



# Show & Share Resources

## *Youth Crafts*

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

# Sensory Play Age 2-4 30 mins, Once weekly

## 15 children plus adult per session

**Description:** Each week we will explore materials such as playdough, finger-paint, slime, water play, and many more.

The session is intended for interaction between the child and their caregiver. We may get messy, so dress appropriately.

### Gross Motor

- Parachute with balls
- Obstacle Course
- Frog Day
- Bubble Wrap Stomping
- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Reindeer Games

### Fine Motor

- Fruit Loop bracelets
- Dino fossils in ice
- Paint with Ice
- Rainbow Bubbles
- Fruit Loop Sorting
- Lavender Sock Bunny

### Doughs, Slimes, Sands, Etc.

- Playdough
- Cloud Dough
- Coffee Dough (dirt)
- Oatmeal Edible Playdough
- Gingerbread Playdough
- Jello Slime
- Crayon Slime
- Play Snow
- Kinetic Sand



### • Kiddie Pool Socialization-6 children per pool

- Easter Grass with Matching Eggs
- Water Sink/Float
- Dry Fishing with magnets and Fishing Poles
- Shaving Cream with hidden objects
- Colored Rice with Scoops and Cups
- Butterfly Pasta-Shells, Spirals, and Bowties
- Super Stretch Spider Web Decoration
  - with Spiders and Tongs
- Pompoms & Pipe Cleaners w/ Magnet Wands
- Snow Painting
- Ball Pit

# PRESCHOOL OUTER SPACE PAINTING



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# INTRODUCTION



You can see the  
storytime [here](#)



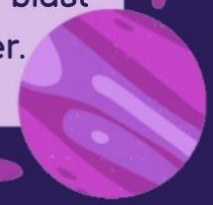



## About this craft



I did this craft as part of a space themed storytime for ages 3-5. But, I do believe it could be done as a stand alone program. Additionally, I did this during the winter in the meeting room without much mess.

The children were so empowered and amazed that they were allowed to spray paint out of a bottle. Their faces and reactions were something I will forever remember. The adults were equally in shock of the idea but ultimately had a blast videoing their child spraying the paper.





### Paper Supplies:

- Pre-cut planets (3 different sizes)
- Black construction paper
- Glue
- Star stickers
- Glitter glue (optional)



### Painting Supplies

- Clothes pins and cotton balls for sponge painting
- Spray bottle with white paint (recommended to have a back-up spray bottle)
- Tempera paints for planets (green, blue, red at minimum )
- Paint trays, cups or plates for paint
- 2 drop clothes (one on the floor and one over an easel to create a spray booth)
- Table coverings or recycled newspaper

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### Program:

- Demonstrate how-to sponge paint the planets with the clothes pinned cotton ball. Very little paint is needed as cotton balls are very absorbent. For older kids, you can use a RYB Color Model to explore what colors will blend well. You can also identify what planets you are painting.
- Allow participants to begin painting their planets.
- Call one child up at a time to the spray booth. Hold the black paper over the drop cloth in front of the easel. Use one end of the drop cloth to shield yourself. Instruct each child to hold the spray bottle straight out in front of them aiming only at the paper. Remind them to keep their eyes open (some little ones get nervous). Together count out 3 sprays. Then observe the paper to see if they need anymore "stars".

**TIP:** Have an extra bottle on standby in case the spray bottle gets clogged. To troubleshoot a clogged bottle: Add a drop of water and give a good shake to unclog it.

- Once they spray their stars and have painted their planets, the picture can be assembled. Glue on the planets and add star stickers and/or glitter glue.

# Mini Cloud Lamp



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## Materials:

- Paper Lanterns (I used upcycled mini ones)
- Fairy Lights - (I used [these](#))
- Tacky Glue
- Poly-fil/Fiber Fil
- Fishing Line or any string/yarn

## Directions:

1. Working in sections, cover the outside of the lantern in tacky glue, and add a layer of poly-fil.
2. Once the first layer is complete, glue poly-fil to different spots to make an asymmetric cloud shape
3. Add the string lights to the inside and make sure they're well distributed and that the on/off switch is accessible
4. Tie the fishing line/string/yarn to the top of the lantern and hang wherever a whimsical light is desired. :-)

[Video Instructions here](#)

# Painting on Plexiglass/Acrylic sheet - Anime Club

Ages: 10 & up

Tweens, teens & adults

Materials:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Water
- Sharpie - fine print / Sakura identi pen
- Publisher/canva - picture
- [Plexiglass](#)
- Blue tape
- Alcohol and wipe

Step 1: identify the picture you want to use. Or draw it first. Take a picture of the drawing if drawn by hand. Otherwise use an online picture.



Step 2: Using Canva or publisher reverse the picture.

Step 3: Print the image

Step 4: peel the plastic cover on the plexiglass. One side only.



Step 5: using an alcohol wipe or spray bottle spray one side to clean up any dust.

Step 6: Align your print out with the plexiglass and using blue tape, tape all four sides so it the picture doesn't move. The side that still has the cover that side will be the end result. You can keep it cover or peel it and wipe down.

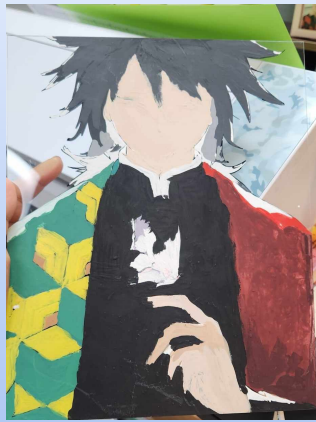
Step 7: Start tracing your picture.

Step 8: Once finish you can start painting!

Step 9: Paint the light colors first, for example the white part of the water. Paint as if you were painting with watercolors which you layer from light to dark.

Tip 1 : when tracing your picture try doing it on one stroke if you do multiple the marker might come out or you might get a bold line.

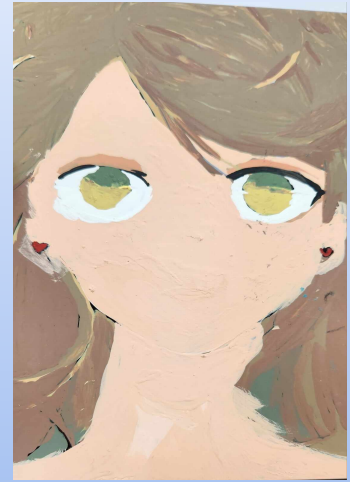




Tip 2: when painting instead of brush strokes, dab the paint onto the plexiglass.

Clean brushes as needed.

Tip 3: keep on side cover this way you won't have paint on the nice side and when the paint is completely dry you can wipe it down with alcohol and it will be free of fingerprints and dust.



Paint side should look like the top two pictures.

You can leave the background clear as seen in the picture on the left. Or try to cover the background with a close up picture as seen in the picture on the right.



# Squeegee Art

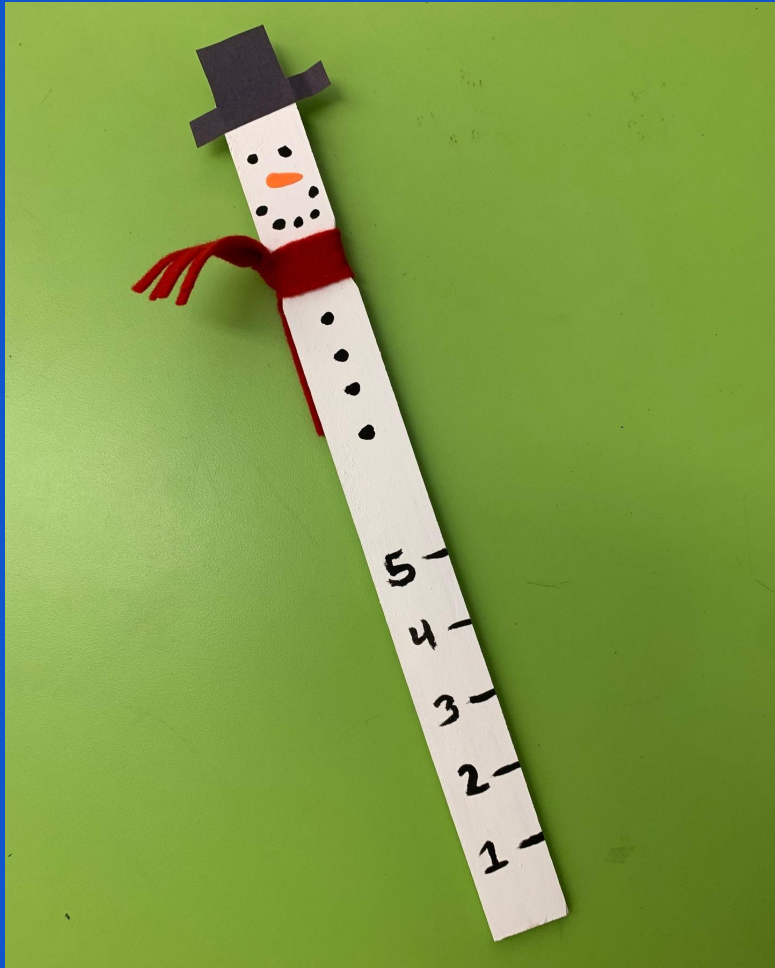


Squeegees can be purchased at Dollar Tree.

You can do lots of interesting things with squeegees.  
Here are some of my examples:



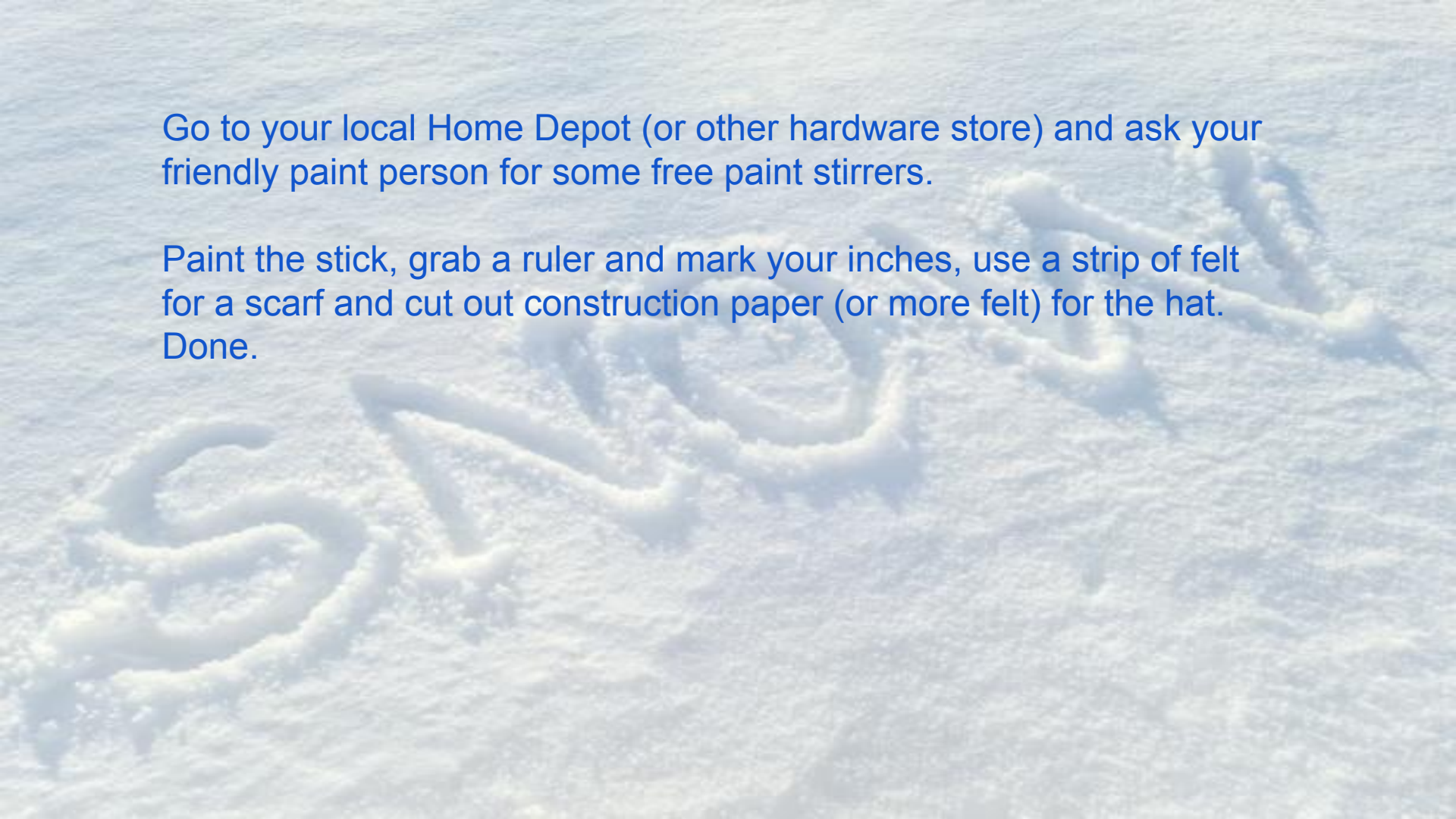
You can use clip art online as stencils for your added images.



Snowman snow  
measuring stick

Go to your local Home Depot (or other hardware store) and ask your friendly paint person for some free paint stirrers.

Paint the stick, grab a ruler and mark your inches, use a strip of felt for a scarf and cut out construction paper (or more felt) for the hat. Done.



# Map/Collage Magnets



## Materials:

- Map or other printed image of your choice
- Glass dome (a.k.a. cabochon)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Mod Podge
- Paintbrush (I find the foam type works best)
- Permanent glue dot, glue gun, or tacky craft glue
- Strong magnet

## Instructions:

1. Trace the glass dome around the area of the map/image you'd like to focus on, then cut it out.
2. Apply Mod Podge to the flat side of the glass dome using your paintbrush. Place the portion of the map/image you've just cut out onto the Mod Podge, adjusting it to fit the shape of the glass dome as precisely as possible. Add another layer of Mod Podge on the back, sealing it to the glass dome, then let dry.
3. Apply your other glue (whether glue dot, glue gun, or tacky glue) in the center of the flat side of the glass dome (i.e. on the reverse of the map/image). Press your magnet onto the glue and let dry if necessary.

Adapted from: <https://modpodgerocksblog.com/fun-face-glass-magnets/>,  
<https://www.thehappyhouse.com/sponsored-quick-easy-diy-map-magnets/>

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# Paint Chip Carrot Bookmarks



## Materials:

- Orange paint chip\*
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Single hole punch (a pair of sharp scissors can work in a pinch)
- Green ribbon (I used this [cute leafy variety!](#))

\*Hint 1: Visit a hardware store (e.g. Home Depot, Ace) to acquire paint chips in bulk. Try to be discreet if you're taking a lot, speaking from experience! I recommend the gradient ones for visual impact vs. single color ones.

\*\*Hint 2: Google 'paint chip crafts' or 'paint swatch crafts' for even more ideas!

## Instructions:

1. Trace a long triangle shape with your ruler and pencil on the back of the paint chip, in order to avoid pencil marks on the carrot. Cut out the triangle.
2. Create a hole in the center of the wider end of the triangle. You'll need a hole punch, or with adult supervision, the ends of your scissors.
3. Cut off a piece of the ribbon that is about 1' long.
4. Fold the piece of the ribbon in half, then stick the folded end of the ribbon halfway the hole you made. Take the other ends of the ribbon over the top of the bookmark and pull them through the loop.

Adapted from: <https://balancinghome.com/easter-craft-carrot-bookmark/>

# Art Abandonment



[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/why-are-these-people-aban\\_b\\_10952874](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/why-are-these-people-aban_b_10952874)

**The Art Abandonment Project**, established by artists Michael deMeng and Andrea Matus deMeng in the early 2000s, promotes the creation and sharing of random acts of art in public spaces. Their book (top left) was published in 2014, and the movement continues to grow. **Check out these Facebook pages (1, 2) for examples and inspiration!**

The Art Abandonment Project can be incorporated into library programs and used as a tool to benefit and unite the wider community. Here are a couple of examples of libraries and community organizations that have embraced it:

- [Monroe County Public Library \(AL\)](#)
- [Kern River Valley Art Association \(CA\)](#)

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# Bubble Wrap Painting



## Step-by-step tutorial

### Materials:

- Paint
- Bubble wrap
- Paintbrush
- Q-tips
- Something to paint on (chipboard, canvas, cardstock, etc.)

# Negative Space Collage



## Step-by-step tutorial

### Materials:

- Old magazine pages, cut into strips
- Geometric designs, printed on cardstock
- Cardstock (to glue the magazine strips)

# Loom Woven Worm



## Step-by-step tutorial

### Materials:

- Paper roll
- 2 popsicle sticks, cut in half
- Googly eyes
- Chunky yarn

# Hexagon Weaving

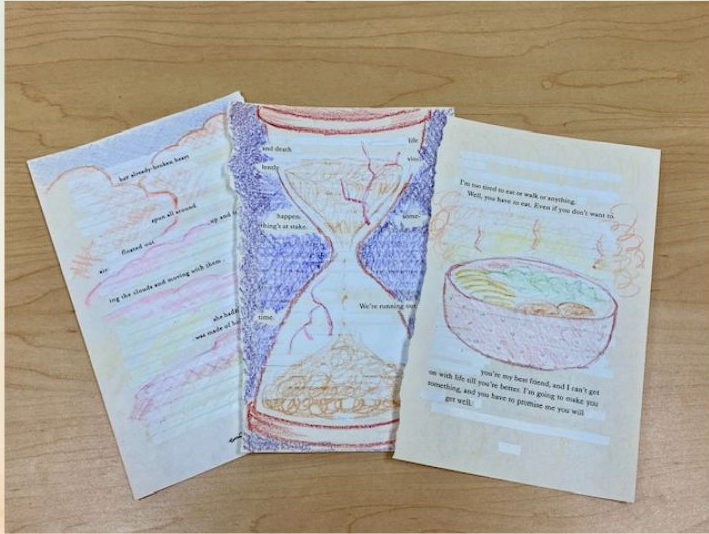


## Step-by-step tutorial

### Materials:

- 3 thin dowels, hot glued together
- Yarn

# White-out Poetry



## Step-by-step tutorial

### Materials:

- Recycled book pages
- White out tape
- Dry art supplies (crayons, color pencils)

**Tip:** Make sure the white out dispenser is held at an approx. 45 degree angle



# Giant Cicada

Adapted from: [Instructables](#)

## Materials

- Paper bag (lunch box size)
- Tissue paper - yellow and red
- Card stock and/or construction paper (red and black)
- Tacky glue
- 1 thick rubber band
- Masking tape and clear tape
- Several sheets of newspaper
- Scissors
- Black crayon
- Black and red markers

[Instructables show step-by-step photos and detailed instructions.](#)

This is my modified version.

- Step 1: Use tissue paper and roll eyeballs. Make small dot. I used clear tape to close. Tissue paper was about 10"x10"
- Step 2: Color the bag with black crayon. Add small, wide V to bottom center of bottom flap - will be centered below eyes.
- Step 3: Stuff your bug with about 3-5 pieces of newspaper. Close end with masking tape, squeeze and shape bag and use rubber band to define head and body areas.
- Step 4: Make the wings. I made a template on copy paper and traced it with red marker to the yellow tissue paper.
- Step 5: Cut out legs and antennae from card stock or construction paper. I used black antennae and red legs.
- Step 6: Glue eye, legs, antennae, wings if you want. I just tucked wings under rubber band.



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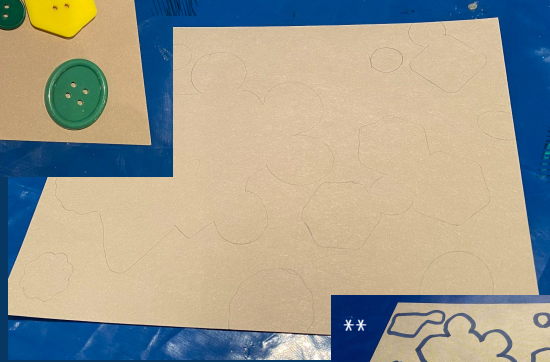
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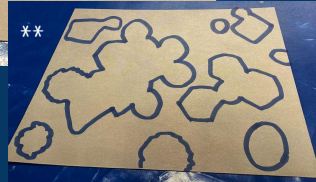
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TOSS/PLACE OBJECTS ON A PAPER



TRACE OBJECTS WHERE THEY  
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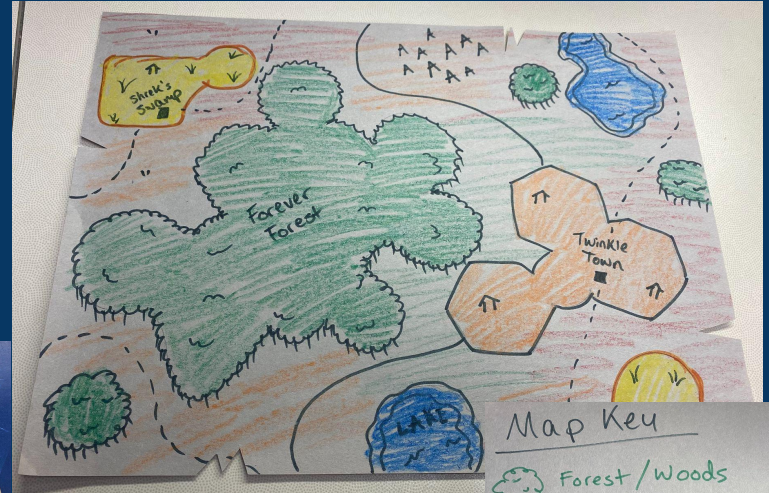


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Map Key

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 water/Lake

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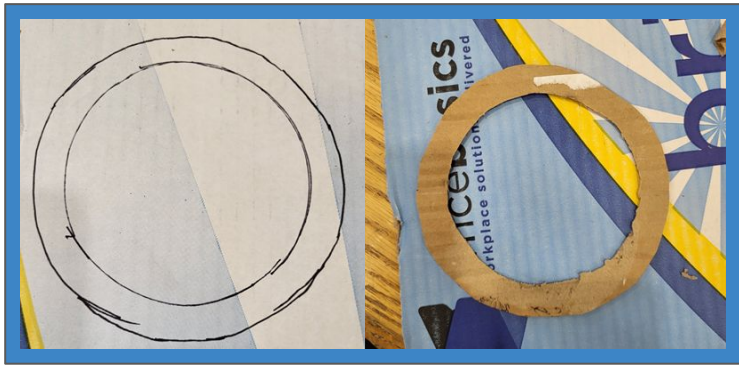
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DIFFERENT ITEMS ON THE MAP, MAKE A KEY!

DISCUSS MAP MAKING & CARTOGRAPHY

GREAT FOR YOUR D&D GROUP!  
DESIGN THE WORLD YOU ARE EXPLORING IN  
YOUR CAMPAIGN!

# YARN WALL ART!

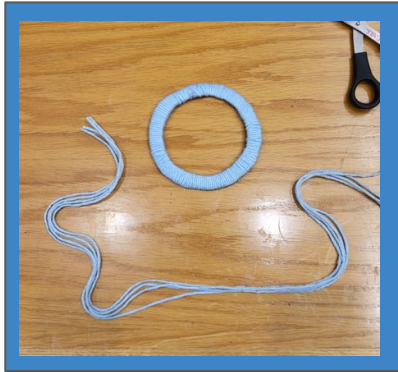




Trace the shape you want to make your wall art and cut it out



Take your yarn and tie a knot around it. With the tail of the yarn under it, wrap it around the entire cardboard frame. Tie off at the end. No glue necessary!



To make your tassels, cut about 4 long pieces of yarn (twice the size of the length you want, you'll be folding it in half!)



With your yarn folded in half, loop it through the frame and pull.



Finish the rest of your tassels and add on decorations if you'd like! I used little paper rolls.