

Shamrocks

Materials

- shamrock patterns (page 47)
- light and dark green tempera paint
- light and dark green construction paper
- 3 cookie sheets with sides
- hand soap, water and towels
- newspaper
- gold glitter
- safety scissors
- glue or a stapler

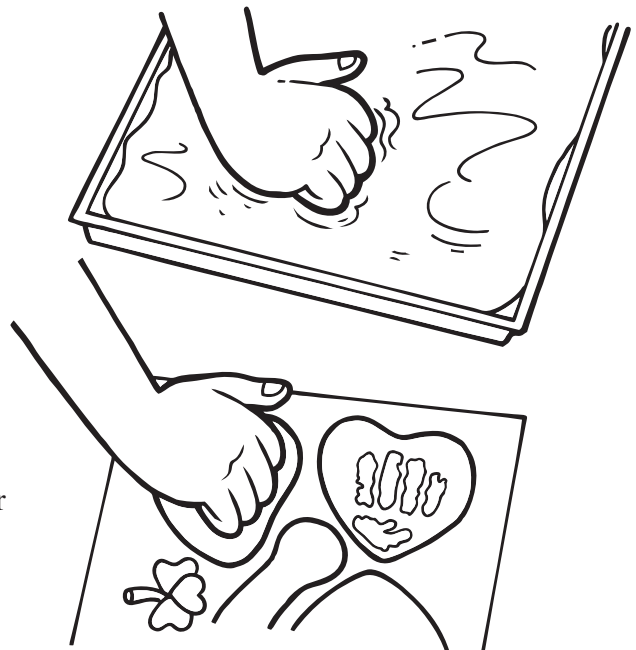


Preparation

1. Prepare an area for painting and establish a cleanup area close by.
2. Place the two trays on newspaper. Pour a thin layer of each color green in a different cookie tray. This will be the Paint Station.
3. Use the third cookie tray for a Glitter Station. Place the container of glitter in the tray.
4. Make copies of the shamrock patterns for each student on different colors of green paper. Assemble one for demonstration purposes.

Procedure

1. Have students choose the paper color they prefer and have them cut out the four pieces.
2. Assemble the shamrock by stapling or gluing the leaflets to the stem.
3. Demonstrate to students how to hold their hands in fists, thumbs up, and dip their hands into the tray of green paint and then onto the shamrock to create a print. Have them practice on a table or desk, explaining that a fist print should fit into each of the leaflets of the shamrock.
4. Have each student take his or her completed shamrock to the Paint Station and choose the color green they wish to use to decorate their shamrock.
5. Make three fist prints, one on each leaflet and proceed to the Glitter Station while the paint is still wet.
6. Place the painted shamrock on the tray in the Glitter Station and sprinkle glitter on the wet paint. Shake off the extra glitter into the tray and set the shamrock aside to dry.



Shamrock Patterns

