



Arts & Crafts



Johnny Appleseed Hats

Follow up a reading of *Johnny Appleseed Goes A-planting* by Patsy Jensen by making these silvery hats. Provide each youngster with a 7" x 7" piece of tagboard, a 14-inch length of aluminum foil, and a 2½" x 8" piece of black construction paper. Cut a 1½-inch-wide strip of gray construction paper long enough to fit around each child's head and overlap slightly. Then guide each child through the steps below to complete his Johnny Appleseed hat. Hats off to you, Johnny Appleseed!

Directions:

1. Wrap the tagboard square with foil.
2. Cut the black paper into an oval shape to make a handle.
3. Staple the handle to the pot.
4. Staple the headband to the pot
5. Staple the headband to fit the child's head.

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Shimmering Sharing

These colorful reminders about the importance of sharing are a real catch for your classroom windows! In advance, make several tagboard copies of a fish pattern and cut them out. Then read aloud *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister, a uniquely illustrated book about friendship and sharing. Afterward, invite each child to trace a fish pattern onto clear Con-Tact covering and then cut out the tracing. Instruct the child to remove (and discard) the paper backing. Then have her press a small piece of aluminum foil onto her fish to resemble a shiny scale. Next, have each child tear a piece of colorful tissue paper to resemble fish scales. Then encourage the child to share her tissue paper scales with other students, and vice versa, so that everyone has a variety of colors. Then have the child arrange her colorful collection of scales on her cutout until it is completely covered. Have the child use a permanent marker to draw an eye and mouth on her fish. Use clear tape to mount these fish onto your classroom windows for shimmering sharing reminders.

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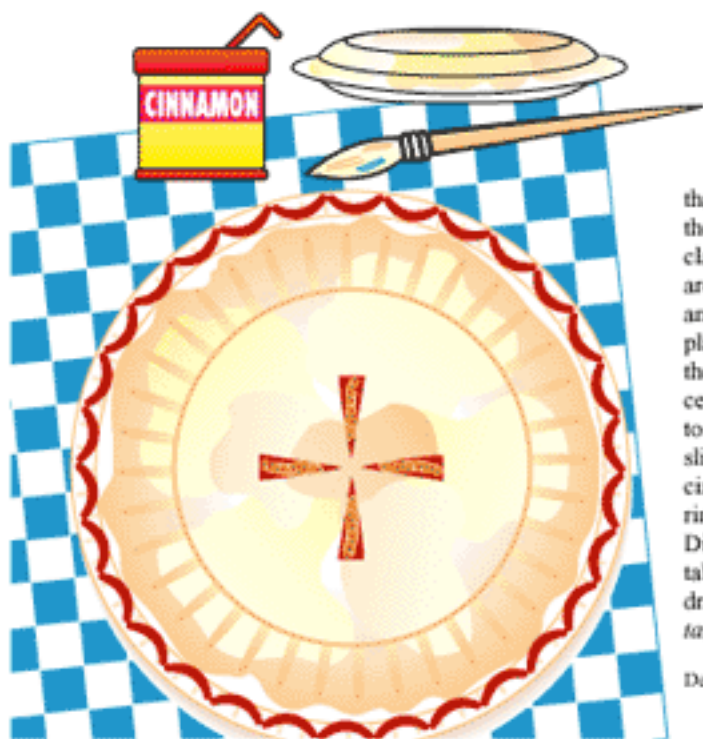
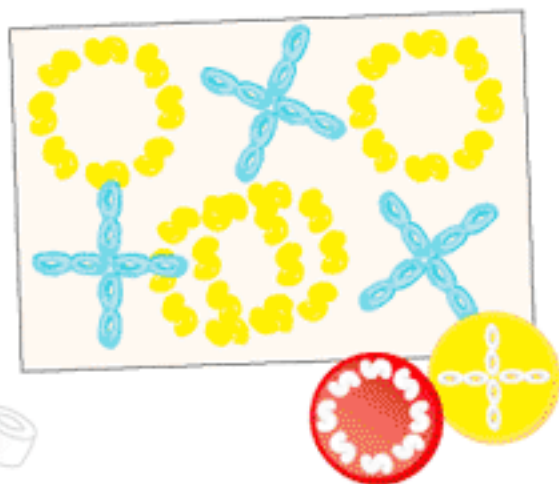




Foam Stamps

Use foam packing pieces to make this unique artwork. Collect several small plastic lids. Hot-glue packing pieces randomly or in a pattern to the top of each lid. Pour paint in a shallow pan. Invite each child to dip a stamp in the paint and then use both hands to repeatedly press the stamp onto a sheet of paper to make prints. Encourage each youngster to create patterns or pictures with the stamps. Once stamping is complete, blot the stamps with a damp paper towel and store them for later use.

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Spicy Apple Pie

'Tis the season for apples! And you know what that means—freshly baked apple pie! Making these crafty versions of the real thing will fill your classroom with that positively pleasing apple-pie aroma. To make one pie, use a mixture of brown and yellow watercolors to paint the back of a paper plate to resemble the top crust of an apple pie. When the paint is dry, use a marker to draw slits in the center of the pie. If desired, add additional details to the crust. Then squeeze a line of glue along each slit and sprinkle on some apple pie spices, such as cinnamon or nutmeg. When the glue is dry, glue the rim of the crust to the front of another paper plate. Display these tempting works of art on a checkered tablecloth and invite children to use them in their dramatic-play activities. Mmm, can't you almost taste it?

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