

Art for Kids, Youth & Adults

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Children enjoy CLAY PLAY

The materials are easy to provide. A large piece of heavy cardboard covered with oilcloth makes a simple working surface. The oilcloth makes cleanup easy! Just wipe it clean after each use. Both recipes that follow are non toxic. Cookie dough can be thought of as clay. The following two recipes are particularly adaptable for this kind of play, and cookie dough creations can be eaten!"

LIGHT COOKIE DOUGH

<i>1/2 cup shortening</i>	<i>1 teaspoon lemon flavoring</i>
<i>1/3 cup sugar</i>	<i>3 cups sifted flour</i>
<i>1 egg</i>	<i>1 teaspoon baking soda</i>
<i>2/3 cup honey</i>	<i>1 teaspoon salt</i>

Combine shortening, sugar, egg, honey, and lemon flavoring. Blend well. Sift remaining ingredients and add slowly to the first mixture.

The child can mold figures of this or it can be rolled out to a thickness of one-quarter inch or more and cut with cookie cutters or a plastic knife. When the figures are finished place them on a cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Watch carefully.

BAKERS CLAY

<i>4 cups flour</i>	<i>1 1/2 cups water</i>
<i>1 cup salt</i>	

Mix together with hands. If dough is too sticky, add more flour. Knead four to six minutes. After the figures are molded bake at 350 degrees for one hour or more, depending on size and thickness.

BLOTTO!

Blottos are paintings that don't require a brush. The only materials needed are a hard-finish paper, mixed tempera, and a child's hand. Fold the paper in half and crease it sharply. Open it and drop about six drops of paint near the crease in the paper. Fold it again and let the child rub with the palm of his hand. You can repeat this procedure using three or four different colors of paint. The child will be delighted every time he opens the paper and sees the design take shape as the colors blend together.

STRAW BLOWING!

As with blottos, straw blowing requires a hard-finish paper. Give the child a plastic straw and have him practice blowing through the straw. Very young children will be more inclined to suck rather than blow - that's why the practice is necessary! Put a few drops of paint on the paper and have the child blow. Be sure he holds the straw as close to the paint as possible without getting it into the paint. These pictures often have a delightful delicacy!

SPONGE PRINTING

Kids enjoy simple printing techniques of any kind. All paper lends itself to sponge printing. Provide several colors of paint. Cottage cheese container lids work well for paint containers. Cut small sponges into different shapes. Also try pieces of fruits and vegetables, buttons, spools, bottle caps, and clothespins. The object in the paint and presses onto the paper. He'll be delighted and amused at the designs he creates.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Eric Shoemaker, Shelby Baird, Farley Norman, Madi Wedding, Jordan Blake, C.J. Hamilton, Madison Douthit, Dalin Allen, Nathan Byrne, Clara Dixon, Mikey Miller, Madison Walker.

Email your birth date to ppc@henderson.net so we can wish you a "Happy Birthday".

Artist of the Month

Emily Deig



Emily is a talented 17 year old sophomore at Henderson County High School. Congratulations, Emily, for being our March Artist of the Month.

Share your "Art Accomplishments"!

If you have received recognition in an art competition, or exhibit, email your info to us and we'll include it in our newsletter.

Ms. Pem's Art for Kids Goes to Niagara School !

Ms. Pem extended her art classroom from Worsham Hall in downtown Henderson to Niagara School for a special 6 week session. "I am so impressed with the Niagara students", Ms. Pem said recently. "They are among the brightest, most talented and most polite students I have had in my twenty years. They are a joy!" Twenty-two students are enrolled in the class learning drawing and painting techniques.

If you would like for Ms. Pem to come to your school, to teach a class or do a program, email her at ppc@henderson.net.

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Contact Ms. Clark to speak to your church group, club, community organization or professional group on artistic development in children.

RIVERVIEW CAFÉ EXHIBIT

We are currently preparing for an art exhibit beginning in April at the newly expanded Riverview Café, located at 130 North Water Street, in Henderson. Any student with a piece of artwork you would like to include in the exhibit, may bring it by Gallery Gifts & Bridal, 311 North Main Street, before March 31st. The piece must be framed and matted with a wire on the back. Questions? Email me! ppc@henderson.net.

CLIP! CLIP!

When a young child begins cutting, he first snips with the scissors. He usually repeats snips along an edge of a piece of paper. To encourage him in cutting, provide some small scraps of paper which can be snipped, then glued on a background paper to make a fun splash of color. Cutting in a straight line across a piece of paper is the next step in a child's development with scissors.

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