

Look What I Made!™

Bringing Imagination to Creation™
Throughout the Year

Dear Educator,

Hearing “Look what I made!” is one of the most rewarding experiences a kindergarten teacher can have. This free curriculum guide, **Look What I Made!™**, will help you start the crucial kindergarten year with a wealth of ideas and concepts to stimulate each child’s imagination and creativity. Hasbro, manufacturers of *Play-Doh*® brand modeling compound and a new line of arts and crafts products, has teamed with award-winning curriculum specialists Youth Media International to provide you with this free educational program offering curriculum-based creative activities you can use throughout the school year.

Look What I Made!™ combines creative problem-solving and positive self-expression through imagination and creativity—important components of the kindergarten curriculum. This program offers a variety of engaging and easy-to-implement activities to enhance your students’ creative talents. It also develops fine-motor skills as students experiment with different arts and crafts materials while learning pattern, shape and color recognition. A special poster with month-by-month arts and crafts projects will keep students’ creativity flowing throughout the year!

These activities are inspired by National *Play-Doh* Day on September 18th. The exciting new line of *Play-Doh Arts and Crafts* materials available now exclusively at Target® stores, *Play-Doh Scented Crayons*, *Roller ‘n Paint*, *Fountain Paints* and *Marko Rollo™* Markers are sure to be essentials on your classroom supplies list to help bring children’s creativity to life.

You can also include parents by sending home information on the enclosed tear-off pad explaining how they can help nurture their children’s creativity at home.

Hasbro and YMI also invite you to participate in the Teachers *Bringing Imagination to Creation™* Contest—a very special opportunity to win great prizes to recognize your own creativity as a teacher! See details on how you can win \$500 and free *Play-Doh* brand products on the contest sheet inside this guide.

To download copies of these materials, extra entry forms or any of our other guides, go to www.youthmedia.com. Don’t forget to complete and return the enclosed reply card to continue receiving free teaching materials. All good wishes for a successful and creative school year.

Sincerely,

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P.S. We’re always looking for your feedback. Please send comments and suggestions to yimi@ymi-ltd.com.



Program Goals

- To nurture students' and teachers' creativity
- To reinforce knowledge of patterns, colors and shapes
- To encourage fine-motor development
- To encourage parent-child interaction

Program Components

- This four-page teacher's guide
- Three reproducible student activity masters
- One Teachers *Bringing Imagination to Creation*™ Contest entry form
- One tear-pad of information for parents
- One wall poster

How To Use This Teacher's Guide

Activities One and Three will each require two classroom sessions. **Activity Two** will require three sessions. Each activity requires one reproducible activity master per child, as well as crayons and/or markers. Additional materials, when needed, are also listed.

How To Use the Wall Poster All Year Long

Display the poster in a central area of the classroom. Then, choose a bulletin board or wall space to feature students' monthly arts and crafts projects. Help students identify the different objects and designs featured, including those in the border. Then play an "I Spy" game to find objects based on shape, color or theme. For example, "I Spy something round," or purple, or holiday-themed. The poster may be used to play "I Spy" again in small group settings.

Point out the months of the year. Tell students they will be participating in fun arts and crafts activities each month and that you will take a photograph and place it inside the month's frame to keep a record of their work!

If you do not have a camera, ask a different child each month to make a sketch of his or her completed project to place inside that month's frame.

Play-Doh® Arts and Crafts Products



You are already familiar with the colorful possibilities your students can explore with *Play-Doh* modeling compound. But the new *Play-Doh* line of arts and crafts materials, available exclusively at Target® stores, offers a host of new creative outlets for your students to discover. Non-toxic, all of these products are scented to smell just like *Play-Doh* modeling compound!



Play-Doh Scented

Crayons Chunky and sturdy, these crayons are perfect for little hands. Crayon ends feature different fun shapes, including a circle, square and star. Available in sets of 8 and 16, these crayons come in a handy plastic case, great for durable classroom storage.



Play-Doh Marko

Rollo™ Markers Two markers in one! Each set includes two colorful markers that roll out shapes and make fun designs. Or, simply color with the markers.



Play-Doh Roller 'n

Paint Creativity on a roll! Children can experiment to their heart's content with colorful textured designs. The set includes a fabric paint roller and paint tray with dry watercolor paint. The water goes in the handle of the roller for no-mess painting.



Play-Doh Fountain Paints

With a little squeeze, these stable paint containers dispense paint into the attached tray. Work with one color or mix another color in the tray. Don't worry about mixing colors in the bottle—it won't allow colors to drip back inside.

September Tell students that Saturday, September 18th, is **National Play-Doh Day** and suggest that they do a project at home with their family. In class, have children work in small groups with several colors of *Play-Doh* modeling compound. Use materials such as rollers, *Play-Doh* scissors and cookie cutters as well as beads, toothpicks, crayons, spoons, lace, doilies, etc. Have children experiment with *Play-Doh* products using these items.

Have children share ideas about how *Play-Doh* compound feels in their hands, what it smells like and how they feel when they play with it. Have them talk about what it might be like if they were a *Play-Doh* product. What color would they be? What would it be like to be a crayon or a moldable item? What would they like most about being played with by children?

October Help children choose fall paint colors for marble painting. First, cut white construction paper to fit inside a shoebox lid. Have students cover the

paper with designs such as those on *Play-Doh Marko Rollo*™ Markers, if you have them.

Then have students dip marbles of different sizes into each fall paint color and place them on top of their marker art. They may then tilt the box lid from side to side to create interesting fall designs.

November Have children draw a turkey on white construction paper with crayons, bearing down very hard as they draw. Then have them paint watercolor over the whole page, using *Play-Doh Roller 'n Paint*, inking rollers or sponges to create a textured crayon resist. Then share turkey tales at group time.

December Have children create a winter or holiday design by gluing mixed media in different shades of white (paper doilies, ribbon, yarn, lace, wallpaper, etc.) onto a black piece of paper. Then have children place a piece of plain white paper over the top of the

Activity Look What I Made™ with a Shape!

Skills/Concepts Covered: Visual perception, matching, shapes, coloring, cutting, pasting, fine-motor development and vocabulary

Additional Materials Needed: One *Play-Doh* modeling compound example of each of the following shapes: triangle, rectangle and circle; construction paper; tape; glue sticks; scissors; *Play-Doh* compound and plastic knives

Optional Materials: Rolling pins and shape cookie cutters

Help students identify and discuss the characteristics of each shape. Use a plastic knife to cut each shape in half. Explain that “half” means two equal pieces. Invite different students to put the *Play-Doh* compound shape halves together.

Now distribute the activity masters. Tell students that the activity shows the *Play-Doh* compound triangle, rectangle and circle halves. Help children cut out the shape halves and match them together to form each shape, then help them tape the shape halves together. They may color the un-taped side of the shapes. Students will then glue their shapes colored side up onto a piece of construction paper to have their own representation of the shapes.



Have children make more shapes by using their fingers to manipulate the *Play-Doh* compound or by using rollers and shape cookie cutters. Help them use *Play-Doh* cutters or plastic knives to cut their shapes in half. Students may then mix up the halves and put them back together again.

Now have children experiment with new vocabulary by joining two halves of different shapes together to name and invent a new shape. For example, half of a triangle joined with half of a circle could be named a “trircle.” Children may then combine their invented shapes to make something entirely new, such as a robot, a spaceship, an animal, etc. Help them make up stories about their creations.

Extended Activities

- Ask students to think about their favorite shapes. If they could become a shape, which one would they be? Why? Then have them draw a picture of themselves as that shape and share their ideas at group time.
- Take students on a Shapes Walk around the school or playground to look for different shapes. They can draw pictures of the objects they see that feature shapes such as an oval, rectangle, square, etc. Collect some of these objects, if possible, and bring them back to the room. Feature them, along with students’ drawings, in the math area of the classroom.



design and rub over it with black crayon. Display both the original design and the print together.

Students can use *Play-Doh* Scented Crayons for these activities. Students could also make ornaments out of *Play-Doh* modeling compound.

January Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday by letting children create *Play-Doh* birthday cakes with *Play-Doh* modeling compound! Then make a special peace banner.

Have each student trace his or her handprint onto mural-size paper and paint the inside of the print with a skin-tone paint. Make sure each child’s handprint touches the next handprint. Write the title, *Holding Hands for Peace*, at the top of the banner and hang it.

February Make textured Valentine prints. Provide 8½” x 11” construction paper in Valentine colors. Show children how to fold the paper in half, draw an ear shape at the fold and cut it out to make a heart.

Children may then tape the papers onto 8½” x 11” white construction paper and create watercolor prints with paint rollers such as *Play-Doh* Roller ‘n Paint. Then have children create patterned borders for their prints from a selection of yarn, pom poms, felt scraps, etc., in Valentine colors.

March Collect toilet-paper tubes to make St. Patrick’s Day decorations or to feature the color green. Have students paint the

tubes with different shades of green paint as well as with white paint. After the paint has dried, have children use glue sticks to make a few sticky spots on their tubes. Then have them sprinkle green sequins, confetti, glitter, etc., over the tube for a sparkly effect.

Punch a hole toward the top of the tube and attach yarn to hang it for display. You can use *Play-Doh* Fountain Paints for painting the tubes and glue on the assorted mixed media.

April Assign small groups of students different spring garden themes, such as insects, plants and birds. Have them use *Play-Doh* modeling compound to make an object based on their group theme, then paint a picture of the object.

After the paintings have dried, they can be cut out and arranged on the bulletin board to create a lovely garden!

May Tell students that Memorial Day is a day to remember those who work hard to keep our country safe.

Then have students create a patriotic picture or design by combining a variety of arts and crafts materials, such as paint, crayons, markers and mixed media using only shades of red, white and blue. Use any of the *Play-Doh* brand products for this activity.

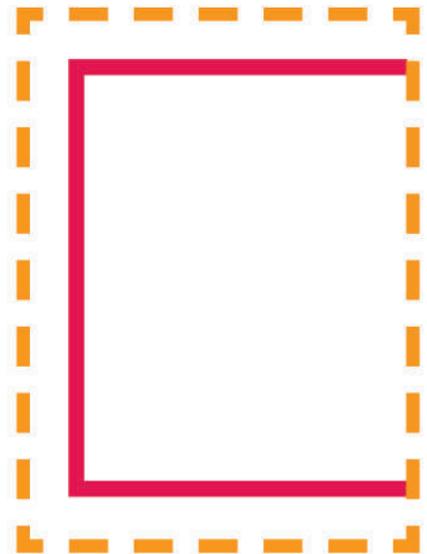
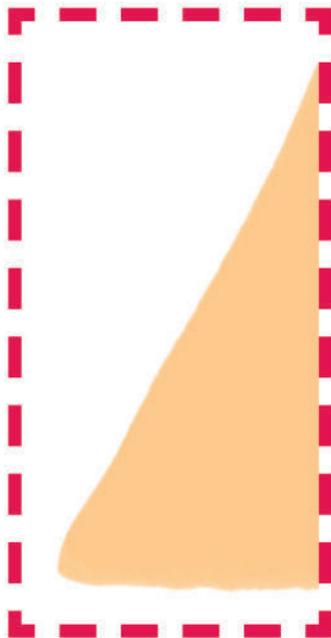
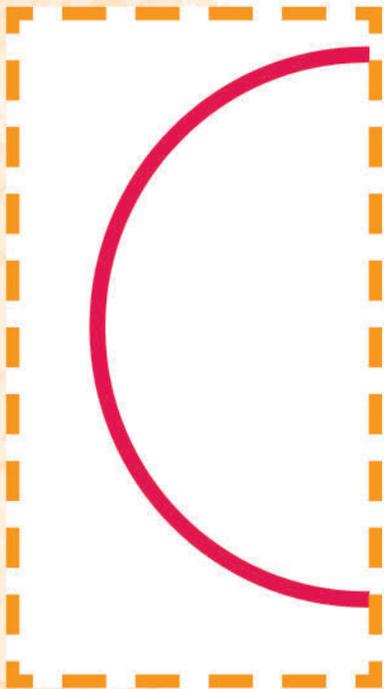
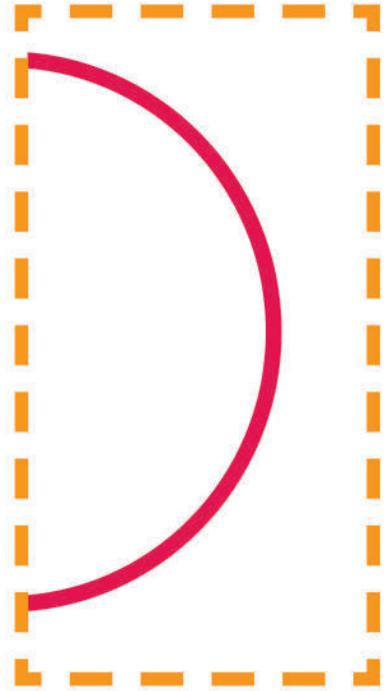
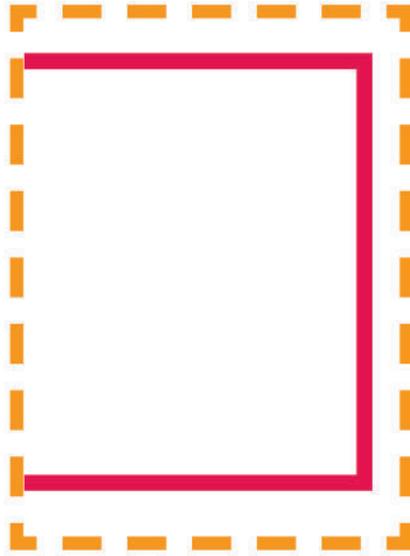
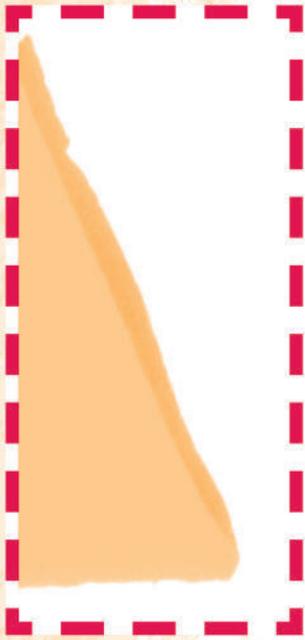
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Activity

Reproducible Master

Look What I Made™ with a Shape!

See if you can put the shapes back together.

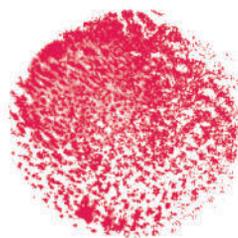


Activity 2

Reproducible Master

Look What I Made™ with a Design!

Part A. Look at these designs. What do they make you think of?



Part B. Make your own cool designs here.

Use your designs and the **Play-Doh**® designs to make a face!



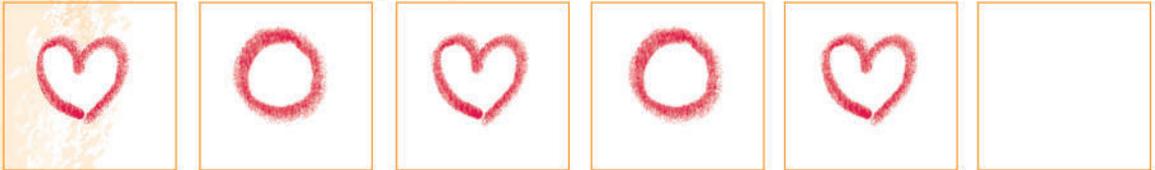
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Reproducible Master

Look What I MadeTM with a Pattern!

Part A. Complete the shape patterns.

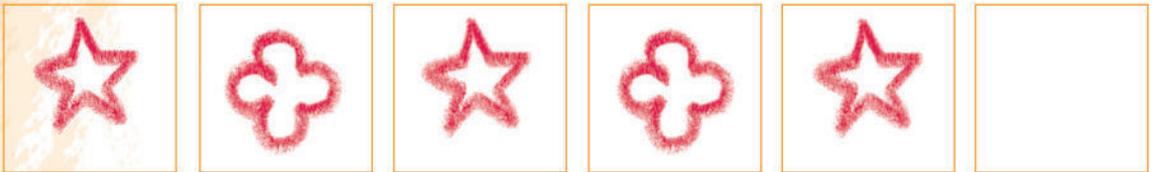
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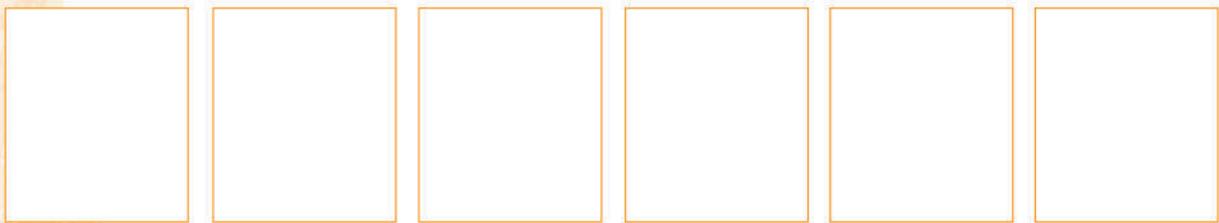
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Part B. Make your own shape pattern. Your teacher will help you make your pattern smell nice!

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Dear Parent,

Your child has participated in a special educational program developed by curriculum specialists Youth Media International and Hasbro, makers of favorite *Play-Doh*® products. In this program, children completed a variety of fun classroom activities that encouraged creativity and problem-solving in celebration of National *Play-Doh* Day on September 18th.

How important is creativity to your child's development?

- Nurturing creativity is part of *helping your child become his or her own person*, developing his or her own likes and dislikes.
- A creative child is a *problem-solver* with the ability for *positive self-expression*, both as a child and as an adult.
- A creative child grows up to *make a difference* in our world by using his or her creative problem-solving skills.

Encourage Creativity at Home

- **Let kids get messy!**
Designate a space where paint spills are easily cleaned and unfinished projects are safely stored.
- **Put the clock away.** Don't start projects just before mealtimes, or before a birthday party or play date.
- **Don't fence them in.** Along with *Play-Doh* products, provide other expressive materials and experiences such as blocks, water and sand play, dress-up clothes and homemade instruments. You can even use found and recycled materials.
- **It's the forest, not the trees.** For young children, creativity is about the exploration of ideas and materials, not the end result. Elephants don't always have to be colored gray. And a face can just as easily be made with colorful shapes and designs as from drawing actual facial features.



Introducing Play-Doh® Arts and Crafts Products

Along with *Play-Doh*® classic modeling compound, the new line of non-toxic and washable *Play-Doh Arts and Crafts* products— available exclusively at Target® stores— can help bring your child's imagination to creation.

PLAY-DOH

Scented Crayons

Chunky and sturdy, these crayon sets of 8 and 16 feature fun shapes, including a circle, square and star.

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Roller 'n Paint

Each set includes a fabric paint roller and paint tray with dry watercolor paint.

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Marko Rollo™ Markers

Each set includes two colorful markers that roll out shapes. The component pops off for simple coloring.

PLAY-DOH

Fountain Paints

With a squeeze, these paint containers dispense paint into the attached tray.

Bring Your Child's Imagination to Creation

Then try these projects at home.

- Find items in your gadget drawer such as rolling pins, spatulas and potato mashers. Then take turns choosing a category, such as farm animals, breakfast foods, beach items, park items, etc., and create something out of *Play-Doh* modeling compound for that category.
- Take a nature walk with your child. Look for objects that represent the seasons, such as leaves, acorns, twigs, flowers, pods, etc. Then replicate these objects at home using any appropriate *Play-Doh* brand products.
- Have your child draw a picture of your family using crayons. Then have him or her color over this drawing with watercolor paint such as *Play-Doh* Roller 'n Paint. The paint will resist the wax of the crayons to create an enhancing effect to the drawing.

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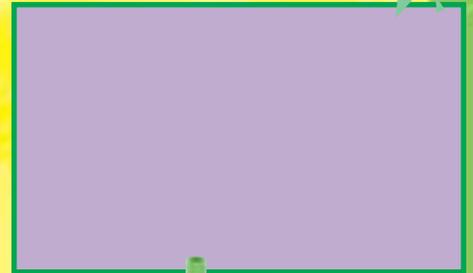
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