

CELEBRATE YOUTH ARTS MONTH: KEEPING TIME WITH A CUCKOO CLOCK

WELCOME TO YOUTH ARTS MONTH LESSON 11!

Daylight saving time (DST) is when we advance clocks so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less.

To help kids understand more about time, they create their own replica of a cuckoo clock. Cuckoo!

Supplies

- * crayons
- * non-toxic glue sticks
- * blunt-tip scissors
- * construction paper
- * brass paper fasteners



Directions:

1. To make the base for your clock, place a sheet of dark construction paper in a vertical (up and down) position. Choose another sheet of construction paper for your clock's roof. With scissors, cut out a triangle that is wider than the clock base and is about half as tall. Cut out a square for your cuckoo clock in the middle of your triangle. With a glue stick, attach the triangle to the top of the rectangle.
2. With crayons on white construction paper, draw a circle so that it will fit inside the rectangle. Cut out the circle and glue it onto the rectangle. This is the clock face. Write in the numerals from 1 to 12.
3. Draw two clock hands - a larger minute hand and smaller hour hand - on construction paper and cut out the hands. Insert a brass paper fastener through the ends of both clock hands and then in the middle of the clock face. Spread the brad apart on the back of the clock.

4. Draw a cuckoo to fit the square opening on top of your clock. Cut it out and color your bird with crayons.

5. To make your cuckoo pop out from the clock, cut out a thin paper rectangle. Fold it like an accordion. Glue one end of the folded paper on the back of the clock just below the square opening. Pull the paper through the opening to the front of the clock and glue your cuckoo on that end.

6. Using crayons, decorate the roof and around the face of your clock with brightly colored flowers, leaves, acorns, deer or other forest items.



Safety Guidelines:

1. Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.
2. ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.



Interesting Info:

Benjamin Franklin first mentioned saving daylight in 1784 in a humorous letter urging people to save money by getting up earlier to use morning sunlight, thereby burning fewer candles in the evening. Franklin's letter was in the spirit of his earlier proverb "Early to bed and early to rise / Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

The first cuckoo clock was made by Anton Keterer in Schönwald, located in the Black Forest region of Germany.



Art Thought for the Day:

What counts is not the number of hours you put in,
but how much you put in the hours.

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