



Art Project Plan

Butterflies in the Hands



Target Grade: Pre-K • Time: One to two lessons, 45 minutes each

Project:

1. Pre-paint the KidsArt Fairs paper with a light water color background with blue sky or use light blue construction paper as the background.
2. Using a sponge, paint one palm with non-toxic tempera paint. Let the child select the color. Guide the child as he/she presses their hand down onto the paper with their fingers and thumb spread out. Have the thumb pointing toward the top of the paper. Then paint the other hand with the same color and have him/her press that hand down on the paper overlapping or touching the thumb print. Another variation of the project is to use a footprints, heels together, to make a bird's wings.
3. When the project dries, add antennae and body parts with paint or cut out pieces from black construction paper.



Materials:

- KidsArt Fairs paper
- Non-toxic white craft glue
- Black construction paper
- Non-toxic tempera paint in various colors.
- Water colors with a simple paint brush
- Sponges
- Paper towels
- Safety scissors, for cutting out body parts from the construction paper.

Objective: For the child – to provide sensory stimulation of hand, introduction to transfer of paint from hand to paper, view their own hand print.

For the parent/guardian - To create a timeless memory that captures a record of the child's physical size as well as a creative piece of art.

Note: For variety of artwork displays; have each child pick a different background, as well as the paint color for the hands.

Also, always read labels and never use paints or inks on a child that does not promote contact with the skin. Avoid oil-based materials or anything that has the word "cadmium" in the name as this is especially toxic.



Samples of "Butterflies in the Hands" and "Birds of a Foot" artwork created by Pre-K students in KidsArt Fair gallery-style frames.