



A Palette of Fun with Arts and Crafts 4-H Record

Welcome! You and your children will have many artistic experiences with *A Palette of Fun with Arts and Crafts*. All the activities focus on teaching the elements and principles of design and developing skills for a lifetime. *A Palette of Fun* consists of seven Units: **Cutting and Pasting, Drawing, Painting, Sculpting, Printing, Fiber, and 3-D Construction**. Each unit includes Palette Connections, connecting children to the larger community by giving ideas to expand learning (see Palette Connections, page 2). The activities in each unit follow the Experiential Learning Model of *Do, Reflect, and Apply*. We encourage you to *Do* the exercises, *Reflect* on the questions at the end of each activity, try out the *Apply* activities. By completing the Reflect and Apply steps, you help youth develop the life skills for that activity.

A Palette of Fun is intended as an exploratory curriculum into the world of art media. It is not meant to be an in-depth curriculum in any one medium. Knowledge of the elements and principles of design is helpful but not necessary. Review the elements and principles of design, read the chosen activity, follow the preparation steps, and use the *Do, Reflect, and Apply* sections to complete the activity with the children.

REQUIREMENTS

The activities can be enhanced or simplified to address different age groups. Each activity can be adapted to fit your situation and group of children. The Helper's Guide can be used with children for several years. Different approaches to teaching the activities can be used depending upon your group of children. The end result is children creating original artwork, learning the elements and principles of design, and developing life skills.

Leader Resource Guide:

A Palette of Fun with Arts and Crafts (PA# J0200C)

Youth Requirements:

Complete one activity from each unit, or complete all of the activities in one unit. Record your progress on the *Palette of Fun Check Sheet*.

Exhibit Suggestions

Why Exhibit?

Both children and adults love to share what they have created with others, whether it be their family members, their teachers, or to a larger audience. By sharing with others and exhibiting their artwork children gain self-esteem, ownership, pride in their work, and a satisfaction about what they have created.

Every child can express their unique skills and abilities as well as their personalities and demonstrate their individuality. There are many ideas and ways to exhibit artwork. We encourage leaders to work with children to find the best way for them. Attach a 4x6 inch index card to the back of each artwork with the following information:

<i>Artist Name:</i>	Sample
<i>Unit:</i>	
<i>Activity Title:</i>	Handmade Paper
<i>Original Artwork Title:</i>	Seeds Spring Forth
<i>Element of Design Used:</i>	Form and Texture
<i>Principle of Design Used:</i>	Pattern and Unity
<i>Life Skill:</i>	Problem Solving

On the back of the card, explain how you used these elements and principles in your artwork

Make a poster or display using samples of your art to demonstrate three art elements and four art principles. Label each element and principle of design.

Give a demonstration.

Note: *Younger youth may only be able to identify name and activity title.*

Ideas for Exhibits:

Scrapbooks
Murals
Posters
Gallery displays

PowerPoint slide show of original artwork
Scan or take digital pictures of artwork
Photograph original artwork

Ways to Exhibit:

Set up an art display: community center, back-to-school fair, or mall
Host an event and provide gallery talks describing the artwork
Participate in your local school art day and exhibit your original artwork
Find a local business where you can showcase your original artwork in the merchant's windows
Put the original artwork on the 4-H club website
Put up a poster display at your local library
Model your fiber artwork in a local fashion show or at 4-H Fashion Revue
Present a slide show to local community clubs such as Kiwanis, Lions, or Rotary
Enter the exhibit in a fair

A Palette of Fun Check Sheet

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Name: _____

Group or Club Name: _____

Check √√√√√	Unit	Activity Title	What Did You Do?	Date Completed
<i>Example</i>	1: Cutting & Pasting	Books Tell a Story	Made a picture book for my little brother	1/25/01
		Books Tell a Story		
		Painting with Paper and Milk Glue		
		Connecting to Our Puzzle		
		Scissors Snipping		
		Pop-Up Pizzazz		
		Books Tell a Story		
	2: Drawing	Mural Madness		
		Smokey, Spooky Shadows		
		Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Creatures		
		Great New Invention, Assembly Required		
		Go Drawing Go		
	3: Painting	Musical Fingers		
		Spinning the Color Wheel of Fortune		
		Brushing Up!		
		Marbling Swirls		
		Art on the Go: Visiting a Museum		
	4: Sculpting	Sculptor and Clay		
		Pass the Sculpture, Please		
		Pots Potpourri		
		Papier Mache		
		Exploring Flex Power		
		Art to Jewelry		
	5: Printing	All Fingers, Thumbs, and Hands		
		Sponge Fun		
		Prints from the Garden		
		Stencil Fun		
		Block Printing		

		Screen Printing		
	6: Fiber	Handmade Paper		
		Batik		
		Nine Patch Quilt		
		Warp and Weft of Life		
		What a Twilling Weave!		
	7: 3-D Construction	Balloon Train		
		Mirror, Mirror Now and Later		
		Scrap Sculpturing		
		States-A-Float		
		Window on My World		

	Total Number of Projects Completed
	Total Number of Units Completed

Member's Signature/Date: _____

Leader's Signature/Date: _____

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