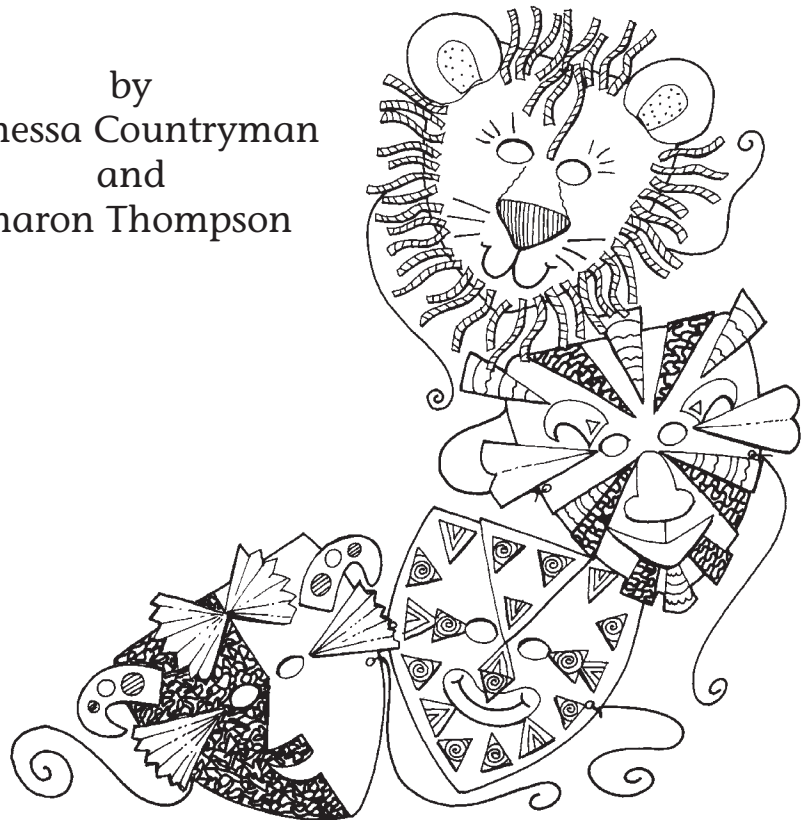
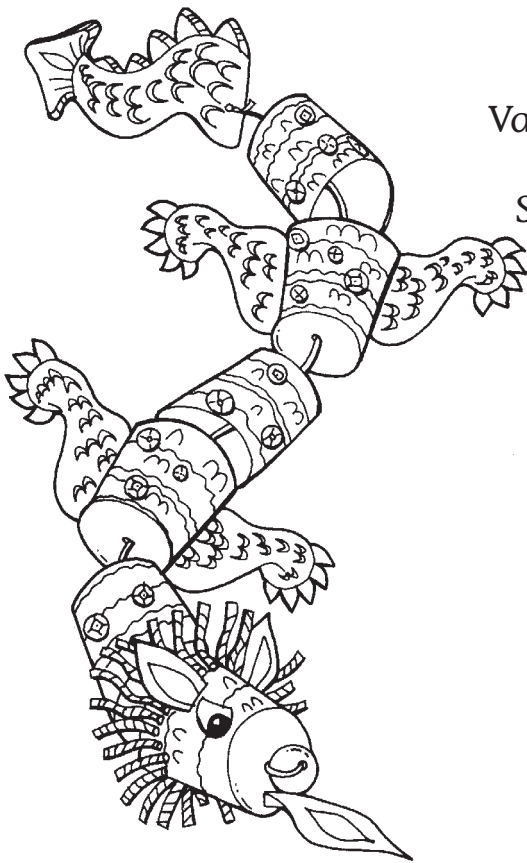




# Art All Year Long

Increase Creativity (and lots of other stuff)  
Through Color, Shape, Texture, Paint, Glue,  
Scissors, Clay, and So Much More!

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# Introduction

Try to imagine a world without paintings, sculpture, drawings, or pottery? The importance of art in a child's education is undeniable! Through the experience of art, children can learn more about the world around them; they can learn to be better communicators; they can develop increased motor skills; and they can improve and enhance their reasoning, problem-solving, and other higher-order thinking skills.

*Art All Year Long* provides projects that help children use and apply various types of media, techniques, and processes—a content standard in art education. These projects can be chosen according to season, holiday, specific instructional theme, special gift-giving projects, or projects that may support a particular area of curriculum or learning game.

Incorporate art into your weekly lesson plans. Provide your students with projects that will help them develop a sense of color, line, shape, form, texture, and space. Not only will your students learn from these art projects and experiences, but they will also have a ton of fun!

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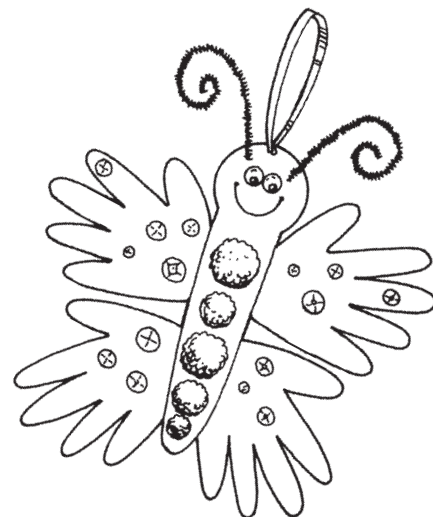
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# Desk Nameplate

Start off the school year by helping students learn and remember one another's names. This desk nameplate exercise also provides the students an opportunity to practice learning the letters of their own names and printing or writing them correctly. The nameplate can be attached to the students' desks or to their chairs.

## Materials needed:

- ⊗ white card stock
- ⊗ bold colored markers
- ⊗ self-stick clear laminate
- ⊗ self-stick hook-and-loop tape (Velcro™)
- ⊗ glue
- ⊗ scissors
- ⊗ assorted colored construction paper or felt
- ⊗ markers or crayons
- ⊗ small resealable plastic bag
- ⊗ tape
- ⊗ **optional:** precut craft foam shapes, an assortment of decorative items, such as pom-poms, sequins, glitter glue, buttons, yarn, chenille stems, etc.



## Directions:

1. Reproduce the nameplate on the following page onto white card stock.
2. Write each child's name or let each child write their own name with bold colored markers neatly on the preprinted lines.
3. Cover both sides of the nameplate with clear laminate. Seal the front and back paper sheets together and trim the excess about 1/4 in. (6 mm) out from the edge of the name plate.
4. Glue a small piece of self-stick hook-and-loop tape near each corner of the front of the nameplate and let it dry.
5. Reproduce the seasonal patterns (pages 7–8) or any other theme appropriate patterns found in this book onto card stock paper.
6. Cut out the patterns and color with crayons or markers, or use as patterns to cut felt or construction paper shapes. Decorate the shapes with pom-poms, sequins, glitter glue, yarn, etc.
7. Cut a small piece of self-stick hook-and-loop tape (opposite of what is on the name plate) and glue to the back of each decoration.
8. Place changeable nameplate decorations that aren't in use in a small resealable plastic bag. Tape the bag of decorations to the back of the nameplate for storage if desired.
9. Tape the nameplate to a desk and decorate.

## Tip:

Make basic nameplates ahead of time for younger children to decorate. Purchase precut felt or foam shapes or cut your own.



Desk Nameplate

Beginning the School Year Project

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