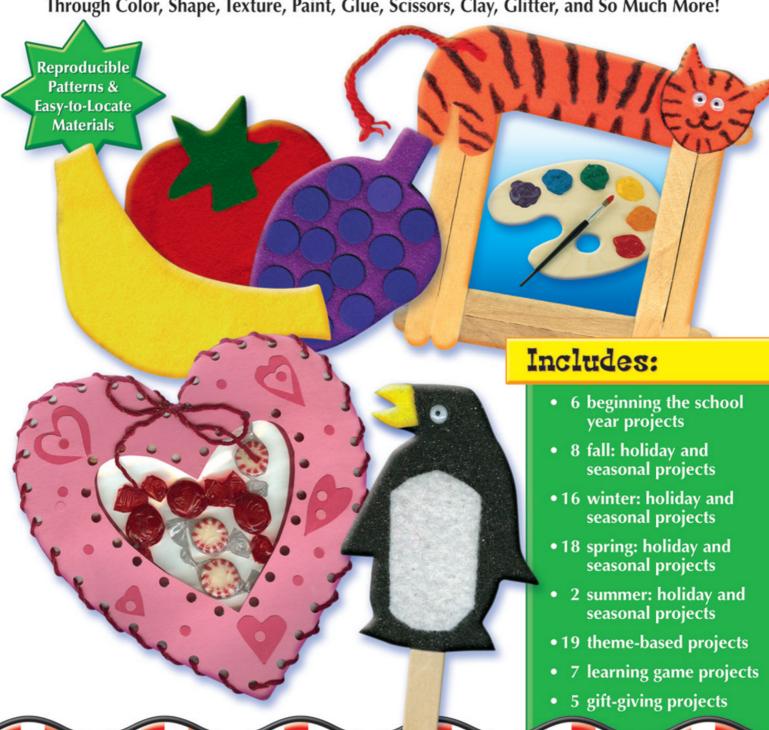
# Year Long

Increase Creativity (and lots of other stuff)

Through Color, Shape, Texture, Paint, Glue, Scissors, Clay, Glitter, and So Much More!





# Introduction

Try to imagine a world without paintings, sculpture, drawings, or pottery? The importance of art in a child's education is undeniable! Through the experience of art, children can learn more about the world around them; they can learn to be better communicators; they can develop increased motor skills; and they can improve and enhance their reasoning, problem-solving, and other higher-order thinking skills.

Art All Year Long provides projects that help children use and apply various types of media, techniques, and processes—a content standard in art education. These projects can be chosen according to season, holiday, specific instructional theme, special gift-giving projects, or projects that may support a particular area of curriculum or learning game.

Incorporate art into your weekly lesson plans. Provide your students with projects that will help them develop a sense of color, line, shape, form, texture, and space. Not only will your students learn from these art projects and experiences, but they will also have a ton of fun!

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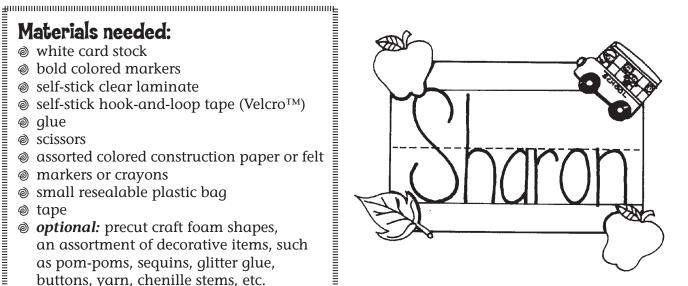
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# Desk Nameplate

Start off the school year by helping students learn and remember one another's names. This desk nameplate exercise also provides the students an opportunity to practice learning the letters of their own names and printing or writing them correctly. The nameplate can be attached to the students' desks or to their chairs.

- Materials needed:

  ② white card stock
  ③ bold colored markers
  ③ self-stick clear laminate
  ③ self-stick hook-and-loop tape (Velcro™)
  ② glue
  ③ scissors
  ③ assorted colored construction paper or felt
  ③ markers or crayons
  ③ small resealable plastic bag
  ② tape
  ③ optional: precut craft foam shapes,
  an assortment of decorative items, such
  as pom-poms, sequins, glitter glue,
  buttons, yarn, chenille stems, etc.



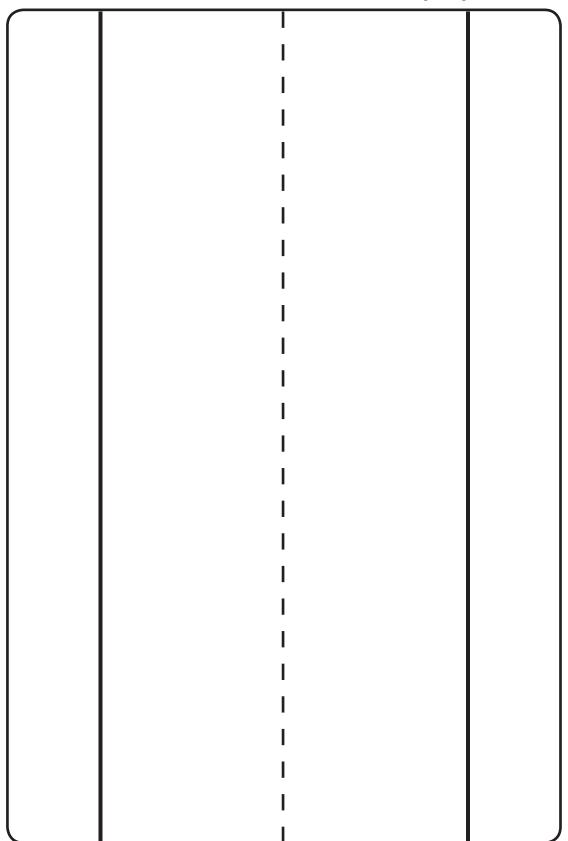
# **Directions:**

- 1. Reproduce the nameplate on the following page onto white card stock.
- 2. Write each child's name or let each child write their own name with bold colored markers neatly on the preprinted lines.
- 3. Cover both sides of the nameplate with clear laminate. Seal the front and back paper sheets together and trim the excess about 1/4 in. (6 mm) out from the edge of the name plate.
- 4. Glue a small piece of self-stick hook-and-loop tape near each corner of the front of the nameplate and let it dry.
- 5. Reproduce the seasonal patterns (pages 7–8) or any other theme appropriate patterns found in this book onto card stock paper.
- 6. Cut out the patterns and color with crayons or markers, or use as patterns to cut felt or construction paper shapes. Decorate the shapes with pom-poms, sequins, glitter glue, yarn, etc.
- 7. Cut a small piece of self-stick hook-and-loop tape (opposite of what is on the name plate) and glue to the back of each decoration.
- 8. Place changeable nameplate decorations that aren't in use in a small resealable plastic bag. Tape the bag of decorations to the back of the nameplate for storage if desired.
- 9. Tape the nameplate to a desk and decorate.

Make basic nameplates ahead of time for younger children to decorate. Purchase precut felt or foam shapes or cut your own.

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# Apple Name Tag

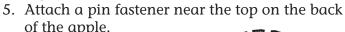
Help ease the stress of trying to remember students' names during the first days of school. This apple name tag will not only help both you and the students learn and remember one another's names, but it will also make an awesome accessory for the children to wear.

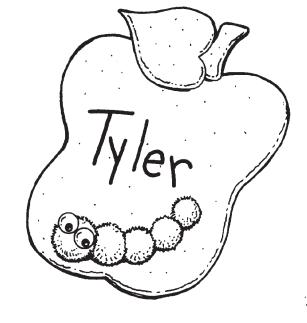
# Materials needed: o red and green felt o assorted pom-poms o 2 wiggle eyes o pin fastener o scissors o glue o marker

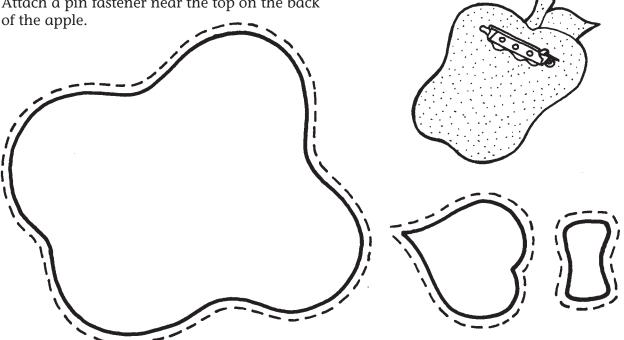
## **Directions:**

- 1. Cut red apple and green leaf and stem pattern pieces from the felt.
- 2. Glue the green stem and leaf to the apple shape.

- 3. Create a worm by gluing together several pompoms end to end near the bottom of the apple. Glue the wiggle eyes to the worm's head.
- 4. Write the child's name on the front of the name









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# Pencil Desk Plate

It's always important to have desk plates. They not only help to remind you of the students' names, but they give the students a sense of belonging and ownership. This pencil desk plate is simple to create and bolsters the students' pride when attached to their desks.

- Materials needed:

  ② pencil
  ② pencil pattern
  ③ foil
  ③ yellow, tan, black, and red craft foam
  ③ medium-tip black marker
  ② glue
  ③ glitter (any color)
  ③ self-stick hook-and-loop tape (Velcro™)

# **Directions:**

- 1. Trace the pencil pattern onto the yellow (or other desired color) craft foam. Cut the pencil out.
- 2. Trace the eraser pattern onto the red craft foam. Cut it out and glue it to the end of the pencil shape.
- 3. Trace the pointed wooden part of the pencil tip pattern onto tan craft foam and cut it out. Glue it to the tip of the yellow pencil.
- 4. Trace and cut out the tiny pencil lead pattern from the black craft foam and glue it onto the tip of the tan piece.
- 5. Trace the pattern for the metal pencil top onto foil. Cut it out and glue it next to the red eraser top. Using a real pencil as a guide, draw the lines and dots onto the foil with a black marker.
- 6. Write (or help the child write) the child's name on the pencil in glue. Sprinkle the desired color glitter on the name and shake off the excess.
- 7. Cut two strips of magnetic tape 1 in. (25 mm) wide and glue or adhere them to the back of each end of the pencil.



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