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Springtime is a rejuvenating time of the year! The air is getting warmer, the sun is shining, and the flowers are starting to bloom. But as the popular saying goes, "April showers brings May flowers", and there's bound to be some downtime during those cool rainy spring days, making it ample time to get started on exciting spring art activities!

Let's take a look at refreshing new ideas to spruce up your child's art collection. Try the following simple spring art activities for preschoolers to get your little learner excited about spring, while fostering creativity and imagination for enhanced learning and fun!

Tulip Art



This simple spring craft features one of springtime's favorite flowers: the tulip! Using only a few supplies, your child can create a springtime masterpiece that can be used to decorate the house!

What You'll Need:

- · Washable paints in bright, spring colors
- 3-pronged fork
- Dinner fork
- Paper plates
- Paint brushes
- · Paper or canvas for painting

What to Do:

- 1. Start by preparing the painting area and provide paint for your preschooler by squeezing dollops of paint on the paper plate for your child to use while painting.
- 2. Help your child press the 3-pronged fork into the paint using the color of his or her choice.
- 3. On the paper or canvas, simply help your preschooler make a print of the 3-pronged fork by pressing down the paint-covered fork carefully. Lift the fork straight up to reveal the print.
- 4. Using paint brushes, your child will paint a stem for the tulip.
- 5. Use the dinner fork to make grass all around the tulip!
- 6. Clean the 3-pronged fork with a paper towel or damp cloth and repeat! Help your child make as many tulips as he or she likes.

After creating this fun springtime scene, encourage your child to paint scenery as desired around the tulips. When finished and dried, use the painting to decorate the house for spring!

"Stained Glass" Suncatchers



Using construction paper and tissue paper, you and your child can mimic the appearance of stained glass to "catch" the spring sunlight through a bright window! The following craft will decorate your windows for all to see with these amazingly simple suncatchers.

What you'll Need:

- Tissue paper in a variety of bright colors
- Scissors
- Craft knife (optional—for adult use only!)
- Black construction paper
- Glue sticks or washable glue

What to Do:

- 1. Start by cutting a desired shape out of the black paper. This can be a butterfly, a circle, or any shape your child would like. If using an intricate shape, like a butterfly, find a template online to trace and cut.
- 2. Using the shape just cut from the black paper, work with your child to determine what designs should be contained within the shape. After deciding, use the craft knife or

scissors to cut out small sections or shapes from within the suncatcher. For instance, if using a butterfly shapes, cut out small designs for the wings.

- 3. Help your child rip or cut out strips of tissue paper. Make sure to tear strips of different colors!
- 4. Apply glue to the outer edges of the black construction paper before sticking each tissue paper strip across the suncatcher. Don't worry if the tissue paper overlaps each other, but trim any paper that runs over the edges of the suncatcher itself.
- 5. Turn it over and hang it on the window to enjoy a beautiful the suncatcher!

After finishing, create more suncatchers in a variety of shapes to decorate the sunniest windows in the house!

Tissue Paper Butterflies



Also using tissue paper, this craft involves creating adorable butterflies your preschooler could display or play with all over the house!

What You'll Need:

- Small foam board sheets
- Pipe cleaners
- Tissue paper
- Googly eyes
- Sequins or small puff balls
- Glue stick or glue

What to Do:

- 1. First, help your child trace and cut out the butterflies main body using the foam board. This needs to be twice so that one foam butterfly body lays on top of another. Glue the foam board bodies together at the head and the bottom only, leaving space in the middle to push through the paper wings.
- 2. Select the tissue paper colors for the wings. Kids can choose up to two colors! Cut tissue paper into thick strips, and then bend each strip forward and then backwards repeatedly to create a fan effect.
- 3. The two strips should resemble a fan or concertina. Once ready, simply take the two strips and push them through the body of the butterfly and then spread out the wings!
- 4. Using the pipe cleaner, cut small sections to use as antenna and glue to the butterfly's head.
- 5. Glue the googly eyes on the butterfly's face, and use the puff balls or sequins to decorate the body or wings of the butterfly as desired! Encourage your preschooler to be creative and colorful!

Once finished, your child can play with or to decorate anything in the house with these cute and whimsical butterflies!

Creating cute and seasonal crafts are only a few supplies away! Using the above ideas, your child can flex their creativity and imagination while having fun bringing spring to life in your very own home!

