



# MINI 4-H ARTS & CRAFTS

## Welcome to Mini 4-H!

You are now a member of the 4-H family. You are a special person.

Mini 4-H'ers have lots of fun! There are lots of activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

Mom, Dad or another adult can help you with your project. Bring your project to the 4-H Fair and lots of people will be able to see what you have done. You also get a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H'ers.

## Here are some things to know about 4-H.

**The 4-H Symbol:** A four-leaf clover with an “H” in each leaf

**4-H Colors:** Green and White

**4-H Motto:** To make the best, better.

**4-H Pledge:** I pledge my Head to clearer thinking  
My Heart to greater loyalty  
My Hands to larger service, and  
My Health to better living, for my club, my  
community, my country, and my world.

## Display at the Fair:

One of the creations from this workbook or another item you have made. Don't forget to write your name on it!

## Some of the items you may need for Arts & Crafts, include:

- Pencil
- Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- Paint (Washable acrylics, water colors, etc.) and brushes
- Plain white paper
- Construction paper (optional)
- Sponge, rag, piece of old fabric

## What is Art?

Art is a way to use your creativity and imagination. This can be done through drawing, painting, sculpting, or anything else you can imagine.

## Geometric Designs

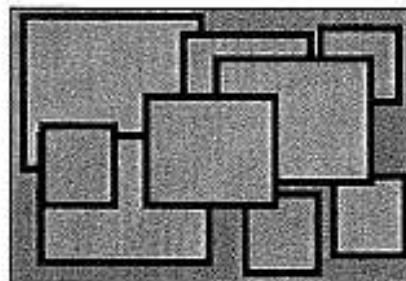
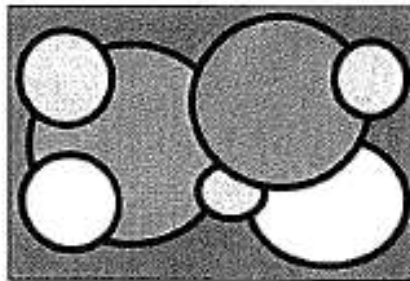
### Materials needed for this activity:

6" X 9" or 8" X 10" white or colored paper      black crayon or sharpie  
Watercolor paints and a brush or crayons/markers      paper towels

### What you will do:

- 1.) Select a simple geometric shape (square, circle, and triangle). Using a black crayon or marker, draw that shape on the paper. Repeat it all of the paper in different sizes. Press heavy so the lines are thick and dark.
- 2.) Using colors, paint/color the shapes. Try to use many different colors.
- 3.) When completed, let your picture dry thoroughly. Mount on construction paper in a color that complement your design.

### EXAMPLES:



## Collage

A collage is a form of art where different materials, such as paper, cloth, flowers etc. are pasted together on a surface to make a pleasing display.

### Materials needed for this activity:

White paper (no larger than 11" X 14"), scissors, colored tissue paper or construction paper, glue, extras (flowers, beads, seeds, yarn, ribbon, old pictures, magazines, anything)

### What you will do:

- 1.) Choose a simple picture. Draw or trace it onto the white paper. You may decide to just use a random pattern without a picture.
- 2.) Glue tiny pieces on the paper onto your design to make a picture.
- 3.) You may add extras to make the picture special.
- 4.) Let your picture dry before moving it. Once dried, glue to the 11" X 14" poster board.

## **Sponge Painting**

Materials needed: paint type of your choice, sponge or old rag, white paper – no larger than 8 ½” x 11”, paper towels, water bowl.

Choose a simple picture and get ready to paint!

- Dip your sponge into the paint.
- Lift the sponge out, then press it against your paper.
- Pull the sponge away to reveal your shape.
- Repeat the process to stamp more shapes against the paper.
- Use different shapes and colors to create a more detailed design.
- Let the paint dry.

**If you want to keep painting – why not paint a rock!**

- Collect rocks to paint.
- Wash rocks and allow them to dry in the sun.
- Set up an area to paint rocks. Put down newspaper or a piece of white posterboard to protect the surface that you will be working on.
- Optional–Paint a single color acrylic base layer on each rock that you will be painting and allow to dry ...