

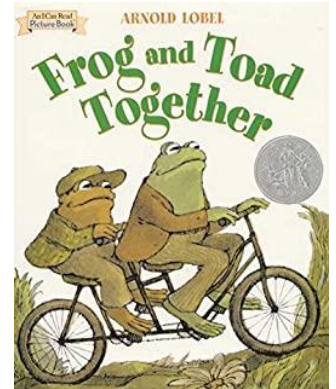
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Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

Project Description: Young artists consider the responsibility of taking care of a plant as it grows, and use dyeing and gluing skills to create a plant-inspired seed mosaic.

Story: "Frog and Toad Together: The Garden" by Arnold Lobel



Let's Talk about this Artwork!



- What do you notice?
- What colors can we find?
- Describe the shapes you notice.
- Why do you think the artist put this artwork outside?
- If you made this, what colors would you have used?
- What might the texture feel like?



Images: Ned Smyth (American, born 1948) 1982. *Mosaic Solomon Palms*, stone tesserae, concrete. Museum Purchase. 1987.134.1, 1987.134.2, 1987.134.3

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Supplies

1. Tempera paint or food coloring
2. Strainer
3. Scrap cardboard
4. Elmer's glue
5. Seeds (or beans, rice or small stones)
6. Waterproof container to separate seeds (egg carton or other)
7. Pencil



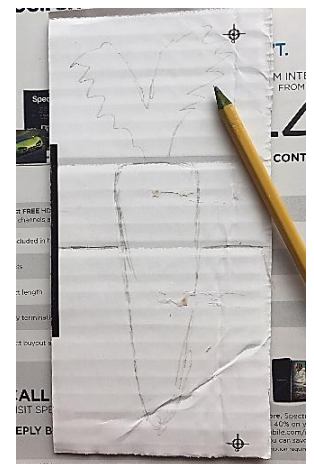
Project Skills

1. Painting/dyeing
2. Drawing
3. Problem-solving
4. Gluing
5. Collaging
6. Fine Motor
7. Gross Motor

Project Instructions

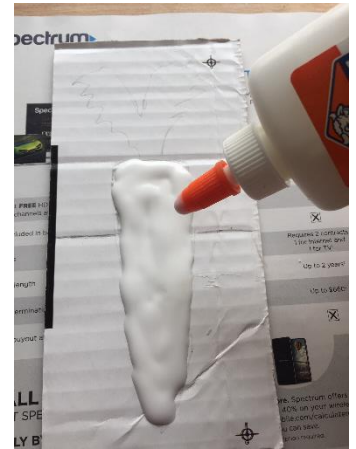


1. Separate your dyeable seeds (or seed substitutes) into the waterproof container. Add the tempera or food coloring to the seeds, adding different colors to different seeds.
2. Next, add a tiny amount of water to your paints and stir your seeds up. Keep some seeds their natural color if you would like more variety. (5-7 mins.)
3. Draw a plant (a rough outline) on the cardboard. A simpler design works best. Be sure to split your picture into sections, planning where you want to use your colors. Consider the color seeds you were able to make when planning your design. If you are unsure what type of plant you want to make, sketch your ideas first on a scrap of paper! (2-5 mins.)



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4. Fill in your drawn design using your colored seed and a thick layer of glue. First, apply a thick layer of Elmer's glue; next, add your seeds, one color at a time. Continue adding sections until you finish your design. Consider if you would like to leave some areas flat or without seeds. (5-10 mins.)
5. Watch and listen along to "Frog and Toad Together: The Garden" virtual read-aloud while your artwork dries.



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