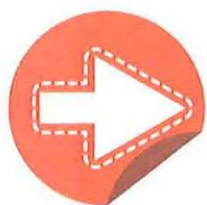




# Meeting 18 I'm an Artist



Here are three fun ways to guide Busy Bees in exploring the world of art. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities partially fulfill the requirements for the Artist award.

## ACTIVITY

# 1

# Fold and Mix Paintings

20  
MINUTES

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Newspaper
- Smocks
- White construction paper, 14 × 17 in (35.5 × 43 cm)
- Tempera paint: red, yellow, and blue
- Containers for the paint
- Cups with water
- Paper towels
- Paintbrushes, 1 in (2.5 cm) width
- Hair dryer
- A book about artists such as *Artist* by Heather Miller (Heinemann-Raintree, 2003) or *What Is an Artist?* by Barbara Lehn (Millbrook, 2002)

### WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cover the work area with newspaper.

Begin by reading a book about artists to the Busy Bees. When you are done, ask the children what they learned from the book. Then tell them that sometimes we call God the “Master Artist.” Ask them why they think we call God an artist.

Next have the children put on smocks and get a paintbrush and a sheet of paper, while the parents/guardians get a paper plate with red, yellow, and blue paint and a cup of water.

Now it’s time to paint! Have the children fold the paper in half (from short side to short side). Then have them paint red, yellow, and green spots on one half of the paper. The next step is to fold the unpainted half of the paper onto the painted half. They should gently rub the outside of the paper before opening the paper up to see the design they created.

Now repeat the process all over, except have the children mix the paint to make different colors and then paint dots on another sheet of paper. Let them make as many paintings as you have time and supplies for. It’s a fun way to be creative and learn about color.

Red + Yellow = Orange

Red + Blue = Purple

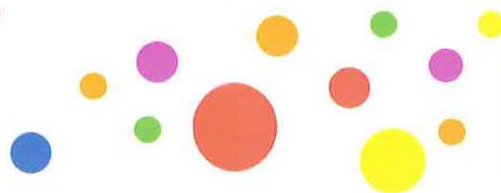
Yellow + Blue = Green



### TIP

The books mentioned in this guide can be found on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca) or at your local library.

You're doing great!



# Shapes and Textures

## WHAT YOU DO

15  
MINUTES

Begin by passing around some objects and asking the Busy Bees to describe how the objects feel. Tell them this is the object's texture. Then lay a piece of paper on one of the textured objects and lightly scribble back and forth with a colored pencil over the object. Hold the paper up and let the children see the texture on the paper. Now have the children try it. Encourage them to fill up the entire sheet of paper, use different colors of pencils, and overlap textures.

On a new sheet of paper, have the children trace around the objects and color them in with different colored pencils. Again encourage them to fill up the entire sheet of paper and let them know it's okay for the shapes to overlap.

This is a fun activity to do outside if you have time and are in the right location. You can let the children find their own objects to trace.

## 2 ACTIVITY

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Textured objects: tree bark, keys, sandpaper, leaves, shells, etc.
- Objects to trace: leaves, shells, twigs, rocks, keys, etc.
- Paper
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpeners



## ACTIVITY

# 3

## Decorative Tiles

10  
MINUTES

### WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cover the work area with newspaper.

Show the Busy Bees a couple of tiles that you have already decorated. Keep the drawings simple or make designs. Explain to the children that permanent markers don't wash off, so they need to keep it off their clothes, the tables, and each other.

You can let the children draw whatever they want or you can choose a theme and have their decorated tiles go along with the theme. Have the children first draw their picture or design on a piece of scrap paper. Then they can copy the design onto the tile.

Once they have finished decorating the tile, lightly spray each tile with clear acrylic sealer (if done too heavily it will run). Make sure to do this in a well-ventilated area.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Glazed white ceramic tiles, 4 × 4 in (10 × 10 cm) or larger
- Smocks
- Newspaper
- Scrap paper cut the same size as the tiles
- Permanent markers in a variety of colors
- Clear acrylic sealer spray (Mod Podge spray)



**Award: Artist**

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 126 and add activities as needed.