

# Celebrate Youth Arts Month: Make A Color Collector's Portfolio!

## Welcome to Youth Arts Month Lesson 18!

All kids are artists! Children love to create & they are curious.  
Kids also see the world in a very unique way.  
Children will experiment with color while making this portfolio  
& then fill it with their work.

### Supplies:

- \* crayons (older & broken ones are best!)
- \* washable markers
- \* non-toxic glue
- \* blunt-tip scissors
- \* yarn
- \* hole punch
- \* white paper
- \* construction paper
- \* color wheel (optional)



### Directions:

1. Fold a large piece of construction paper in half. Glue both sides along the edges with non-toxic glue to make a pocket. Let dry.
2. To add a portfolio handle, punch two holes at the top of the pocket. Thread a 12-inch piece of yarn through the holes and tie a knot to make a loop.
3. Remove the wrappers from older crayons – this is a great time to use those broken and shorter crayons! To make crayon rubbings, place your paper on raised-surfaced objects such as coins or mats under white paper and rub with the crayon sides. This will add texture ([defined on next page](#)).
4. Cut your textures into interesting shapes with scissors. Glue the designs onto the front of your portfolio. Pay attention to color schemes and patterns. Add to your design and write your name with washable markers.



## Safety Guidelines:

1. Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. 2. ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.



## Educators:

Have your students take a close look at a color wheel. There are just three main colors called **Primary Colors**– **red**, **yellow** and **blue**. All other colors are made by mixing two or more of the primary colors together.

Ask your children to notice how colors next to each other on a color wheel blend together, while opposite colors contrast. Review these terms with your class: **Secondary colors** – (**green**, **violet** and **orange**) are colors made by mixing two primary colors

**Complementary colors** – are pairs of colors that are in some way opposites of each other and they lie opposite each other on the color wheel

“Cool” colors such as blues and greens seem to be in the background while

“Warm” colors such as red, yellow and orange appear to jump out at the viewer

**Texture** – is how things feel, or *look* as though they feel



## Parents:

Want a great way to teach your children to love color AND do your shopping? Take them to the grocery store & show them the produce section – vegetables & fruits come in every color imaginable!



## Related Books:

Blue, Blue, and Yellow, Too: A Color-Learning Pop-Up  
by Biruta Akerbergs-Hansen  
Desmond Discovers Colors and Shapes  
by Emma Fischel



## Art Thought for the Day:

Color in a picture is like enthusiasm in life.  
Vincent Van Gogh ~ a Post-Impressionist artist

