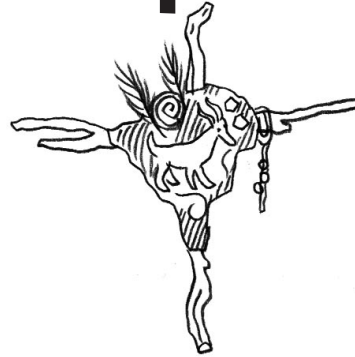




SMART LESSON PLANS

Native Spirit Stick



MATERIALS

- ✓ Liquid Watercolor™
- Small Sticks, roughly 6" and 12"
- ✓ Colorations® Air Dry Putty
- ✓ White glue
- ✓ Watercolor markers
- ✓ Pipe cleaners
- ✓ Feathers, shells, collage objects

Optional:

- ✓ Small Animal Figurines (sold as "Math Counters")

✓ = in Discount School Supply catalog

OUTCOMES

Art is good brain food! This art idea helps children develop:

Cognitive/Thinking Skills

- Creative thinking
- Planning and adapting

Emotional/Feeling Skills

- Self expression
- Aesthetic development

Social/Relating Skills

- Gathers materials with group
- Shares materials with group

Physical/Coordinating Skills

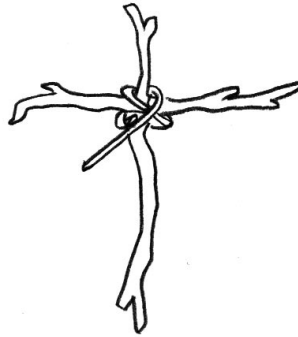
- Sensory integration
- Body coordination

Literacy & Language Development

- Develops narrative
- Multi-cultural awareness

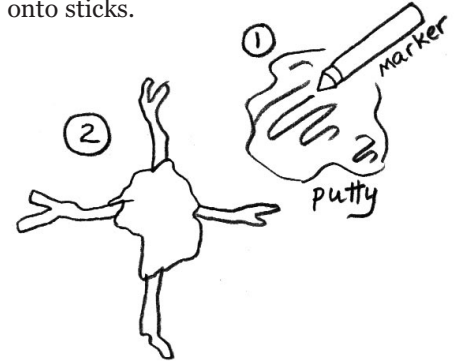
Step 1: Attach Sticks Together

Attach two sticks together with pipe cleaner, wrapping securely.



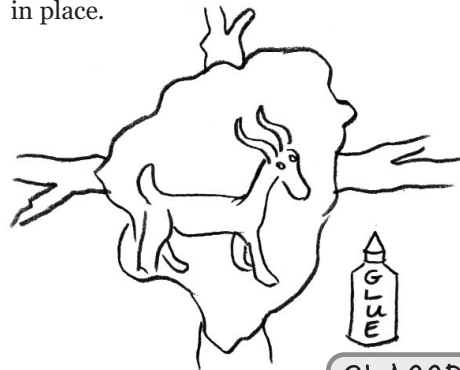
Step 2: Color and Add Putty

Color a handful of putty with markers, kneading putty to blend in colors. Press onto sticks.



Step 3: Select Animal Figure

Select animal. Press into putty, adding glue underneath the figurine to hold it in place.



Step 4: Decorate/Embellish

Add natural shells and collage objects. Paint putty using natural earth tone colors.



CLASSROOM TIPS

Extensions

Spirit Sticks reflect the tradition and values of Native Americans, whose culture is based on respect for nature. Spirit Sticks were known to have magical properties and were used for protection. They hung in homes, were carried by individuals, and were used in ceremonies. Go on a nature walk and find acorns, twigs, and small stones to personalize your Spirit Stick. Or, add seashells, colored rock salt and feathers. The small animal figures used in our example are inexpensive Wild Animal "Math Counters" which are sized just right.

Vocabulary

Native American Indian, Spirit Stick, Ritual, Ceremony, Ceremonial Object.

Ages 4-12

2 Sessions