# DAYTON ARTINSTITUTE © PNC tiny URSDAYS...at home!

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

### Carrots in a Harvest Basket!

**Description**: young artists learn about patience and hope, then use folding, cutting and gluing skills to make a creative harvest basket.

<u>Story</u>: <u>"The Carrot Seed"</u> written by Ruth Krauss and illustrated by Crockett Johnson (Harper Festival; 1993)

#### Let's Talk about this Artwork!

The Carrot Seed

- What foods can you find?
  - Which of these foods is your favorite?
- List all the colors you see.
- What shapes can you find? Look for circles, ovals and more.
- What would you do with all of this food?
- If you could step into this picture, what sounds would you hear?
  - What would it smell like?



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#### **Supplies Needed**

- 1) small cardboard box
- 2) crayons or markers
- several large squares of orange construction paper
- 4) green construction paper
- 5) yellow construction paper
- 6) scissors
- 7) glue stick
- 8) pencil



#### **Project Skills**

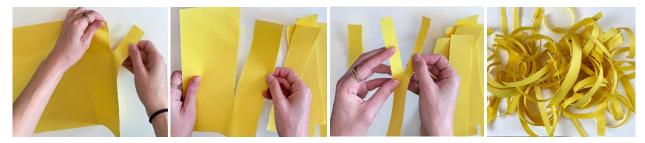
- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
  - a) Folding
  - b) Cutting
  - c) Gluing
  - d) Drawing
- 2) Language development
  - a) Expressive: speaking
  - b) Receptive: listening
  - c) Discussing
- 3) Shape identification
- 4) 21<sup>st</sup>-Century:
  - a) Creativity
  - b) Problem-solving
  - c) Collaborating

#### **Project Instructions**

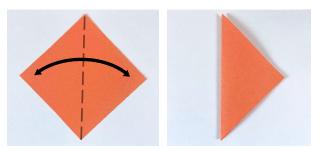
- 1) Create a harvest basket from a small cardboard box. Use crayons or markers to decorate the outside of your box.
- 2) Slowly and carefully rip long pieces of yellow construction paper to use as straw in the bottom of your basket.



Helpful hint: use one hand to hold the yellow paper and the other hand to rip away.



- 3) Next, we'll make a carrot using your folding skills. Take an orange paper square and fold in half so that the opposite corners meet. Smooth the fold with your fingertip.
- 4) Unfold the orange square. Place it in front of you so it looks like a diamond.





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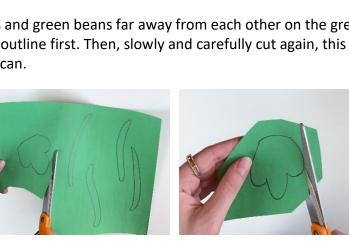
- 5) Fold both left and right sides in to meet the center line.
- 6) Fold the top corner down.
- 7) Fold the left-side corner in towards the center.
- 8) Fold the right-side corner in towards the center.
- 9) Now you have a carrot! If you want more carrots for your basket, repeat these same steps, (or watch this video!)
- 10) Take your green construction paper and draw stalks for your carrots and some green beans using bent or curved lines.
- **11)** Cut the stalks and green beans out.

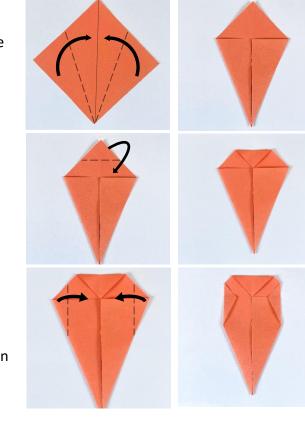
Helpful hint: draw your stalks and green beans far away from each other on the green paper. Cut around the drawn outline first. Then, slowly and carefully cut again, this time as close to the outline as you can.

Optional: want to add tomatoes to your basket? Practice drawing your own circles or find something to trace on red paper. Cut using the same steps as above.

12) How are your veggies feeling? Add faces by drawing eyes and mouths with crayon.







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13) Attach the stalks to the carrots (and tomato) using a glue stick.



14) Place all the veggies on the straw in your basket. Share your harvest with friends and family!



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