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## **Crafts Arts And Crafts Projects For Senior Citizens**

**By James Brown**

The most rewarding Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens can be found in a ceramic shop. Some of the Arts and Crafts projects will be lined up on shelves and the larger projects will be found on the floor inside the shop or outside on slabs of concrete. Due to the size of some objects, many elderly people prefer to complete projects that they can carry around with very little difficulty.

Some of the Arts and Crafts projects that elderly people prefer most often will feature ceramic birds in many stages of flight. Some of the birds will be found sitting on tree branches that look just like the one in your backyard. Some of them will require sanding for some time before any type of painting can start and this is because the edges of the mold show through on both sides.

The birds are easy to handle and are considerably lightweight which make them the perfect choice for any Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens. The tools for these Arts and Crafts project are fairly simple and most of the ceramic pieces only require sandpaper, a paint brush and a variety of acrylic paints that are offered in convenient containers that are made of unbreakable plastic. These containers are easy to store too which makes them perfect for apartment living.

Ceramics are perfect Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens that are homebound. These projects can fill the lonely hours of the day with marvelous colors and give the elderly a chance to experience a feeling of accomplishment with each ceramic piece that is finished. These Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens will also offer them a chance to express themselves and see their expressions in vivid color.

There are other reasons why ceramic pieces make the perfect Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens. The elderly can develop friendships when they bring their pieces out when friends stop over. There are many opportunities for the elderly to organize little gatherings in their home. The initial reason for setting up some of these ceramic parties is to work on projects, but the opportunities that the elderly really enjoy are the many hours of conversation that are possible with every ceramic piece that is started.

The Arts and Crafts projects for senior citizens may give them a reason to remain active and to expand their life experiences even further. Ceramic project prevent the elderly from becoming withdrawn and allow them to lead a happy and very full life. The birds and other sculptures that they create can be

used to decorate their homes, and serve as the perfect present for any occasion.

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## Arts and Crafts For Kids in Daycares & Schools

By Chris Peace

Although most parents are the ones who provide their children with the arts and crafts for kids, there are other places where these useful tools can also be found. For example, children may get some valuable time with these tools at the babysitter's house or in kindergarten. If you are running any type of facility for children whether you're watching them for parents or educating them or both, you should definitely consider adding more arts and crafts for kids. Below are several great reasons to make this change.

### Boredom Free

One thing you never want when you're working with children is for them to become bored. That's when the trouble starts. Of course, you also don't want them to be running around a playground or sitting in front of a television all day either. By giving them arts and crafts for kids you can provide both mental and physical stimulation in one package. You can have complete control of the arts and crafts for kids they receive so you can take precautions to keep your home or facility from being destroyed by paint or markers (colored pencils are a good alternative).

At the end of the day, the children can return to their parents with some nice artwork or finished craft projects which makes everyone happy.

### Learning Potential

While most people think arts and crafts for kids are all about fun, they can also be very useful for real learning. For example, if you give each child a handy sketchbook and some colored pencils you could end up with the tools for learning. Here's an example. If you want to work on the alphabet, draw a letter on a whiteboard where all of the kids can see it. Don't say the letter but ask all of the kids to draw a picture of a thing that starts with that letter. If you had an S on the board, for instance, the kids might draw a snake or a stereo.

Another idea for a learning activity using arts and crafts for kids is to ask the children to create a visual interpretation of a math problem. For example, if you want the kids to find the answer to "2 + 2" then have them draw a picture to help them. The child might draw two ice cream cones and two dogs then can count the pictures and know the answer is four.

### Alternative Activities

Having arts and crafts for kids is also a good idea if you want to make alternative activities for some kids. Not all children will want to do the same things at the same time. For example, some kids may want to watch a DVD before nap time, other children may want to play games, but some prefer quiet time alone. Having arts and crafts for kids is a good way to meet the needs of multiple kids at the same time.

### Meeting the Needs of Children

Having arts and crafts for kids at home, at care facilities, and at schools is an important way to

encourage creativity in children and to inspire good behavior.

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