

CELEBRATE YOUTH ARTS MONTH!

MAKE A SOUVENIR SUITCASE

WELCOME TO YOUTH ARTS MONTH LESSON 12!

CHILDREN ALWAYS NEED PLACES TO STORE THEIR TRAVEL TREASURES & THE SOUVENIR SUITCASE IS JUST THE TICKET!

TAKE A DREAM VACATION WITH THEM AS THEY COVER THEIR SUITCASE WITH HANDMADE TRAVEL STICKERS.

Supplies

- * crayons
- * markers
- * non-toxic glue sticks
- * blunt-tip scissors
- * recycled boxes
- * construction paper
- * ribbon
- * white paper (optional)



Directions:

1. Choose a box for your suitcase. A one-piece sneaker box is great because the lid is attached.
2. Cut construction or white paper into rectangles with scissors. Draw pictures of places you have visited or hope to visit on your travel stickers. Use crayons and markers to create scenes of parks, picnics, famous places, cities, beaches or mountains. You could also include vehicles such as cars or planes.
3. Write travel words or destinations on more rectangles. Have fun! Visit the Big Apple! Customs! are some examples. Make up more words of your own.
4. Attach stickers to your Souvenir Suitcase with non-toxic glue sticks. Point them in different directions to cover your suitcase.
5. To make a suitcase handle, ask an adult to poke two holes through one end of the box. Thread ribbon through the holes and knot the ends inside the box.

More!



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.



Parents & Educators:

Your kids can make their suitcases right before you leave for vacation, while on vacation or as soon as you return from your trip!

Campers can make their suitcases on the very first day of camp and save all the neat stuff they collected to take home!



Interesting Info:

No one knows exactly who invented the suitcase. We do know that originally suitcases were made of leather or cardboard and were used mainly for transporting clothes and other possessions during trips.



Art Thought for the Day:

Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.

Harold V. Melchert ~ writer

