

# Birthday Party

## Art Activity List

Varley  
Art Gallery  
of Markham

- Please select 2 activities from the variety of fun, creative, and gender-neutral list of possibilities.
- The selection must be based on the age of the birthday child as they have been carefully planned and designed accordingly.

## FOR KIDS AGES 4-6

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### 1. MARVELLOUS MASK-MAKING



Kids are encouraged to exercise their creativity and imagination by creating their own marvellous paper-based masks using mixed media, feathers and beads galore.

Focus:

Tactile exploration

Allowing a child to create an imaginary creature

### 2. SPOON PUPPETS



The perfect little puppets with personality! Using everyday objects like a spoon, kids use a variety of media and embellishments to make their own unique creation. One of our most popular projects for the curious and creative child!

Focus:

Tactile exploration

### 3. WATERCOLOUR SEA PAINTING



Put on your flippers and explore our world under the sea. Kids will use watercolours and pastels and create their own underwater art creation. An arts-based project designed both to educate and delight.

Focus:

Exploration of watercolours and pastels

Learning to blend colours

Exploring colours

### 4. CLAY ANIMALS/PORTRAITS



For the tactile child, this activity is designed to have kids interact and communicate, working with modelling clay to make their own self-portrait or favourite animal, immortalized in clay. Kids will be introduced to the basics elements of art to produce a textured, sculpted image.

Focus:

Tactile exploration

Fine motor exercise

Exploring colours

### 5. PRINTMAKING FUN



A wonderful introduction for kids to create, play and learn about shapes, colour and pattern by learning how to make prints while creating their own stamp. A great activity for kids of a variety of ages.

Focus:

Exploring colour, shape and line. Exploring imagination

### 6. CLAY PINCH POT/PHOTO HOLDER



Learn the basics of sculpting and create your own sculpted treasure. Kids can create figurines and even turn it into a wire photo holder. The most popular activity for this age range! Perfect for a themed party.

Focus:

Learning about clay  
Exploring Sculpting  
Tactile Expression

### 7. WATERCOLOUR 3D PAINTING (LANDSCAPE)



Birthday guests will love this artsy project that incorporates a mix of media, painting with watercolour and oil pastels. Kids will learn get an introduction to the elements of art and concepts such as perspective, texture and form.

Focus:

Learning to use watercolours and pastels  
Learning to blend colours  
Learning about foreground, middle ground, background

### 8. PRINTMAKING PIZZAZZ



This printmaking activity is chock full of fun, colour and shape. A wonderfully interesting and simple technique that produces projects worthy of hanging on the wall! A favourite for kids.

Focus:

Exploring colour, shape and form  
Exploring printmaking technique



## 9. WONDERFUL WATERGLOBES



Certainly one of the most popular activities, kids will create their very own keepsake out of modelling clay, and embellishments. Activity could incorporate seasonal or specific themes such as animals, sports/hobbies, fairies, or princesses

### Focus:

Tactile exploration  
Encouraging imagination

## 10. PAPER MASK MAKING



Kids are encouraged to exercise their creativity and imagination by creating their own marvellous paper or fabric based masks using mixed media, feathers, beads, pastels, ribbon etc. Guests will get a brief introduction of the history and traditions of mask making around the world

### Focus:

Tactile exploration  
Cultural themes

## 11. PLASTICINE PICTURES



This activity is a perfect gender neutral activity for a wide range of kids. Explore texture, form, shape and pattern and create a masterpiece to take home. Kids will use a combination of media and art elements to produce the activity.

### Focus:

Learning about shape, texture, form and colour  
Learning to shape and sculpt with plasticine

## 12. WALL HANGING CANVAS



A fun and popular activities for kids, the wall hanging canvas will be the perfect decoration for their room and a wonderful memento of the party. Guest will create their own fabric hanging using paint, glitter, and can incorporate themes and motifs into the work.

Focus:

Learning about acrylics and blending colours

### 13. MIXED MEDIA LANDSCAPES



Using a variety of media, kids will make their own Group of Seven inspired landscapes full of colour, shape and texture. Great to go onto

Focus:

Learning about fabric dyeing techniques and history

Creating patterns

Exploring imagination

### 14. ADVANCED PRINTMAKING PIZZAZZ



This printmaking activity takes prints to a new level! The advanced printmaking project will have kids leave with a set of 4 note cards to share with friends and family.

Focus:

Exploring colour, shape and form

Exploring printmaking technique