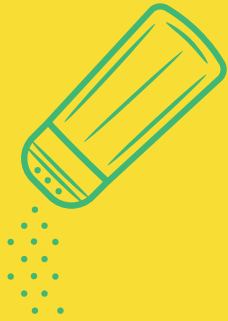




5 School-Age Art Activities

Fun and Creative Projects for Families and Educators

1



Salt Painting

Children draw a design on heavy paper using white glue. Before the glue dries, sprinkle salt generously over the glue lines. Shake off the excess salt. Once dry, use watercolor paints or food coloring to gently touch the salt with a paintbrush, watching the colors spread and blend across the salt crystals.

2



Paper Quilling

Show children how to roll thin strips of paper using a quilling tool or toothpick. They can create various shapes, such as circles, teardrops, and spirals. These shapes can then be arranged and glued onto cardstock to create intricate designs or pictures.

3



Tissue Paper Stained Glass

Cut out a frame from black construction paper and then cut shapes within the frame (like a window). Children can then cut pieces of tissue paper and glue them to the back of the frame, covering the cut-out shapes. When hung in a window, the light will shine through, creating a stained glass effect.

4



Foil Embossing

Cut a piece of cardboard to the desired size. Have children create a design on the cardboard using glue and yarn, pressing the yarn down firmly. Once the glue dries, cover the entire board with aluminum foil, pressing gently to ensure the foil adheres closely to the yarn and reveals the design. Rub the foil lightly with a soft cloth to enhance the embossed effect. To add dimension, gently rub black shoe polish or paint over the foil, then wipe off the excess to create an antique effect.

5



String Art

Start by drawing or printing a simple design on paper (like a heart, star, or initial). Place the paper on the board and hammer nails or insert pushpins along the outline of the design, spaced about half an inch apart. Remove the paper, then tie one end of the string to a nail and begin wrapping it around the nails in various patterns to fill in the design.