



School Age Art Activities

Patterns (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Students can make swirly, vertical, horizontal, and diagonal lines to create patterns in paint.

Three Dimensional pictures (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Encourage children to wad tissue paper into balls and paste them onto construction paper. For added texture, paste on buttons, scraps, or lace and ribbon. Or you can paste shells, twigs, or leaves.

Window Painting (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Create a design on a window using painter or masking tape. Then use watercolors to paint a design that is between the paint. After the paint is dry peel the tape away and you will see the design that was created.

Paper Collage (4th - 6th grade)

Students will need construction paper, paint or coloring pencils, glue, paintbrushes, magazines, and rulers. To create a paper collage, make sure your students have a picture or image in their minds they want to make. Animals are a great idea. Then help your students create a square grid using the ruler on the construction paper. Once the grid is done, the image with a pencil to the box where it would likely go on the grid. When the image is done use the coloring pencils to write the colors your using in the grid box. Finally, add the magazine paper to match the colors you wrote on the grid. To make sure everything sticks use the paintbrush to spread glue on the paper. This is the only way the pieces of paper will stick.

Tape Resist Painting (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Get card stock or canvas, painters' tape, scissors, paint, and paint brushes. Allow the students to create a design on the card stock with the painters' tape. To make things more creative, cut the tape different sizes. Students can also crisscross tape or make parallel lines. Once all the tape is down students can start painting. Let the paint dry and them pull the tape off to reveal the design.

Sidewalk Chalk (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Students can create pictures or images using different colors of sidewalk chalk.

Cardboard Circle Weaving (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

You will need various colors of yarn, different colors or textures, cardboard, pencil, scissors, and tape. Find various circle objects in your home and trace them out on cardboard. Cut out the circles. Draw spokes on your wheel with a pencil and add a cut notch. You can be exact and use a ruler if you want. You can give your wheel an even number of spokes so you can see some of our beginning yarn peek out in the final weave, but if you don't like that look, start with an odd number. Tape a piece of yarn to the back of your circle. Then run it across and then to the adjacent cut. You will repeat until you have strings that follow your pencil lines. When done tape your ending yarn to the back. Tie the yarn you want to start weaving with through the center and go around the circle over and under. You can add new color yarn by simply tying it to the one on the loom. When you're done, tape the yarn to the back of your circle.

Paint with Nature (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Students will need construction paper, nature items, and paint. Take students on a walk to pick things off of trees or you have some things already picked. Things like branches, leaves, and pinecones are

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good things to paint with. Have different colors of paint put into bowls. Then have students dip the nature items into paint and have them use the items like paintbrushes. They can make all kinds of designs with the items.

Paper Weaving (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Students will need old magazines, scissors, and colored paper. Cut paper strips that are at a minimum the width of the paper base. I recommend longer strips and trimming them later. Time for the kids! Give your child the base and put out a collection of paper scraps. If this is their first time weaving you will need to walk them through the steps of pulling the paper over and under the slots. Make sure to pull the paper over and under alternate slots with each new layer to create a woven texture. Continue until the slots are filled.

Blow Painting (Kindergarten - 6th grade)

Set up a tray with a heavy sheet of paper. Place a few bowls filled with a bit of liquid watercolors nearby. Place a pipette in or next to the watercolors. Invite your child to draw watercolor paint into the dropper and then squeeze it on the paper. With a straw, blow the paint around the paper.

Color Wheel (Kindergarten - 4th grade)

Create a color wheel from objects around the house or outdoors. Go on a scavenger hunt in your home and collect various colored items. Group together with matching color. Place colored groups according to the color chart and make a color wheel.

Silly Monsters (Early education - 2nd grade)

Trace or paint hand and foot prints. Use the prints to create silly monster images with googles and markers.

Rock Faces (All Ages)

Go on a nature walk and collect some rocks. Clean the rocks and let dry. Use paint or markers to create funny faces or write a meaningful message.

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Shadow Art Drawing (All Ages)

Put your drawing paper outside in the morning or afternoon, and place some interesting objects on the edge - trace the shadows.





Funny plate portraits (All Ages)

Use plates and household items to create funny plate portraits.

