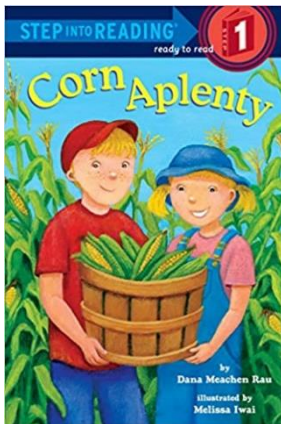


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Creative Corn Bushels!



Description: young artists learn about growing, farming, and harvesting corn. Then, young artists recycle corn kernels, and use cutting and gluing skills to create their own corn bushel.

Story: [“Corn Aplenty”](#) written by Dana Meachen Rau and illustrated by Melissa Iwai, (Random House Books; 2009)

Let's Talk about this Artwork!



- Where might this be?
- What animals live here?
- What emotion would describe this place?
 - Does it feel exciting, scary, confusing, peaceful?
- If you could plant fruits and vegetables here, what would you plant?
- Choose a spot where you would like to have a picnic. Picture yourself there.
 - What would you see? What would you smell? What sounds would you hear?

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Supplies Needed

- 1) cardboard cereal box, prepared with one side cut off
- 2) several sheets of brown and green construction paper
- 3) white cardstock
- 4) newspaper
- 5) scissors
- 6) glue stick
- 7) Elmer's glue
- 8) pencil
- 9) corn kernels (or other small seeds or beads)

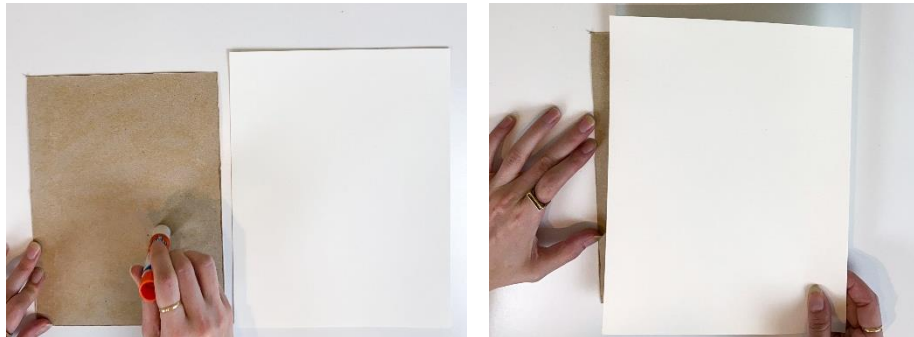


Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor:
 - a) Cutting
 - b) Gluing
 - c) Drawing
- 2) Language development
 - a) Expressive: speaking
 - b) Receptive: listening
 - c) Discussing
- 3) Shape identification
- 4) 21st-Century:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Problem-solving
 - c) Collaborating

Project Instructions

- 1) Using a glue stick, apply glue to your cardboard. Then, press the white paper onto the board, trying to line up all your edges. Trim sides with scissors if there is extra paper.



- 2) Take one of your brown sheets of construction paper. Draw a large half-circle shape. This will be your corn bushel basket. Try not to draw it too big—it needs to fit on your white background. Once drawn, cut out.

Helpful hint: cut around the drawn outline first. Then, slowly and carefully cut again, this time as close to the outline as you can.



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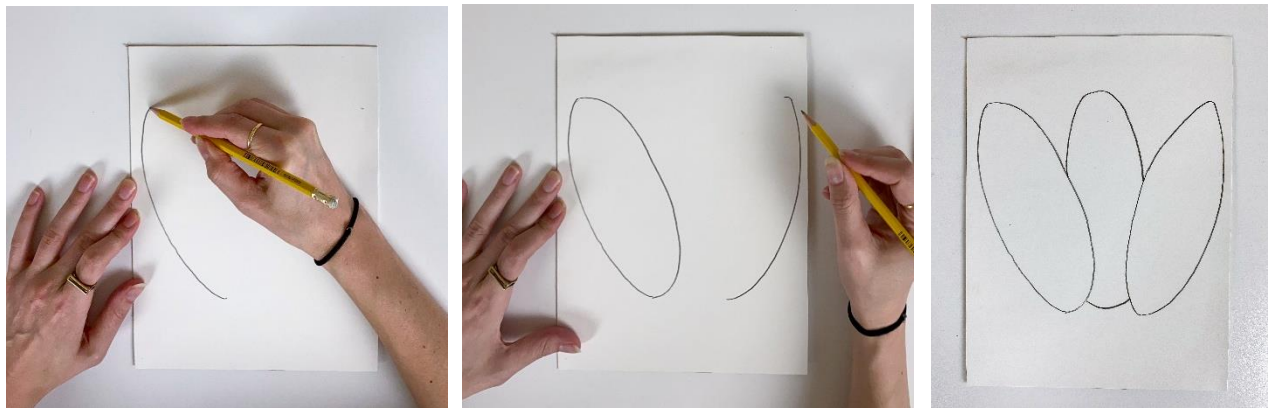
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- 3) Next, carefully tear thin strips out of a darker brown construction paper. Glue strips onto your corn bushel basket. Remember to use newspaper for your workspace! If any strips stick out over the edges of your basket, trim these with scissors.

Note: no darker paper? Use markers to decorate your basket!

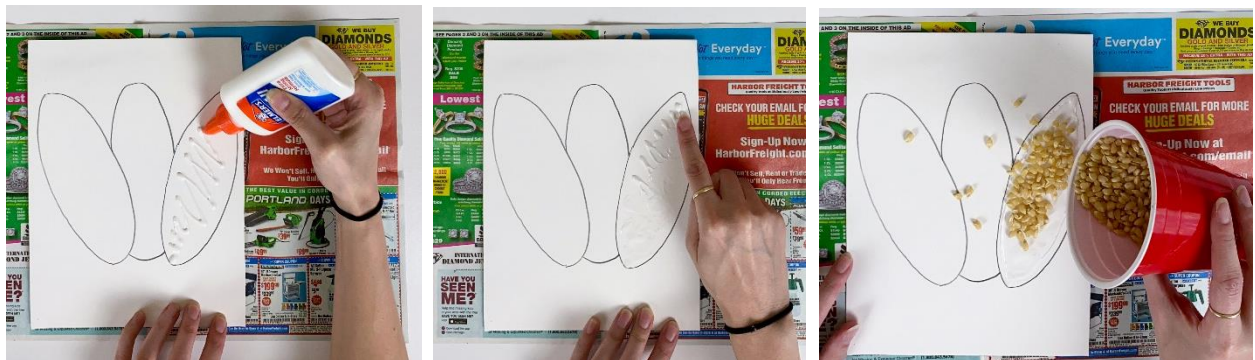


- 4) On your white background, draw long, skinny oval shapes with pencil. Draw slowly and carefully. These will become your ears of corn. Try to draw 3.



- 5) Apply Elmer's glue inside of your ears of corn. You will need a lot of glue! Use your fingertip to spread glue to the edges of your drawing. Carefully pour or add by hand your corn kernels, (no kernels? Use other small seeds or beads.)

Helpful hint: use your palm to gently smush the corn kernels into place.

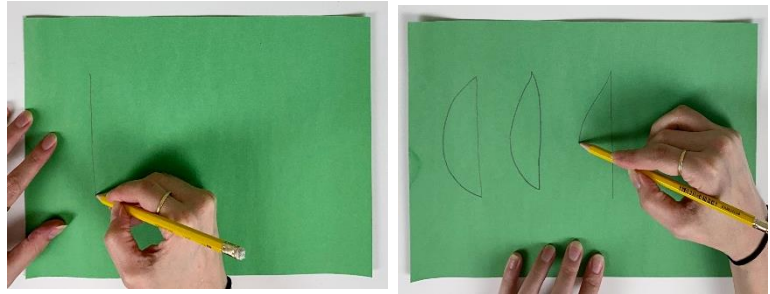


- 6) Repeat adding glue, smearing with your finger (or Q-tip or paintbrush,) and adding the kernels. Allow to dry fully.

Note: you might like to add extra dabs of glue to fill in corn around the outlines.

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- 7) While your kernels dry, draw the leaves for your ears of corn on green construction paper. Start with a straight line. Then, draw a curved line from one end of the straight line to the other. You will need 6. Cut these out once drawn.



- 8) After your kernels have dried completely, glue the green leaves onto the ears. Start with your middle ear. You will need more glue towards the bottom of each leaf.



- 9) Glue the top of your basket to the bottom of your bushel of corn. Allow to dry fully and enjoy!



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