

CORK FACES

For ages 3 and up

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Required Materials:

- 6" Cork Circles (Item #32445)
- Fall Leaves or Artificial Leaves
- Bucket of Buttons (Item #18611)
- Clip Sticks & Connectors (Item #31497)
- Naturals Starter Pack (Item #63824)
- Natural Wood Treasures Pack (Item #63826)
- Naturals Botanical Pack (Item #63825)
- Super Googly Eyes (Item #32123)
- Glue (Item #47359)
- Mirrors (Optional - Item #63018)

Directions:

1. Give 1 piece of cork to each child.
2. Set out glue and a variety of loose parts (examples provided in the Required Materials list) for children to use as decorations.
3. Ask children to create a face on the Cork Circle with the items provided. Give children a mirror so they can easily see themselves if they want to create Cork Faces based on their own faces.
4. Let the Cork Faces dry.
5. Display children's Cork Faces around the classroom.



ART FRAMES

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Required Materials:

- Stand-Up Frames
(Item #32444)
- Do-A-Dot Rainbow Art Set
(Item #47336)
- Acrylic Gemstones (Item #36354)
- Pony Beads (Item #31550)
- Art-A-Roni (Item #87971)
- Kaplan School Glue (Item #47359)
- Brilliant Beads (Item #87978)
- Pictures

Directions:

1. Give a frame to each child.
2. Provide a variety of loose materials. You can also provide Do-A-Dot markers or other quick-dry mediums for children to use to decorate.
3. Ask children to choose if they want to paint and then decorate or just glue on the loose materials. If they want to paint, have them paint the frame and let it dry before they glue on the items they have chosen to use as decorations.
4. After the frames are completely dry, have children bring in or choose a picture they would like to put in their frame. They can also choose to draw a picture to go in the frame.
5. Display children's decorative frames around the classroom. For a fun twist, use the frames as shadow boxes.

STICK PEOPLE

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Required Materials:

- Sticks
- Wiggly Eyes (Item #47372)
- Yarn (Item #32109)
- Around the World Textile Paper (Item #30711)
- Glue (Item #47359)
- Chenille Stems (Item #30379)

Directions:

1. Give 1 stick to each child.
2. Provide pieces of yarn and strips of multicultural paper for children to use to decorate the sticks. Demonstrate how to twist the yarn around the stick and how to tuck in the yarn ends. Secure the yarn with a dab of glue.
3. Once the "clothes" of the Stick People are finished, provide Wiggly Eyes and have children glue them on the sticks.

AUTUMN LEAVES ABSORPTION ART

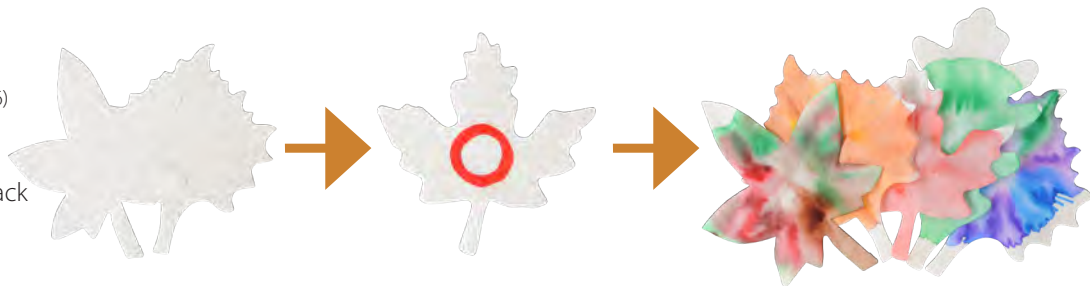
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Required Materials:

- Color Diffusing Leaves (Item #24286)
- My First Tripod Grip Markers
- Classpack (Item #67582)
- My First Tripod Paint Pens Classpack (Item #67581)
- Measuring Cup (Item #42848)
- Water

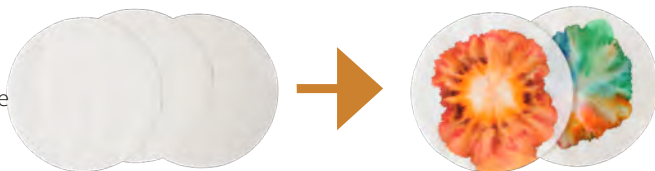


Directions:

1. Draw circles in the middle of the leaves for children to follow with their desired marker or paint pen. Have the children trace around the circle several times, making sure not to draw on the inside of the circle and not covering the whole leaf with color. (This allows for the water and color to travel up the leaf later on.) Children can use several colors at a time if they wish.
2. Fold the leaf three times (in half, in half, and in half again), making a point in the middle of the circle.
3. Have children carefully dip their leaf in the water so that only the white tip of the circle touches. The water should start to travel up the leaf and spread the ink throughout. It only takes a minute for the leaf to be completely saturated.
4. Remove the leaf from the water and let it dry. You can tape the leaves to a box to help them stay flat or you can clip them on a clothesline.
5. Once the leaf is dry, carefully unfold it and enjoy the art.

Adaptation for Younger Children:

Fold Diffusing Paper Circles (Item #31024) in half, placing a piece of cardboard in between. Ask children to draw on half of the paper circle with their markers. Once children are done coloring, remove the cardboard from the half-folded paper circle and fold it in half two more times to make a wedge shape. Spray water on the folded paper circle with a water bottle sprayer. Cut leaf shapes from the dried art.



MATH COOKIES

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Required Materials:

- Wood Slices
- Markers (Item #61324 or #61325)

Directions:

1. Choose how many wood slices to give to the children. For our purposes, give each child 5 wood slices and 1 marker (we used black markers).
2. Depending on the development of the child, either prewrite the numbers 1–5 on one side of the wood slice or have the children do it.
3. Ask the children to turn over the slices and add the corresponding number of dots to match the front of each wood slice.



Activity Ideas:

1. Have children arrange the wood slices in order from 1–5.
2. Using one-to-one correspondence, point to or touch the numerals while counting out loud.
3. Ask children to find the numeral that represents the quantity of an item (e.g., books, blocks, or a small group of friends).
4. Once a group of items has been assigned a numeral, ask children which numeral would be used if you take one away.
5. Challenge children to use only numerals to determine which is more or less (e.g., “Which is more—2 or 6?”).



CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

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Required Materials:

- 1 Cup of Flour
- ½ Cup of Salt
- ½ Cup of Cinnamon
- ¾ Cup of Very Warm Water

Additional Materials:

- Mixing Bowls (Item #70258)
- Measurement Cups and Spoons (Item #28628)
- Wax Paper
- Cookie Cutters
- Twine or Ribbon
- Straw, Pencil, or Piping Tip
- Acrylic Paint (Item #30446)



Directions:

1. Mix together the flour, salt, cinnamon, and warm water until well combined.
2. Knead the dough with clean, dry hands. If the dough is sticky, dust your hands with flour.
3. Roll out the dough on wax paper to approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. You should get about 10 standard-sized ornaments from your batch. Use a straw, piping tip, or pencil to punch a hole near the top of the ornament for a piece of ribbon or twine. (This needs to be done now—you could crack the ornament if you wait until it dries to make the hole.)
4. Let the ornaments dry for 24 hours.
5. Once the ornaments are dry, have children decorate them with acrylic paint.
6. Insert a piece of ribbon or twine in the holes, and hang the ornaments around the classroom.

