

Family Project for Sukkot

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It is never too soon to start thinking about fun arts and crafts projects for the holidays. Now is the time to get out the paints and glitter and begin a decorative piece for your sukkah.

Materials:

- Large piece of canvas, unframed
- Acrylic paints, autumn colors are nice for this project
- Glitter/glitter paint
- Ribbons
- Craft glue
- Saved Rosh Hashanah greeting cards
- Any other embellishments
- Markers
- Spray or brush on sealer (check with your craft store)
- Grommets and tool to apply them

Directions:

1. Hem the edges of the canvas with either sewing machine or fusible iron-on webbing
2. Have the children paint their hands with acrylic paints
3. Press hands onto canvas in a random pattern (Baby wipes are helpful after this part)
4. Each child should write his or her name under the handprint with the marker (If you do this each year on a different canvas the kids get to see how their hands have grown)
5. Add embellishments such as ribbons, cabochons, cards, etc. Let the children be very creative.
6. When the artwork is completed, dry fully, at least 24 hours.
7. Spray or brush on sealer. Use two to three coats, with drying time in between. This step is especially necessary for a rainy holiday.
8. When the project is completely dry, insert grommets at the top and hang by a few nails in the sukkah. If you prefer, shower curtain hooks can be attached to the top of the piece.

Hang your artwork in the sukkah and enjoy it for years to come. We have done this year after year and it is great watching the children create more sophisticated work as they grow.