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After the unprecedented success of the books, Drawing & Painting Course I and II (with CDs), both in English and Hindi and a number of similar books, such as 71 + 10 New Science Activities, 71+10 New Science Projects-Junior, etc., V&S Publisers have presently come up with ***71 Arts & Crafts for School Children***, a book exclusively designed and written for kids between the age group of 6 to 12 years.

Children love to draw with colours and make crafts, as well. Pencil colours, water and oil colours of different shades, glue, scissors, paper, paints, wax, clay, stones, metal pieces, magnets, leaves, flowers, and many other such easily available materials act as magic tools for them to make their own art and craft creations, with of course, their imaginary skills and elders' (parents or teachers) guidance.

Sometimes, seasons too play a significant role in inducing a child to draw or create something extraordinary, for example: during the long summer holidays of schools which at times could become a little boring for these young ones as even the evenings are too hot to play outdoor games. Similarly, rainy days are also the perfect time to encourage your child's creative instincts by helping them draw or create something interesting. Isn't it?

Our prime motto in publishing this book, or such innovative books is to arouse the creative skills among the kids, particularly the school children by encouraging and teaching them how to draw and make simple craft items with materials that are easily available in and around their surroundings.

However for all these, the help and guidance of teachers/elders/parents is mandatory. So gear up, my dear Young Friends with all your magic tools to create your own Masterpieces!

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Preface

Crafts and Activities for Kids

Kids love to make crafts. Glue, scissors, paper and paint give them the tools to make creations distinctly on their own. Perfect for rainy days or for encouraging your child's creativity, the crafts and activities we have for your children will bring out their inner artist, architect and designer.



Doing crafts and activities with your child is also the perfect way to spend time with them one on one. Children need their parents participation and attention along with the love and affection in their lives. Hence, making crafts and doing fun activities are a great way to create a lifetime of memories for you and your children.

SECTION A

Things to Do With Your Kids



Coming up with free crafts and activities that you can do with your child will help you to be a part of entertaining them and sparking their creativity. The task may seem difficult to you though, if you have never tried this kind of brainstorming before, or if you are not particularly craft minded. You don't need to feel overwhelmed though. There are many free resources available to you throughout the internet, if you need an idea in a pinch, and in the books that you can get at your local library if you have a bit more time to plan.

Sculpting



Help your children to improve their manual dexterity, engage them in the kitchen, and do some creative art at the same time! Simply take a simple recipe of salted dough, which is made up of flour, salt and water and get started. Your children can help you make the dough and then you can all play with it together. Whether you direct their play by offering up cookie cutters or suggestions of things to make (a person, a chair, a leaf, etc), or you choose to simply let them create things with it, this activity will be a simple hit. The dough's ingredients come from materials which you can easily find in your kitchen and is safe for children to handle. When you are all done with it, i.e., the created small images of animals, birds, flowers, leaves, etc., you can *bake the pieces that you and the children have made in the oven and **preserve your artwork for posterity.***