their paper with prints. Some children will do this quickly, so provide extra paper so they can make more than one print.



Award: Handicraft

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 132 and add activities as needed.