

Crafty Ideas: Textured Trees



Children's textured tree pictures on display

You will need:

- Strong paper or thin card
- Paints
- Newspapers
- PVA glue
- Wood shavings (optional)
- Coloured paper
- Tissue
- Magazine pages
- Sawdust or sand (optional)

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Use

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Make

- If possible, take the children outside to look closely at trees and feel the textures of bark. If not, show them pictures and illustrations of highly textured barks. Generate a discussion about how these textures might be recreated on paper. Make bark rubbings which can be added to the display to show the texture of bark.
- Roughly sketch the tree on a strong paper or card background. Colour-wash the background of the picture and leave to dry.
- Twist sheets of newspaper into 'ropes'. Glue several of these side by side to create the tree-trunk. Spread out the top ends to create the branches, and spread the bottom ends slightly for the base.
- Tear up small scraps of newspaper. Screw up and glue these around the base of the tree to represent rough grass. Wood shavings could be used instead.
- Mix appropriate colours and paint the tree and grass, taking care to stipple the paint into all the folds of the paper.
- The trees can be left bare for a winter scene or seasonal foliage can be added by gluing on scraps of coloured paper, tissue or magazine pages as leaves or blossom.
- A textured foreground can be created to mixing sawdust or sand with paint and a little PVA glue.

Display

Back the finished pictures on dark paper and arrange on the wall. You may also want to add descriptive labels that convey the texture of the trees. You could also add words that describe the feel of bark onto the bark rubbings.

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