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Wee Beginner (0 - 18 months) - Fall Handprint Wreath

What You Need

- Paper plates
- Construction paper in red, orange, yellow, brown and green
- Washable paint in red, orange, yellow, brown and green
- 1 to 2 bunches of fake fall coloured leaves.
- Ribbon
- Scissors

Handprint Wreath

- 1. Cut a circle out of the middle of your paper plate creating a paper plate ring. This will be the base of your wreath.
- 2. Using a paint brush paint red paint onto one hand and make handprints on the orange, yellow, brown and green paper. Paint the other hand Brown then make hand prints on the red, orange, yellow and green paper. Wash the paint off to get cleaned up to make more handprints. Continue painting hand with paint and making handprints with each of the remaining colours making sure to not make handprints on paper of the same colour. For example no red handprints on red paper. Making handprints on different coloured paper allows the handprints stand out much more.
- 3. Cut out handprints.
- 4. Separate fake leaves so they are ready to be glued to the wreath.
- 5. Tie a ribbon around the ring and make a loop. The ribbon will most likely get covered up as the leaves and handprint leaves get glued to the ring but the loop will remain as a way to hang the wreath when finished.
- 6. Glue fake leaves around the wreath. The number of fake leaves you use is up to you but I would suggest using at least 7 to 10. Tip: Placing the paper plate ring around the bottom of an over turned bowl helps keep the ring elevated from the table helping the leaves stay on the ring better while gluing and while the glue dries. Once the glue is dry the wreath can be removed from the over turned bowl and the leaves will stay attached.
- 7. Glue handprint leaves to the wreath. Use at least one handprint of each colour although more is always fine. The fake leaves are attached to the ring first to create a background colour while the handprints "leaves" are glued on top to make sure that they stand out the most.
- 8. Let the wreath set until all the glue is dried completely.
- 9. Hang on the wall, a door, or anywhere else you choose.











Wee Explorer (18 months - 3 years) - Tissue Paper Acorn

What You Need:

- Green, red, yellow, orange coloured tissue paper
- Glue
- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil

- 1. Draw a large acorn shape on the brown construction paper and cut it out.
- 2. Draw a line to show where the "cap" of the acorn would be.
- 3. Have your child cut/tear small pieces of tissue paper and ball them up.
- 4. Once you have a lot of different coloured tissue paper balls you can have your child start gluing them to the "cap" of the acorn.













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Wee Builder (3 – 4 years) – Toilet Paper Roll Scarecrow

What You Need:

- Toilet paper roll
- Popsicle stick
- Muffin cup
- Construction paper
- Masking tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers

- 1. Cut 2 slits down your toilet paper roll, opposite each other and about 2/3 down the roll.
- 2. Slide your Popsicle stick into the slits. Wrap the top 1/3 of the roll with masking tape (to make the Scarecrow's face, and to keep the toilet paper roll together).
- 3. Cut a strip of yellow construction paper about 5" X 11/2" big. Cut fringe at either end. Fold it to fit the top of the toilet paper roll and glue on.
- 4. Once your Scarecrow's hair is on go ahead and draw on a face and glue on your muffin cup hat. Add a little more colour by cutting out small square patches for your Scarecrow.













Wee Learner (4 - 5 years) - Cupcake Liner Tree

What You Need:

- Blue cardstock paper
- Brown lunch bag
- Fall/autumn coloured mini cupcake liners
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Crayons

- 1. Cut a strip out of your brown lunch sack to use as the trunk. Crinkle it up a bit and then flatten it out and glue it onto your blue cardstock paper.
- 2. Flatten out your mini cupcake liners and glue them onto your paper to make your leaves.
- 3. Use your crayons to colour grass at the bottom of your paper.













Wee Expert (5 - 6 years) - Apple Tree Craft

What You Need:

- Green tissue paper
- Brown construction paper
- White paper
- Red buttons
- Pencil
- Glue
- Scissors

- 1. Trace your child's arm and hands on the brown construction paper
- 2. With scissors, cut it out and glue it to the white paper
- 3. Tear off pieces of green tissue paper and scrunch it up. Then glue around the fingers.
- 4. Glue on the red buttons.













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Wee Mentor (6+ years) - Salt Dough Fall Ornaments

What You Need:

- Salt Dough
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water

Mix the ingredients together. Knead the dough together.

Other Materials

- Red, orange and brown paint
- Fall shape cookie cutters
- Circle cookie cutter
- Paint brushes
- Mod Podge (optional)
- Straw
- Ribbon

- 1. Make the salt dough and roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness.
- 2. Using a round cookie cutter cut out circles.
- 3. Use fall shape cookie cutter and press lightly into the dough
- 4. Using a straw, we punched out little holes so the ornaments could go on a string after it has been baked.
- 5. Bake the ornaments at 250 for 2.5 + hours. Let these cool completely before painting.
- 6. Paint the leaf, pumpkin or acorn section with red, orange and/or yellow acrylic craft paint.
- 7. After the paint dries, add another layer of watered down, brown acrylic paint. Just add water to a dark brown paint and mix it together. The watered down paint seeps into the cracks to bring out texture in the ornaments and gives a cool looking brown wash over the top.
- 8. You can add Mod Podge to the ornaments once they are dry to give a glazed effect.











