

# Celebrate Youth Arts Month: Build a Convoy of Shoebox Trucks!

**Welcome to Youth Arts Month Lesson 30!**  
**Make your very own shoebox convoy of cargo trucks  
for loads of fun!**

## Supplies:

- \* washable paint & brushes
- \* metallic crayons
- \* gel markers
- \* no-run school glue
- \* recycled newspaper
- \* recycled boxes
- \* poster board
- \* construction paper
- \* paper towels
- \* container of water
- \* cardboard tube



## Directions:

Ready to make a truck to call your own? You can make any kind of truck you like with recycled boxes. Use these ideas to get started.

1. Cover your art area with newspaper. Paint a recycled shoebox, cardboard rolls and/or other small boxes with washable paint & a brush. Air-dry your truck pieces.
2. Use scissors to cut out construction paper or poster board to make a cab, driver, wheels, bumpers and any other truck parts.
3. Decorate your truck and its parts with gel markers and metallic crayons. Draw your road on poster board.
4. Use school glue to attach the truck's parts. As soon as the glue air-dries, your truck is ready to roll down the road!



### Safety Guidelines:

Safety guidelines recommend this art project as suitable for children ages 4 years and older. 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.



### Parents:

Make your convoy a family affair! Have each person in your family make a different kind of truck – dump truck, moving van, cement truck, 18-wheeler, etc. Great fun for all!



### Educators:

Want a great way to coordinate this lesson with geography? Have your students research and draw a map of major truck routes in your state. It's a fun and educational way to learn!



### Interesting Info:

A fully loaded truck can weigh as much as 80,000 pounds (40.64 t). Most cars weigh about 3,000 pounds (1.5 t). In the United States, 78% of all freight is hauled by truck.



### Art Thought for the Day:

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson ~ essayist and poet

