



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



Cloverbud Fun Zone

Hands-on Activities

Bean Bag Making

Materials Needed:

- 11 inch balloons (3/youth)
- Funnel
- 3/4 cup dried beans or rice
- Scissors

Instructions:

Step 1: Inflate 1 balloon halfway and hold for 30 seconds then deflate.

Step 2: Place the funnel in the balloon and pour 3/4 cups of beans/rice into the balloon.

Step 3: Snip off the balloons rubber lip. On the second balloon cut off the neck and gently stretch the opening.

Step 4: Take the second balloon over the filled balloon tucking the neck as you go.

Step 5: Cut off the neck on the third balloon, stretch the opening and ease over the other two.

Marble Shaving Cream

Materials Needed:

- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- Wood skewer
- White cardstock
- 9 x 13 dish/pan/paper plates
- Paper towels

Instructions:

Step 1: Spray enough shaving cream to just cover the bottom of the pan, and then use a spatula or knife to spread it in an even layer. Squeeze drops of food coloring throughout the pan of shaving cream.

Step 2: Use wood skewer to make swirls throughout the shaving cream, making sure to get the desired marbled look without over stirring. (Don't over stir your design!)

Step 3: Place a piece of cardstock on top of the shaving cream and press down. Gently lift the cardstock up and out of the shaving cream and place on paper towels, shaving cream side up.

Step 4: Start with one side and scrape the shaving cream off in one motion using a ruler. Discard shaving cream into trash or sink and let the paper dry completely. Place heavy books to flatten paper if it bubbles up after drying.

Ice Breakers

School Bus

Instructions:

Step 1: Tape a line of duct tape down the middle of the room.

Step 2: Select a bus driver, the bus driver will shout out pairs of stops (ex. cats or dogs, if you like cats you sit on one side of the bus and if you like dogs sit on the other side of the bus).

Service Project Idea

No-Sew Dog Toy

Materials Needed:

- Fleece fabric (durable, does not fray)
- Large binder clip to hold the braid in place

Instructions:

Step 1: Fold the fabric in half so the selvages are together, then trim away the selvage edge (the fabric that was attached to the loom).

Step 2: Use your ruler and rotary cutter to measure and cut a 3.5" strips. Repeat two more times.

Step 3: Trim the edges if the three strips are different lengths.

Step 4: Find the center of each fabric strip and stake the strips together. Use a binder clip (or a partner!) to hold them together.

Step 5: Braid the center loop handle. Begin braiding by first curling the strips a bit so the edges are not showing.

Step 6: Braid about 6 inches from the center. Move the binder clip to the bottom of the braid to hold it. Turn the project over and braid the other 6" or so from the center starting point. When done, fold the braid in the center. The tail ends should be about the same length on both sides.

Step 7: Braid the rope. Match a fabric from the left side with fabric on the right. Match colors if the fabrics are different. If the fabrics are all the same color, it does not matter which piece you match on either side. Lay the two matched pieces together to form one. Curl them so the edges are not showing. Braid the now-thick three strips together. Try to braid the fabrics tightly. Stop when you near the end. Knot the end.

Step 8: Take the whole top and loop to make a knot. Slide and pull the knot tight to the end. Use scissors to trim the edges even.

Step 9: Donate your toys to your local animal shelter/vet office.