

Quick Button Art

If you're looking for an inexpensive, creative project that's easy to do with a group, this one is guaranteed to produce great results. Perfect for art fairs and carnivals, party crafts, scout troops and more. You can even use this project as a fund raiser or a creative way to make a nametag! Simply fill the top section of the Quick Button with paint, glitter, found objects, photos, flowers, fabric or paper scraps - anything flat - then, snap the back of the button on. Have plenty on hand, they always want to do more!



Grade Levels K-12

Process

1. Take the clear button front (without pin), place objects inside. Glue may be used if needed. You can make a basic collage or get creative. Some ideas:

Create nametags - have letters available, either as computer printouts or cut from magazines. You can also create an interesting background inside the button, then write names over the top with paint markers as a final step.

Acrylic Paint - use small brushes and apply paint in reverse, or put paint in small squeeze bottles and dribble inside the button. Once the back is snapped on, the paint is held inside.

Collage - Use small photos, decorative paper, tissue paper, glitter, paper shapes, text, sheet music, etc. to create little collages.

Watercolor - Cut circles from lightweight watercolor paper using the front of the badge as a template. Paint with watercolors, watercolor pencils, etc.

Nature Collage - Make a nature-themed button, with flowers, leaves, clover, etc.

2. Snap the back into the front, press around edges to make sure it's sealed

Materials

Blick-Quick Buttons

(60803-1025), package of 25 buttons, need one per student

Options

Assorted objects with limited dimension for collage: paint, yarn, glitter, paper scraps, fabric scraps, photos, flowers, foil, etc.

Blick All-Purpose White Glue

(23872-1064), 4-oz bottle, need one per student

Sharpie® Oil-Based Paint Markers

(22100-), assorted colors

Blick Matte Acrylic (00727-), assorted colors

Blick Student Watercolor Paper, 22" x 30" sheet, (10028-2152)

Prang® Washable Watercolor Sets (00350-)

National Standards

Content Standard #1 — Understanding and applying media, techniques and processes

- **K-4** Students use art materials and tools in a safe and responsible manner
- **5-8** Students intentionally take advantage of the qualities and characteristics of art media, techniques and processes to enhance communication of their experiences and ideas
- **9-12** Students conceive and create works of visual art that demonstrate an understanding of how the communication of their ideas relates to the media, techniques and processes they use