Making Art Paper and Recycled Rubber-Band Paintbrush

Paper Instructions

1. Prepare tables with art supplies in the entry way, by placing copy paper, several colors of paint in small trays, a variety of painting implements, such as rollers, stamps, cotton balls, and recycled rubber-band brushes. (See below.)
2. Using a cotton ball, lightly coat the white paper with the 1st color.
3. Sparingly, add the next 2 colors with separate implements and painting techniques.
4. Make as many different papers as you like.
5. When paper dries, cut desired shapes and arrange paper collage style.
6. Embellish artwork with solid colored paper, paint or markers.
7. Then share with all of us on our private Facebook group page! http://pjfor.me/pjgts-facebook

Recycled Rubber-Band Paintbrush

A great way to add texture, grass, or trees to artwork is by using this paintbrush easily created with recycled materials.

You'll need:

- A cylindrical object such as dried up capped marker
- Several old rubber bands
- A 4" strip of masking tape

1. Place the rubber bands evenly along the sticky side of the masking tape, extending over only one edge of the tape. (Figure 1)
2. Wrap the masking tape around the last inch of the marker. (Figure 2)
3. If desired, cut the rounded edges off the rubber bands. The cut rubber bands will produce a different effect. (Figure 3) Experiment with different sizes and widths of rubber bands.
4. Put desired colors of paint in a dish. Dab brush in the paint and then dab or flick the brush on the paper in a quick motion, constantly changing position so you get the desired effect. Experiment with using more than one color on the brush. In an instant, you'll create the effect of foliage or other textures.

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3