

## **WOOLEN ANGELS/RAINBOW VOTIVES**

**First Grade**

**Planned Number of Participants: 300**

**Classroom Coordinator:**

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**Children create soft woolen angels in traditional Waldorf style or construct a festive shimmering star.**

### **Materials:**

- White wool roving
- Twine/raffia
- Tissue paper
- Candle votives
- Candles
- Modge podge
- Small paper bags
- Paint brushes
- Roll of paper to cover tables/desks
- Tarps to cover the floor
- Scissors
- Tape
- Broom, dustpan, cleaning wipes, paper towels, sponge, cleaning spray
- Laminated and bound activity instructions sheet:
  - Volunteer schedule for your activity
  - Set-up and clean-up instructions

### **PRE-FAIR PREPARATIONS**

1. Class coordinator will assist in recruiting other class parents to help set-up the classroom on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 6pm as well as organizing class supplies.
2. Cut 300 x 12” twine/raffia pieces. Place in a plastic bag.
3. Pull, DO NOT CUT, 200 x 14” pieces of white wool roving. Store in a plastic bin.
4. Cut tissue paper into various sizes of small pieces for the votives to be returned by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

### **ROOM SET-UP**

Woolen Angels/Rainbow Votives will be held in the first grade classroom. This room will be ready to set-up by 3pm with the goal to finish by 6pm on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Class Coordinator is responsible for leading volunteers in the set-up of the room.

1. Cover the floors with tarps and secure it with wide masking tape.
2. Arrange the desks and chairs into work stations. Put one small desk/table and chair(s) by the classroom door to use as a check-in station.
3. Put the cut twine/raffia pieces into baskets and place on work stations.
4. Put wool roving in a basket under the check-in table. On Saturday, one piece will be given to children who want to make an angel.
5. Place the glass votives underneath the check-in table to be handed out to children as they enter.
6. Place modge podge with paint brushes and pieces of tissue paper at each work station.
7. Display instruction boards around the room and instruction papers at the work stations.
8. Place a clipboard with volunteer instructions at the check-in station along with pens, etc.
9. Once the room is completely set-up, please find the Children's Activity Chair and ask for the sign to hang on the door, indicating that the room is set-up.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES**

### **Woolen Angels:**

1. Divide wool into two sections: one that is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the wool's thickness and another that is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .
2. Pull thinner section into two pieces, each  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length.
3. For the arms and hands, tie small, loose knots on each end of one of the smaller  $\frac{1}{2}$  length pieces.
4. For the body and head, tie a taut but not tight knot in the middle of the full length, thickest section. This will be the angels head. Examine the knot while turning it around until you find the best part to be the face. Tighten or loosen the knot to achieve an appealing size of head and face.
5. Lay the angel face down and open so the knot is in the middle with one part of the body above and below the knot.
6. Place the arms centered on top of the wings and then onto the bottom half of the wool body about 1" below the head/face.
7. Fold the top part of the body over so that the wings and arms are passing through the body. Adjust positioning if needed.
8. Take a piece of the twine/raffia and fold it in half. Place halfway point behind the angel's neck. Bring rope ends over the shoulders of the angel. Cross the rope ends over the chest and then behind the back at the waist. Tie into a knot.
9. Fluff the wings, pull the bottom of the body down so it flows nicely.

### **Rainbow Votives:**

1. Using a paintbrush, paint a coat of modge podge onto the glass votive.
2. Layer tissue paper squares or child cut pieces onto the votive.
3. Paint on more thin layers of modge podge while layering with tissue paper.
4. Place the votive aside to dry.
5. Use small paper bags to transport the rainbow votives safely home.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ROOM VOLUNTEERS**

- **PLEASE ARRIVE ON-TIME FOR YOUR SHIFT!**
- Greeter – one volunteer needs to stand at the entrance to check each child in by asking what grade the child is in.
  - **If the child is 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger, the parents must stay with the child during this activity.**
  - **Please advise the parents.**
- Check the child's activity bracelet.
  - BLUE bracelets are unlimited activity passes and the child can be let in with no further action.
  - SILVER bracelets are 3-activity passes. Place a single sharpie line mark on the child's silver activity bracelet. Silver bracelets can only have up to 3 sharpie marks. If the child is out of passes for activities, they may be directed to the front desk in the main lobby to purchase more children's activity bracelets.
- Keep track of each child with a tally mark on a sheet of paper.
- Facilitate the activities and provide support.
- Watch over the children as well as the room to ensure safety.
- Notice how many people are in the room and the number of children participating in the activity so we can decide on the best occupancy number for the room.
  - If the room seems really full, implement the process of 1 child out, 1 child in.
- Write down any thoughts or suggestions on improving this activity for the following year.

## **CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES**

Children's Activities close at 2:45pm, though there will certainly be some finishing their projects after that time, the clean-up process can begin then. All Children's Activities rooms must be cleaned and back to their original configuration by 5pm on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Return all equipment to its proper location.
- Sweep/vacuum.
- Pick-up trash. Dispose of all trash bags in the dumpster outside the school.
  - Large trash bags are available in the front office.