



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



Cloverbud Fun Zone

Hands-on Activities

Crayon Monogram Wall Art

Materials Needed:

- White canvas board - A4 size, square, the bigger, the better
- Lots of crayons - cheap variety ones that are no good to color with
- Washi tape/ duct tape
- Monogram letter paper cutout
- Sharpeners or a grater
- Heat gun or an oven

Instructions:

Step 1: Gather your supplies and line your work area with old newspapers.

Step 2: On the canvas board, make your letter of choice by lining duct tape or washi tape. You can also use a cutout of a paper monogram and stick it to the canvas using a glue stick.

Step 3: Remove all the wrappers from the crayons. Get the kids to use a sharpener or a grate to make a lot of crayon shavings.

Step 4: Once your canvas is covered in crayon shavings, use a heat gun at a low setting and carefully heat the crayon bits. Be careful as they melt really fast. Heat them just enough so that tiny blobs of color are formed.

Alternatively, you can pop the canvas into a microwave oven for 10 seconds. If you mix the colors too much, the darker colors overpower the lighter ones and make one gooey mess. A beautiful mess, but still a mess.

Step 5: You can also use the crayon drip method to create art pieces with perfect dots.

Step 6: Let dry.

Step 7: Once it is completely cooled, peel off the duct tape or washi tape or paper monogram to reveal your melted crayon monogram wall art masterpiece.

Ice Breakers

Beach Ball Game

Materials needed:

- Beach Ball

Instructions:

Step 1: Have the group stand in a circle, start passing the ball to one another while saying the member's name, they are passing it to.

Step 2: Then, ask them to pass the ball while keeping track of who they pass to and who passes it to them. Finally, have the group repeat the same passing pattern.

Cottonball Scoop

Materials needed:

- Large cotton balls
- 2 spatulas
- 2 blindfolds
- 2 bowls

Instructions:

Step 1: Lay out cotton balls onto two tables. Break into two teams and blindfold the first member of each team.

Step 2: Once blind folded, give them a spatula and a bowl.

Step 3: When you say go, give them 20 seconds to scoop as many cotton balls into their bowls as they can, once they are done pass on to the next teammate. The team with the most cotton balls at the end wins.

Service Project Idea

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