

SUMMER Art Projects



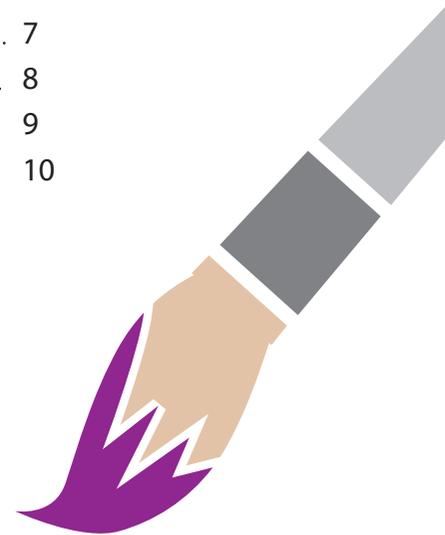
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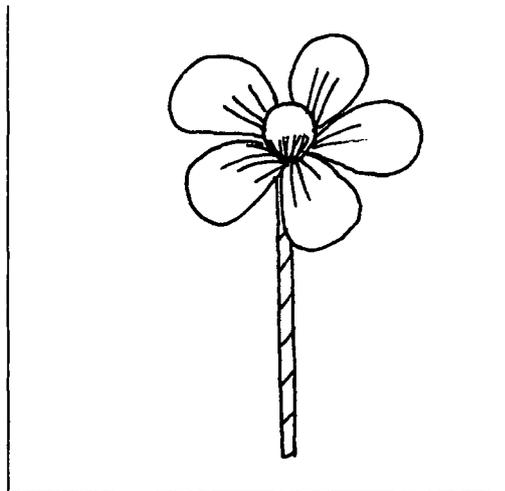
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CREPE PAPER FLOWER

Materials:

1. (1) strip of green crepe paper 2 feet long
2. (5) 4"x4" pieces of colored crepe paper
3. (1) 4"x4" black crepe paper
4. (2) 3" pieces of masking tape
5. straw
6. Kleenex



Steps:

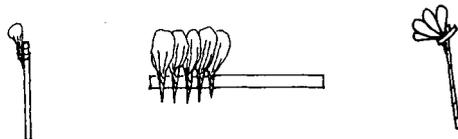
1. Roll $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Kleenex into a ball and wrap the 4"x4" black piece of crepe paper around Kleenex ball and twist ends.



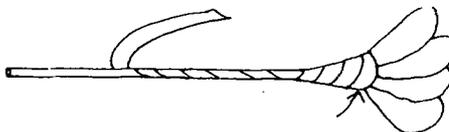
2. Fold the 5 pieces of crepe paper together and cut out a petal shape on the fold. Twist the bottom of each petal.



3. Tape the ball tail to the top of the straw. Put the stems of the five petals on the other piece of tape, next to each other. Tape it around the straw also, just next to the ball.



4. Stretch the green crepe paper strip and wrap the base of the flower and the straw. Begin at the base of the flower.

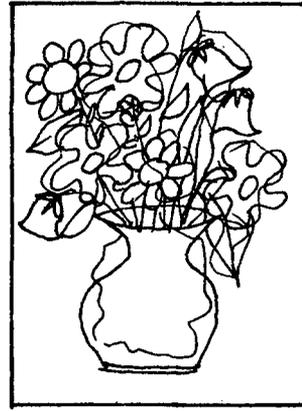


5. Puff out the flower petals to make the flower look nice.

SURPRISE FLOWERS

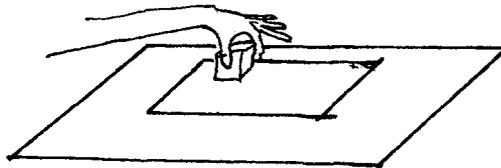
Materials:

1. (1) 9"x12" white construction paper
2. set of watercolors
3. soft bristle brush
4. container of water
5. small piece of sponge

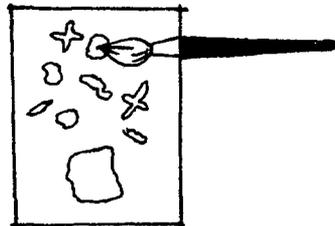


Steps:

1. Wet paper completely on both sides. Dip sponge in water, wipe one side of paper, turn, smooth on desk, and make the other side wet.



2. Fill brush with water and dip into paint. Get enough paint on brush to make a deep color.
3. Paint the flower shapes as a circle, blob or cross and watch the wet paper carry the paint out. Remember to put lines and blobs for leaves and stems.



4. When completely dry, draw the shapes of the flowers, leaves and vase with a black crayon.

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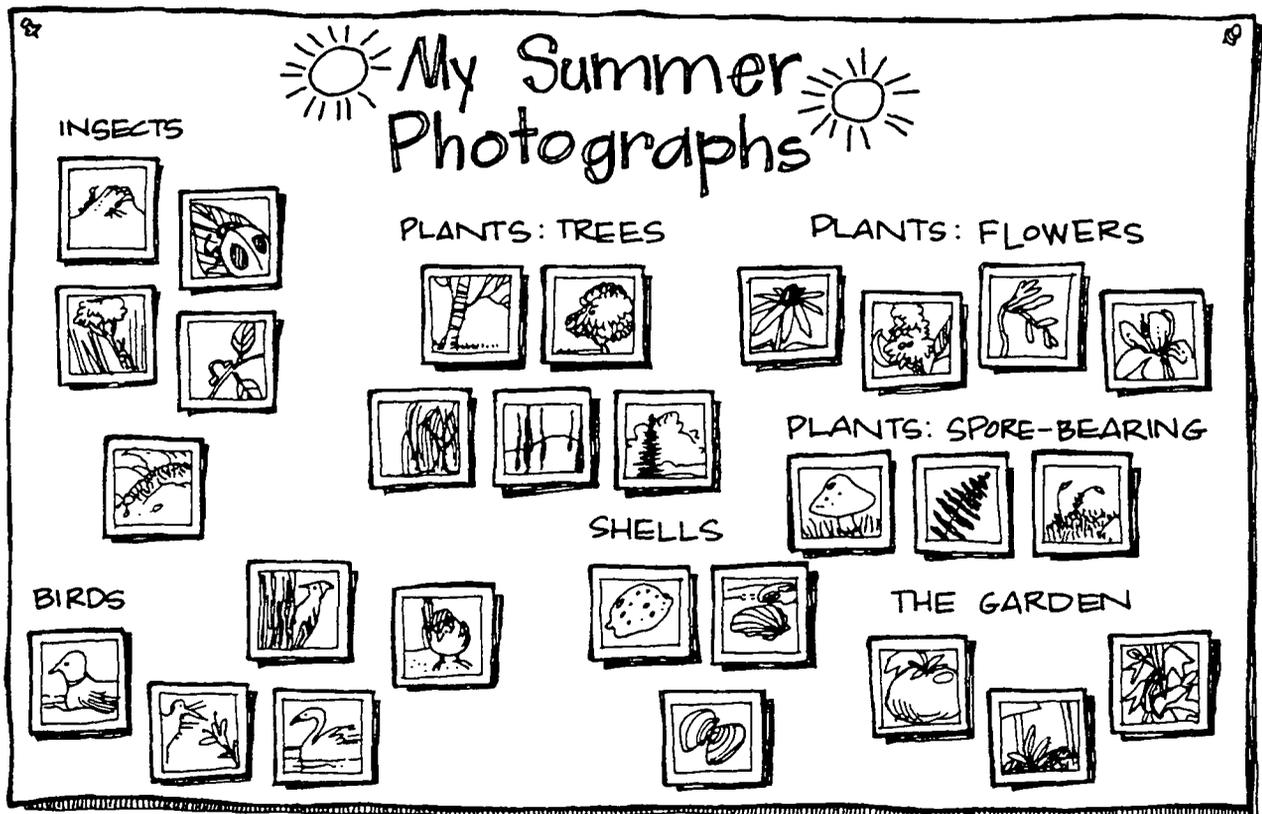
Summer Photography

Here is a good project for you during the summer. When you return to school in the fall, you can bring the finished project with you.

All you need is film, a camera, posterboard, glue or tape, and markers.

Photograph many of the wonders of nature—scenes from your observations of trees, stems, and leaves...the Scavenger Hunt...birds eating, swimming, and nesting...flowering plants and gardens...insects. The list is really endless. You might also think about your summer science activities and photograph a few of the finished products.

Display all of these photos. If you learned something special about certain activities, write a few sentences about them and make a label or photograph caption to go beneath or on the back of the display poster. You might also write your facts on index cards and keep them to share with others who will be interested in your display. In this way, you'll be teaching others about the amazing world of science and nature!



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Clay and Play-dough Recipes

Ages: 3 years and up

Materials & Equipment: See recipes

Comments: All of these recipes are comprised of easily available, relatively inexpensive ingredients and produce material to model, pound, and play with. Over the course of the year all should be tried because they are different in texture and quality. No doubt, you will find a favorite that you will mix up time and time again.

Playdough

2½ C. Flour
½ C. Salt
1 T. Alum
1¾ C. Boiling Water
2 T. vegetable oil

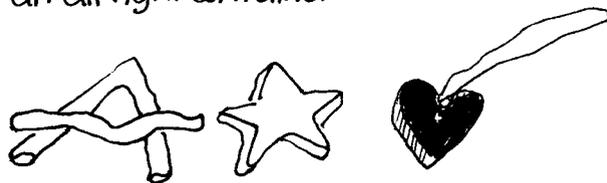
OPTIONAL:
* Food coloring or Tempera Powder to color if desired.



Mix flour and salt in a bowl. Mix alum, water, oil and food coloring in a separate bowl; add to flour and salt mixture. Knead well. Add extra flour if sticky. No refrigeration is needed. Keep in an airtight container.

Salt dough

1 C. Salt
4 C. Flour
1½ C. Water
4 T. Oil



Mix flour and salt. Add water and oil slowly to the dry ingredients, stirring with a spoon until well blended. Knead dough until soft and pliable. Sculpt objects or use cookie cutters to cut shapes. Bake 45 minutes in 350° oven until hard. Paint with acrylic or varnish to seal.

Silly Putty



1 C. White glue

$\frac{1}{2}$ C. liquid starch

Mix glue and starch in a bowl. You may add a few drops of food coloring if you wish to color the putty. Cover bowl and let stand for a few hours. Pour off extra starch. Knead well. Store in a covered container.

Cornstarch Clay

1 C. Cornstarch

$\frac{1}{3}$ C. Vegetable oil

$\frac{2}{3}$ C. Flour

Pour cornstarch* into bowl and add oil. Stir well until syrupy. Gradually add flour until thick and doughy. Knead well. Store in an airtight container.

(*It's fun to play with cornstarch and water - it will not make dough; but the solution is fascinating)



The "original" clay:
dirt and water!

Find puddle. (children are adept at this!)

Dig mud out of bottom with spoons and mix in sandpails. Spoon globs onto cookie sheet.

Remove worms. Place in the sunshine until mudpies dry.

Mud Pies

1 Puddle

Plastic Sandpails

Spoons

Cookie Sheet

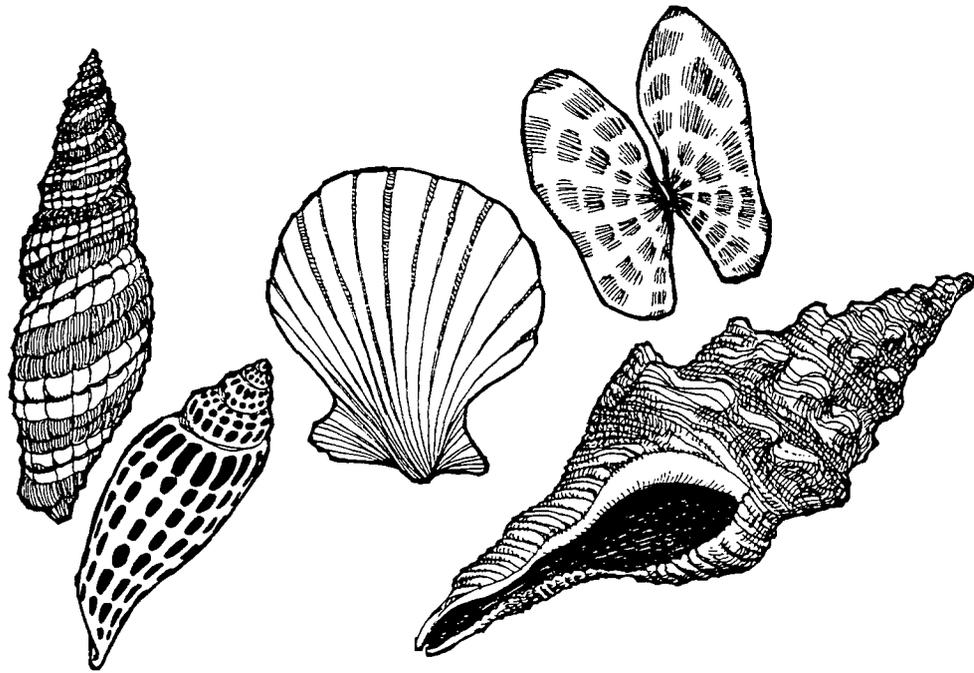
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Creating a Shell Cast or Mold

Perhaps you have seashells at home or at the beach you can use for this. If not, you can create the molds using small pebbles and rocks.

EQUIPMENT:

Bucket or pan
Shells or rocks
Modeling clay
Plaster of paris
Petroleum jelly
Spoon
Toothpick
Acrylic or
tempera paint



DIRECTIONS:

1. Line the bucket or pan with the modeling clay.
2. Spread petroleum jelly on top of the clay and on the sides of the container.
3. Press shells or rocks into the clay. Then lift them out with a toothpick and spoon so that their impressions are left in the clay.
4. Mix the plaster of paris with water according to the directions on the package. Pour it into the container. It will get warm as it sets.
5. Let the plaster cool and then remove it from the container.
6. Paint your plaster mold with tempera or acrylic paint when it is thoroughly dry.

THINK:

What kind of animals once lived in your seashells? Read and find out about them. If you used rocks, can you identify them?

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Making Pictures from Seeds

Overview: *Students will use a variety of seeds to create pictures.*

Materials

- seeds from the seed packets used in the lesson “Can You Match This?”
- white glue which will dry clear
- 4-inch (10 cm) square of cardstock (colored if possible), one per student
- small paper plates
- toothpicks (one per student)
- *optional:* pair of tweezers per group

Lesson Preparation

- Place the seeds on small paper plates to be distributed to student groups.

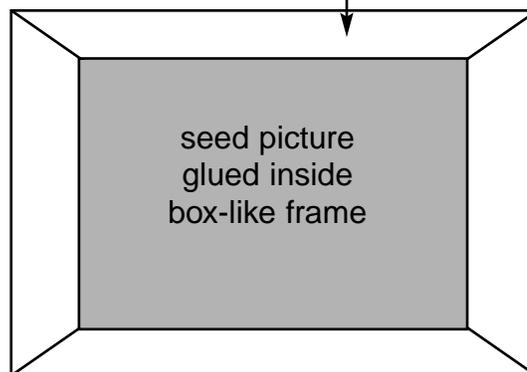
Activity

1. Divide the students into small groups and provide each of them with a set of seeds, glue, toothpicks, and cardstock pieces. Tell each student to make a large drawing of an animal or insect (e.g., butterfly), like those used in coloring books. Explain that they will be filling in this drawing with seeds which will be glued in place.
2. Let the students practice placing some seeds on their picture before gluing to see how close these need to be in the picture. After they are ready, tell them to spread a small amount of glue with the toothpick on one part of their picture and then add seeds. They may use the tweezers to move the seeds if needed.
3. Permit enough time for the students to do a good job, since this will take practice and patience. This lesson may be spread over several sessions in order to let the students have time to do their best work.

Closure

- Display the seed pictures on a bulletin board.
- Make picture frames to enhance the seed pictures. Cut a piece of construction paper one inch (2.5 cm) larger in diameter than the cardstock piece. Lay the cardstock in the center of the paper and then trace around it with a pencil. Remove the cardstock, turn it over and then fold along the creases so the edges of the paper stand up to form a box. Crease each corner at an angle to complete the frame. Glue the seed picture into the bottom of the box frame.

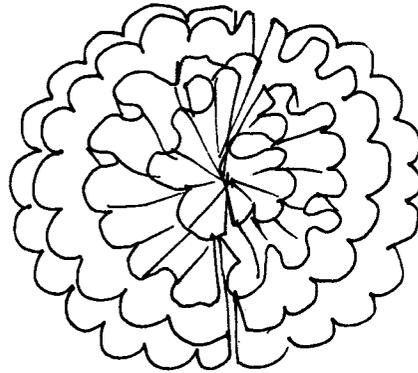
construction paper folded up around seed picture like a box



TISSUE FLOWER

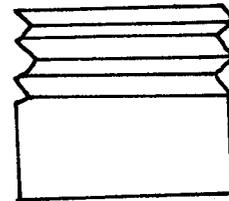
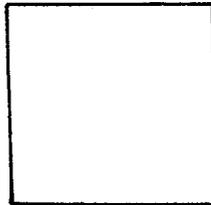
Materials:

1. (4) 9"x9" squares of tissue paper, each a different color
2. piece of string
3. scissors



Steps:

1. Stack the pieces of tissue paper on top of each other and fold together like a fan, accordian style.



2. Fold in half, lengthwise, to find the middle. Tie a string around the middle, not too tightly. Do not gather. Round off the corners on each end of the fan.



3. Spread out on each side of the middle, like an open fan. Carefully separate each layer of tissue paper, pulling gently to the center string.

