

# MAKE & TAKE ART CLUB

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# Background

- Started in 2012
- Average attendance 20-35
- Runs Sept. to May
- Age range is 3-15
- Homeschooler appeal
- Fine, folk, and practical arts and techniques
- Foster creativity, encourage library use, and fill a need for art enrichment in the community
- Minimal expense



# Inspiration and ideas

## Books

- [Art Lab for Kids by Susan Schwake](#)
- [First Art for Toddlers and Twos by MaryAnn F Kohl](#)

## Blogs

- [Artful Parent](#)
- [Red Ted Art](#)

## [Pintrest](#)

- Collect ideas found online
- Use to organize and track projects
- Comb it 1-2x/month for ½ hour

# Promotion

- Consistency in day and time
- Advertise help needed for children 8 and under
- Share pictures of upcoming project on FB
- 4-up fliers for fridges
- Handsell





# Tips

- Bulk brushwashing technique
- Try the project yourself before doing it with the club
- Unscented wet wipes are indispensable
- Use specific praise/comments
- Ask open-ended questions
- Allow room for divergence and for kids to follow their inspiration
- Find ways to yes

# Snacks

- Kids are hungry in the afternoon
- Use peanut safe list <http://snacksafely.com/snacklist.pdf> updated frequently
- Keep packages for children or parents to read
- Announce snack before serving – allergy questions come up then



# DOs

- Pick projects you enjoy
- Try things that the kids innovate during the program
- Recognize artists and their efforts
- Pick the proper location for the project
- Let kids pick up wet projects later
- Accept volunteer help
- Encourage “each one, teach one”
- TAKE PHOTOS
- SHARE THEM!



Mobile Art Rack from Discount School Supply



# Don't

Be afraid to try something you don't know how to do or think you aren't good at – you'll surprise yourself and the kids will have a realistic bar and a role model for trying new things.



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