

Painter's Palettes

Ages: Grades 1-2

Time: 30 minutes

No. of participants: 10-15
needed

No. of additional adults: None

Required supplies:

- 8x11 1/2 white cardstock
- Picnic table
- Glue
- Markers

Objective: To find some of the many of the colors naturally occurring in nature.

Activity Instructions

1. Introduction:

- a. Have you ever seen a painter holding a tray with lots of colors on it? That's called a palette. We are going to make some of our own nature palettes today.

2. Beginning Instructions:

- a. I am going to give each of you one of these sheets of paper; these will become your very own palettes.
- b. Hand out the paper- have each camper write his/her name in the middle of the sheet and place them around the table.

3. Main Lesson:

- a. I am going to give you _____ minutes (15-20 minutes should be sufficient) to go around in this area and find as many different colors as you can in the natural things around. (Give a few examples of things that are NOT natural.) You must stay where I can see you.
- b. When you find a new color or shade of a color, take a sample piece of the plant and bring it back to the table where you can glue it to your "palette" (example, one blade of grass, one petal of a flower, etc.).
- c. At the end you will have a beautiful circle of natural colors around your name creating a natural palette.
- d. Let's see how many different colors we can find! Get started!

4. Conclusion:

- a. After the time is up and all of the campers are back and gathered in a circle allow time for each of the campers to walk their palette around the circle and tell the group which was his/her favorite color he/she found.
- b. Encourage the campers to continue to add colors to their palettes at home and/or make new ones, but most of all, to look for and enjoy the beauty in nature around them every day.
- c. Say a prayer thanking God for the beautiful colors he created in nature.