



# Art Around the World!



## Parent & Teacher Resource Guide

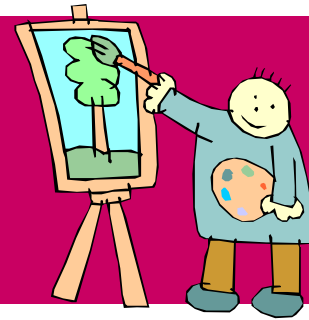
Dear Grown-ups,

**The Grand Rapids Children's Museum** celebrates the beauty of art from all over the world. Whether it is painting a picture, weaving, paper cutting, sculpting with clay, or performance art, GRCM is here to inspire your child's inner artist!

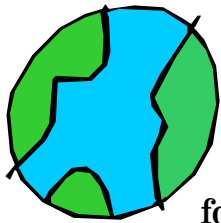
In order to get the most out of your Museum visit, we have compiled this **Resource Guide** to be used *before, during, or after* your visit. Inside, you will find a TON of hands-on ideas for you and your little ones to celebrate global art at home or school.



Enjoy!  
GRCM Staff



# My Passport Around the World



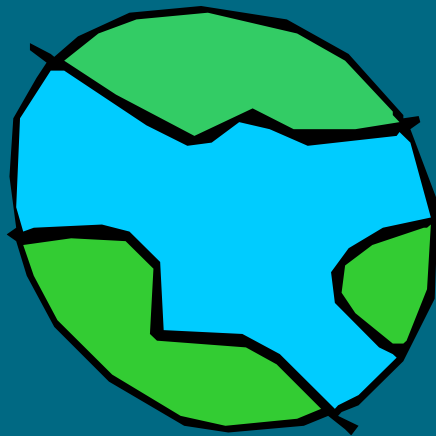
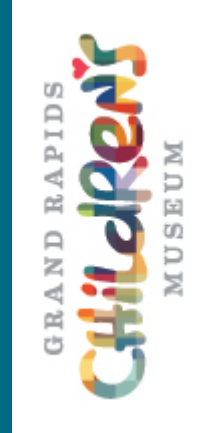
Introduce your little ones to countries and cultures around the globe through this fun passport activity! Use the following pages to print off and create your own passport. Each time you try a food, read a story, listen to a song or create an art project from a new country around the world, mark it on your passport. Older children may enjoy drawing the country's flag in their passport as a way of keeping track of the countries they have "visited." For recipes, stories, songs, art projects, and celebrations from around the world, check the last page of this **Resource Guide**.

## How to create your passport:

Use the template on the following pages to create your own passport. Print one copy of the "Cover Page" (cardstock works well) and cut to size. Print one copy of the "Info Page" and "Notes Page" and cut to size on the dotted lines. On this page, encourage your child to draw a picture of herself and fill in the "All About Me" section. Print several copies of the "Visas Page" so that you can fill in multiple countries. Cut these pages to size on the dotted lines. Fold the "Cover Page" of the passport in half along the center seam and staple the other pages inside to make a book. Have fun on your adventures around the globe!



# My Passport Around the World



COVER PAGE: FRONT

FOLD  
HERE

COVER PAGE: BACK

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Notes & Drawings

This is a picture of me!

### All About ME!

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

The country I live in is called:

My favorite food is: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite way to celebrate special occasions is: \_\_\_\_\_

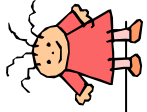


NOTES PAGE

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VISAS PAGE



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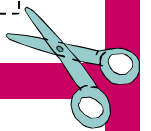
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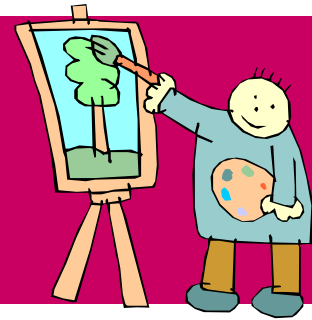
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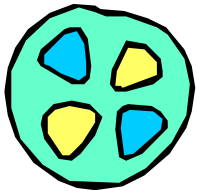
VISAS PAGE

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# Visual Arts



## Sandpainting

Many groups around the world create beautiful artwork out of colored sand, which can be purchased at most craft stores or online.

This form of artwork can be found in countries like Tibet, India, and Australia, among others. It has also been used by Southwestern Native American groups, too, for special rituals. Sandpainting is a great introduction to global art and culture!

### For school-aged children:

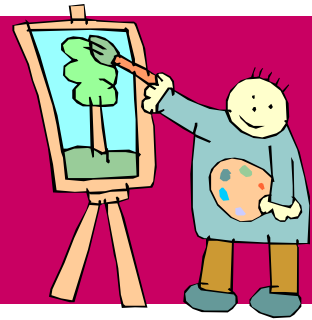
Create your own “sandpaintings” by using Elmer’s school glue, colored sand, and cardboard! First, create simple glue designs on the cardboard. Next, carefully pour the colored sands onto the glue. What happens when you mix your colors? Can you make new colors? What is the texture like? Let your sandpaintings dry in a safe spot and proudly display them when finished.



### For toddlers:

To create a less messy sandpainting project with little ones, use clear Contact paper. Peel off the backing and help your little one pour the sand right onto the sticky surface. This is a good opportunity to talk about colors and texture!

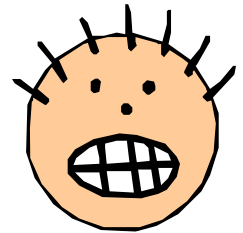
**Tips:** “Go Green” and use the plain brown insides of cereal boxes or other recyclables for your cardboard base. Some children might enjoy using a small funnel (available at dollar stores) to pour the sand onto their cardboard.



# Visual Arts, cont.

## Mask-making

Masks continue to be an important part of many cultural celebrations around the world. They can be colorful, three-dimensional, look like animal faces, and show any emotion you can imagine. Masks can be used to act out a play, to help when telling stories, and are just plain fun. Try creating a unique mask for your next upcoming celebration!



### Supplies:

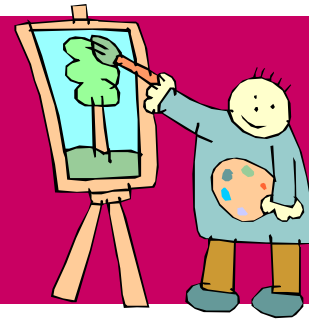
Masks can be made from anything! Check your recycling box for empty boxes, cardboard tubes, egg cartons, clean plastic containers or tin foil. You can also use scraps of bubble wrap, fabric, wrapping paper, leftover ribbons, yarn or buttons. Crayons, markers, or paint can add color and details to your mask.

### Getting started:

Use a piece of cardboard (an empty cereal box or a sturdy paper plate works well) to cut out a base for your mask. Grown-ups will need to help cut out the eye holes. If using all recycled materials, glue everything down and let dry before painting. Let your child choose her favorite colors and textures to decorate her mask. When dry, add strings to tie the mask on or attach the mask to a jumbo-sized popsicle stick to hold on to.

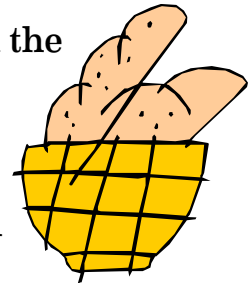


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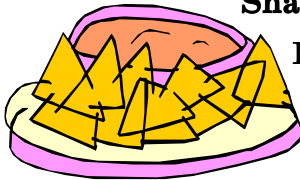


# Culinary Arts

Flatbreads and tortillas are common in many countries around the world. Kids enjoy flatbreads because of the many fun toppings they can add to them! Experiment with flour, whole grain, and corn tortillas. Flatbreads also come in a variety of flavors, from nutty pitas to buttery naan.



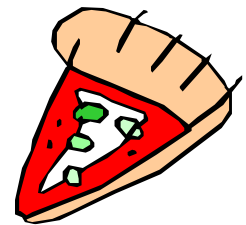
## Shape chips:



Let your little one use his favorite cookie cutters to cut shapes out of tortillas (any kind will do). After they have been cut out, he can spray both sides with a little oil and place on a cookie sheet. For a sweet snack, sprinkle lightly with cinnamon and bake chips at 400 degrees until they are golden brown. For a tasty dip, mix plain Greek yogurt, honey, and cinnamon. Children will love adding the ingredients and helping stir the dip! Serve chips with a side of fresh fruit. For savory chips, sprinkle with cumin and garlic or Italian seasoning and a little Parmesan cheese!

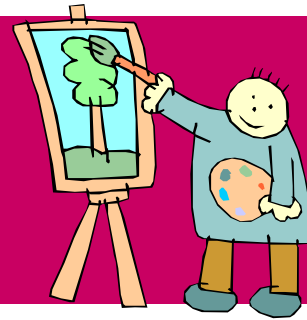
## Pizzas:

Flatbreads, like whole wheat pitas, make excellent healthy pizza alternatives! Let your child spread pizza sauce on the pita and sprinkle on a little cheese. Cut a variety of veggies (olives, broccoli, carrots, mushrooms, etc.) into small pieces and let him get creative by making faces or designs on the pita. Bake on a cookie sheet at 350 degrees until the cheese turns brown on the edges.





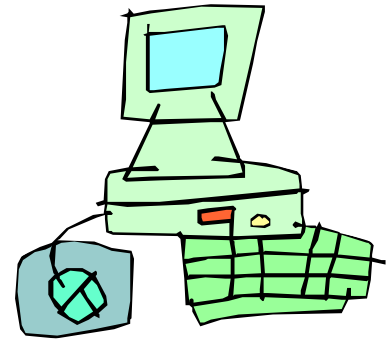
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# Resources

## Websites

- For art supplies at very reasonable prices:  
[www.discountsschoolsupplies.com](http://www.discountsschoolsupplies.com)  
[www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)
- For healthy (and delicious) recipes on a budget:  
<http://Chefrobinstastestodate.blogspot.com>
- Tons of art activities, recipes, and more:  
[http://belladia.typepad.com/crafty\\_crow/](http://belladia.typepad.com/crafty_crow/)
- Art activities, poems, and printables:  
<http://dltk-kids.com/world/index.htm>
- Art activities, recipes, and printables for a variety of holidays and seasons:  
<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/>



## Books and CDs

- The Kids' Multicultural Art Book by Alexandra M. Terzian
- Ethnic Celebrations Around the World by Nancy Everix
- Global Art: Activities, Projects, and Inventions from Around the World by Mary Ann F. Kohl
- Around the World Art & Activities by Judy Press and Betsy Day
- Hands Around the World by Susan Milord
- The Putumayo brand of cds has a line of "Playground" albums just for kids (such as "Animal Playground," "African Playground," etc.)

