

Celebrate Youth Arts Month: *Hold Your Very Own Art Show!*

Welcome to the last lesson for Youth Arts Month 2007!

You've created wonderful art this month. Now it's time to showcase your efforts in your very own art show! Host a fun-filled arts fair where you & your friends show your favorite projects!

Supplies:

- * markers
- * glue
- * colored pencils
- * construction paper
- * recycled file folders



Directions:

People around the world find clever ways to celebrate their arts and crafts. With several friends, plan a neighborhood arts fair to show off your efforts! Here are some ideas to get started:

- 1. Plan!** Decide on a safe site with plenty of room away from traffic. Ask for permission & help from parents & businesses. Choose a date & times.
- 2. Advertise!** Create posters & invitations with the date, time & location of the arts fair. To make posters, open recycled file folders horizontally. Draw your design with colored pencils. With different colors, create & color the background of your poster. Using the markers, print words (Come to the Neighborhood), draw maps & add details.
- 3. Promote!** Hang posters around your neighborhood.
- 4. Invite art lovers!** Create matching invitations on construction paper. Invite all ages of artists to enter & art-lovers to attend – friends, neighbors, relatives, teachers & town officials. Encourage artists to frame & title their work.
- 5. Organize displays!** What are some easy ways to display art? Use recycled boxes to hold sculptures or stack as kiosks. Hang art from fences & trees, ladders or lines strung between chairs. Mount art on cardboard & prop against walls & fences. Drape bright fabric behind displays.
- 6. Imagine!** Think of more ways to show your efforts. If you wish, include snack tables. Set up sidewalk chalk drawing or mural painting. Consider unusual

categories such as bike decorating or paperdoll clothing design. Add your own ideas to make your fair unique!



Safety Guidelines:

1. Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 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.



Parents:

Support your child's creative spirit by showing your enthusiasm & admiration for all of their artistic efforts!



Related Books:

Hands-On Celebrations by Yvonne Merrill
Matthew's Dream by Leo Lionni
The Art Lesson by Tomi dePaola
The Cave Painter of Lascaux by Roberta Angeletti



Art Thoughts for the Day:

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

Ralph Vaull Starr ~ artist

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.

Henry David Thoreau ~ author

If you can DREAM it, you can DO it.

Walt Disney ~ producer, director, screenwriter, voice actor, animator, entrepreneur, visionary & philanthropist.

