



Paper Scrap Elves

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Art Cards by Kids is an exciting fundraising opportunity for elementary schools across North America. This high-profit artwork fundraiser brings creativity into the classroom in a fun, educational, and rewarding way for students, families, and teachers alike.

We created these step-by-step instructions and videos to help teachers in the classroom guide students in creating amazing artwork for the fundraiser. Videos can easily be projected or displayed in the classroom for students to watch with guidance from their teacher. Please make sure your school has registered already and you have received our specially sized custom art sheets from the coordinator at your school before starting. Happy artistry!

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Description:

Turn your leftover paper scraps into three adorable little elves with bright hats, fluffy beards, and cheerful details. In this fun, step-by-step project, you'll paint, cut, and glue a fun and easy festive project!

Materials Needed:

- Watercolour palette – vibrant blue
- Paper scraps in white, red, yellow, black, and three types of colourful patterns
- Large flat brush
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Black permanent marker
- Paper towel
- Water

Difficulty Level: Grade 2-5

See the corresponding step-by-step video to these instructions on our website under the same title.

F-050 Paper Scrap Elves Art Project Instructions:

1. Prepare Your Paper and Supplies

- a. Place your Art Cards by Kids Art Sheet on the table horizontally. Make sure the horizontal arrows on the left side are pointing upwards.
- b. Gather the necessary supplies for your artwork as shown.

2. Write your name

- a. At the top, write your name, teacher's name, age, and grade in big, bold letters using a marker or pen—no pencil!

3. Paint the Background

- a. With a vibrant blue watercolour and flat brush, paint the entire background. Add multiple layers for a brighter colour.

4. Cut Out the Bodies

- a. With the pencil, draw three semi-ovals on the edge of the red paper. Make each one between 2 to 3 inches tall and 2 to 3 inches wide. Vary the size and proportions of each one for variety.
- b. Cut out with the scissors and place on the paper.
- c. Do not glue until all of the pieces are cut out!

5. Cut Out the Beards

- a. With the pencil, draw three semi-ovals on the edge of the white paper. Make them slightly smaller than the red bodies, varying proportions and sharpness of each curve.
- b. Cut out with the scissors and place on the paper above and overlapping the bodies.

6. Cut Out the Hats

- a. With the pencil, draw three curvy triangles with a hook at the top on each type of patterned paper you have. Make each one 3 to 4 inches tall, matching the width of at least one beard.
- b. Cut out with the scissors and place on the paper above the beards. Make sure that the top of the hat does not come close to the black border.

7. Cut Out the Legs

- a. Cut out three pairs of legs from each type of patterned paper using the scissors. Each pair should be 2 inches long and ½ inch wide.
- b. Place the legs underneath the bottoms of the bodies, mismatching with the hat patterns. You can adjust the visible length by tucking them under the body.

8. Cut Out the Shoes

- a. With the pencil, draw three pairs of shoes on the black paper. Draw semi-ovals that are about twice the width of the legs and ½ inch tall. Vary the size and proportions for each pair.
- b. Cut out with the scissors and place each pair on the bottom of a pair of legs pointing outwards.

9. Cut Out the Belts

- a. On the black paper, use a pencil to mark a strip the length of each body and about ¼ inch thick, and cut it out.
- b. Place horizontally on the red bodies.

10. Cut Out the Buckles

- a. With the yellow paper, cut out three squares, each about ½ inch by ½ inch, for the belt buckles. Vary the size of the squares slightly.
- b. Place above the black belts in the center.

11. Cut Out the Buckle Centers

- a. With the black paper, cut out three black squares, each slightly smaller than the yellow squares. Leave a generous yellow border.
- b. Place them inside of the yellow squares.

12. Cut Out the Noses

- a. With the pencil, draw three small circles on the red paper to use as the elves' noses.
- b. Cut out each circle and place overlapping the bottom of the hats and the top of the beards.

13. Cut Out the Pompoms

- a. With the pencil, draw three circles on the white paper, each the same size as the noses.
- b. Cut out each circle and place at the tip of each hat.

14. Move the Elves

- a. Carefully move all the paper pieces off to the side.
- b. Keep all of the pieces for each elf in a separate pile.

15. Glue the Legs

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each pair of legs and glue them about 1 ½ inches above the bottom black line.
- b. Evenly space the pairs of legs across the width of the paper about 2 inches from the borders on the side.

16. Glue the Feet

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each pair of feet and place them at the base of each leg, pointing outwards.
- b. Keep the feet at least 1 inch away from the black borders.

17. Glue the Bodies

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each body, place them overlapping the legs with the curved edge pointing upward, and press firmly.

18. Glue the Belts

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each belt and place them horizontally across the center of each body.

19. Glue the Buckles

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each yellow buckle and place them in the center of each belt.

20. Glue the Buckle Center

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each black buckle center and place them in the middle of each yellow buckle.

21. Glue the Beards

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each beard and place them on top of the bodies so they slightly overlap the belts.
- b. The rounded side of the beard should be pointing downwards.

22. Glue the Hats

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each hat and place above each beard.
- b. Make sure there is at least 1 inch of space between the top of the hats and the black border at the top of the art sheet.

23. Glue the Noses

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each red nose and place each one in the center, overlapping both the hat and beard of each elf.

24. Glue the Pompoms

- a. Apply lots of glue to the back of each white circle pompom and place at the tip of each hat. Keep them away from the black borders.
- b. Make sure that every piece is glued down firmly.

25. Sign Your Name

- a. With the black marker, sign your name under the body of the center elf.
- b. Don't sign your name too close to the black border or it will get cut off!

Complete!