

## Preschool Paper Plate Sun Visor Craft

Offers themes for each month which use finger-play, songs, and activities to help motor development in three- to six-year-olds

How do combat veterans and their loved ones bridge the divide that war, by its very nature, creates between them? How does someone who has fought in a war come home, especially after a tour of duty marked by near-daily mortar attacks, enemy fire, and roadside bombs? With a journalist's eye and a mother's warmth, Sue Diaz asks these questions as she chronicles the two deployments to Iraq of her son, Sgt. Roman Diaz, from the perspective of the home front. Sergeant Diaz's second deployment put him south of Baghdad in the region aptly termed the Triangle of Death. There his platoon experienced extraordinarily heavy casualties during the height of the Iraqi insurgency. That unit has since become the focus of considerable media attention following events that made headlines in the summer of 2006: an insurgent attack at a remote outpost on three of their own—one killed at the scene, the other two kidnapped, their bodies found days later; and a terrible war crime committed against an Iraqi family by four soldiers from First Platoon. *Minefields of the Heart* adds a very personal dimension to the larger story of this Bravo Company platoon from the 101st Airborne's 502nd Infantry Regiment, a unit known since World War II as the "Black Heart Brigade." Diaz recounts the emotional rollercoaster her family and other soldiers' families experience during and after deployment. She explores this terrain not only through stories of her son's and family's experiences connected to the Iraq War, but also by insights she's gained from other veterans' accounts—from what she calls "the box" that soldiers returning from any war carry within. This added layer gives her narrative broader meaning, bringing home the impact of war in general on those who fight and on those who love them. *Minefields of the Heart* is a story of innocence lost, understanding gained, and hope reaffirmed. In addition to veterans and their families, this book will appeal to anyone who wants to understand war's impact on individuals as well as on the fabric of our society.

An evocative wordless picture book that is a loving tribute to mindful living on our precious planet.

After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water, greeting other fish fathers who are taking care of their eggs, in a story that includes a "hide-and-seek" feature with acetate overlays.

Art and Creative Development for young Children, 5E, written for early childhood professionals and those preparing to work with children in child care, preschool, or a Kindergarten through third grade setting, is a comprehensive, must-have resource for setting up a developmentally appropriate art program. This updated text takes a child-centered approach to art education. It covers the important issues of creative experience, art and the developing child, special needs and diversity, children's artistic development, planning, developing, implementing and evaluating art, integrating art across the curriculum, roles and strategies that facilitate children's artistic expression, evaluation and assessment.

Includes a bibliography of titles related to children's craft activities, especially international and holiday crafts, each providing project ideas using common household items.

A series of fun activities to help kids pass the time on a hot summer day.

A versatile sourcebook for planning classroom activities all year round.

Excited Ella and her stuffed monkey, Koofi, take a family trip to Israel. Ella enjoys visiting all the famous places in Israel, but Koofi experiences Israel in his own special way!

You never know what's beneath the surface. When Seattle native Tish Yearly finds herself fired and evicted all in one afternoon, she knows she's in deep water. Unemployed and desperate, the 26 year old ex-actress heads for the one place she knows she'll be welcome – the house of her cantankerous ex-CIA agent grandfather, Tobias Yearly, in the San Juan Islands. And when she discovers the strangled corpse of Tobias's best friend, she knows she's in over her head. Tish is thrown head-long into a mystery that pits her against a handsome but straight-laced Sheriff's Deputy, a group of eccentric and clannish local residents, and a killer who knows the island far better than she does. Now Tish must swim against the current, depending on her nearly forgotten acting skills and her grandfather's spy craft, to con a killer and keep them alive.

Popular Mechanics inspires, instructs and influences readers to help them master the modern world. Whether it's practical DIY home-improvement tips, gadgets and digital technology, information on the newest cars or the latest breakthroughs in science -- PM is the ultimate guide to our high-tech lifestyle.

A wonderful book of recipes for art projects. The new art projects and processes in this book will help to develop positive attributes including creativity, emotional expression, problem solving, hand-eye coordination, and language acquisition.

LIFE Magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today's people and events. They have free access to share, print and post images for personal use.

Support and assess the learning of essential skills needed for students' mathematics success! Created to support College and Career Readiness and other state standards, this resource is a great tool for educators. This must-have professional book allows teachers to systematically monitor students' progress toward proficiency in every essential skill. The 250 activities provide a rich menu of math learning experiences, which includes the use of manipulatives, activities, exploration, inquiry, and play. Digital resources are also provided and include student activity pages and teacher resources.

Tested by teachers in their own classrooms, the 600 educational activities collected in this book are designed to help five-year-olds develop physical, cognitive, language, and social skills, and are divided into 24 themes, such as art, games, holidays, math, music, outdoor play, nature, and snacks.

Unplug and get creative with more than 150 craft and art activities for kids. Kids Create features more than 150 engaging and thought-provoking art projects and crafts for kids, ages three to nine. Arranged by craft medium, and ranging from beginner to advanced, these projects, including seasonal options, are great for homeschooling, school projects, and weekends. Illustrations and step-by-step instructions demonstrate each activity and what it should look like along the way. Activities include shadow silhouettes, sponge art, a windsock recycling craft, a globe-making activity, and many more, including holiday themed-decorations. Also included is an informative section for parents on the stages of a child's artistic development. This is a perfect book for creative families who want to make something great together.

Includes activities for: ocean animals, camping, Independence Day, islands, boats, space, and more.

Provides an overview of successful publicity and public relations methods and shows how they relate to company operations as a whole. Emphasizes practical problem-solving and day-to-day operating details.

Developed by two early childhood research and training/technical assistance consultants, this extensive curriculum - divided into six age ranges between birth and 3 years - takes an activity-based approach to enhancing the development of infants and toddlers. This research-supported program gives parents and professionals more than 350 photocopiable activities that build on each child's natural strengths and interests, recognize and expand on emerging developments, and encourage progress in areas of concern. This curriculum is ideal for use in a variety of early childhood programs and settings such as Early Head Start, center-based care, home visits, programs for teenage student-parents, and other parent education programs. Fun for both children and parents, Beautiful Beginnings is the key to helping young children meet developmental goals and enhancing their school readiness.

Transform your 2nd grade math outcomes with these 54 engaging activities. Each activity supports an essential math skill. Created to support the Common Core and other national standards, this resource is a great tool for educators.

The author documents her journey to China with her adopted daughter Sophie to help Sophie gain a greater understanding of heritage, experience the realities of life in China, and develop a better relationship with her adopted mother.

Here are practical guidelines and step-by-step techniques for organizing and implementing a successful preschool program. Included are strategies and reproducibles for classroom management, curricula planning, learning centers, storytelling, nutrition and cooking and more. Celebrate! was conceived by the Board of Directors of First United Church Nursery School in Oak Park, Illinois, and is a practical guide to birthday parties, family celebrations, or just no reason at all get-togethers. Packed with 200 pages of party themes, Celebrate! was developed and tested by the real party experts--parents and kids!

I had tried everything: therapy, medication, meditation. Everything except God. Lily Burana was in crisis. Desperate for rescue from her depression and anxiety, the punk-rock-girl-turned-writer feared she would die. She was down to her remedy of last resort: faith. A lapsed believer who had drifted away from the church and into a life on the margins during her young adult years, Lily had long believed that Christianity had nothing to offer her. Then an unmistakable sign from above led to her unexpected decision to let God in—just a little bit. But how could she come to terms with a religion she had dismissed as hostile and intolerant? In this collection of linked essays that chronicle her spiritual recovery, Lily explores what it means to embrace “a faith of surprisingly Jesus-y shape.” Lily navigates her own unique path toward a trusting relationship with God as she addresses topics as diverse as coming out as Christian to your non-Christian friends, the intersection of faith and motherhood, and what it means to confront your history of mental illness and trauma. Whether recounting her history as a “baby Goth,” extolling the healing power of glitter, or wrestling with God for control over her life, Lily proves that you don’t need to have a flawless faith in order to experience God’s grace in action. “Grace for Amateurs is that rare Christian book packed with humor, depth, kindness, intelligence, and inclusion. If you yearn to return to the heart of faith—boundless, agenda-less love—sit down with Burana. She’ll make you laugh and restore your hope.” —Glennon Doyle, New York Times bestselling author of Love Warrior and Carry On, Warrior

Judge Deborah Knott can't wait to trade the lush fields of Colleton County for the clear blue ocean and long stretches of sand at Wrightsville Beach. A summer conference for the North Carolina district court judges couldn't come soon enough for Deborah, who is overwhelmed by her newly married life and the responsibilities of being a mom. Lying beneath the hot summer sun in Wrightsville and reconnecting with old friends over delicious seafood dinners in nearby Wilmington, Deborah finally begins to unwind. But tensions are building beneath the surface of this seemingly peaceful resort area. Deborah's relaxing trip to the seaside takes a sudden, dark turn when she stumbles upon the strangled corpse of one of her less-admired colleagues. It doesn't take long before she realizes that the killer may have another target, much closer to home. Unwilling to stand idly by while the murderer draws near, Deborah begins to investigate alone. At each turn, her list of suspects grows to include everyone from her judicial colleagues and friends to local television personalities and restaurant employees, and soon it seems that anyone in Wilmington could be capable of murder.

Focusing on the big difference made by the “little” words in Scripture, this creative resource allows pastors the flexibility to coordinate messages for children and adults by pulling lessons from many different books of the Bible.

Wedding consultant Diane Warner suggests hundreds of clever ways to make your special even extra-special. These are fun & romantic touches that are fast, affordable, easy for anyone to do ... and, in the making, all the more meaningful.

Provides instructions, material lists, and suggestions for crafting such items as picture frames, coasters, candles, stationery, and wrapping paper.

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