

LESSON PLAN 3

HOW TO CREATE HANDMADE BASKET AND HANDBAGS



ABOUT THE LESSON PLAN

DURATION: - to create a small, to medium-sized basket - 60 minutes;
- to create a handbag, the required time can be up to 8 hours of work

MASTERIAL REQUIRED: Gift wrap, scissors, acrylic transparent adhesive tape 48mm x 132 m, needle, fishing thread - 0,40mm

OBJECTIVES:

How to create handmade baskets and handbags is a creative workshop that can develop multiple skills, including creativity, social skills, fine motor skills, visual learning, facilitating also the boost of self-confidence and self-expression.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The skills and competences which can be obtained following the process of realizing this technique, of creating a storage space, respectively of a decorative object, in handmade technique, are the following:

Physical Benefits

- Development of fine motor skills
- Since most arts and crafts activities consist of moving fingers and hands, they help in developing fine motor skills. Simple actions like holding a paintbrush and coloring with pencils help strengthen muscles and improve their control.
- Arts and crafts activities can enhance the children's dexterity and agility. With the enhancement of fine motor skills and much practice, a child's manual dexterity, artistic skills, and speed will also increase.
- Improvement of hand-eye coordination

Engaging in activities related to arts and crafts from a very young age leads to a tremendous improvement in hand-eye coordination

Social Benefits

- Learn to appreciate art and culture

Through arts and craft, you can learn to value and appreciate artifacts and images across cultures and times. Experience in design, art, and crafts enable everyone to reflect critically on their own work and those by others. You can also learn to act and think like designers and artists, working intelligently and creatively. You can also learn about the preservation of heritage through art.

- Enhances self-expression

By engaging in creative pursuits of music and arts and crafts, you can get the opportunity of expressing in a positive, tangible and meaningful way.

- Helps in socializing

Participating, with other students in art class, gives you the chance to interact with others while sharing common interests. The process of arts and crafts also strengthens parent-child bonding.

- Boosts confidence

Arts and craft activities help instill a sense of achievement and pride in yourself, boosting oneself-confidence.

Cognitive Benefits

- Enhances creativity
- Sharpens skills of decision making
- Enhances memory and visual learning

Activities like learning guitar, jewelry making, etc. need visualization and memorization of complex designs in mind.

- Arts and crafts not only help in the above traits but also in boosting academic performance. Above all these are activities filled with lots of fun for you and also for children.

In order to build a medium-sized basket (such as the one in Handout_3-1), which we took as a model to explain the procedure for making a handmade basket) we need the materials mentioned earlier (gift wrap or magazine sheets, scissors, acrylic transparent adhesive tape, one big needle and some fishing thread).

The first step in starting the process of making a handmade basket is to prepare the working materials

First of all, we need strips of paper cut to specific dimensions (17,5 cm x 8 cm), which cut in this way will look like a rectangle; these strips will be covered with adhesive tape along the strip, along the length of the rectangle, the equivalent of the size of 17,5 cm. The paper strips are covered with adhesive tape just to get the effect of waterproofing on the final product, the basket made by handmade technique.

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The handmade basket will consist of 2 components: the bottom of the basket and its base.

For the bottom of the basket, we will need 20 strips of paper, and for the base of the basket, which consists of two or three rows (each row requiring 24 strips) of another 48 strips or 72 strips; it depends on the height you want for your handmade basket. The total of strips needed is 68. For the basket made within 60 minutes, you will have time to make only 2 rows.

Before beginning the procedure of gluing the pieces (by sewing them), each strip of paper is to be wrapped using a special technique, that you will see following one of the recommended tutorials. Therefore, before you start packing the pieces or gluing them, you need to follow one of the following tutorials.

Explaining the technique in writing is a complicated and difficult to understand procedure, so I recommend following the tutorials in the links section; just to make it easier to understand the final product finishing process.

TIPS FOR FURTHER READING

Bibliography

- How to create a handmade basket: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvpRI7A80JM>
- How to create a handmade handbag made from paper/bolso de bricolaje hecho de papel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRzGQTy-qEc>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPG8QBoGgNw&t=200s>

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