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ART & CRAFT – SILVER FOIL EAGLE

If you are looking for a more advanced art project for older children/young teens, try creating this striking eagle foil picture using household items. Younger children can simply colour the picture instead!

You will need:

A4 Card

PVA glue (the kind that comes with a thin applicator nozzle)

Scissors

Glue (PVA or glue stick)

Kitchen foil

Cotton bud

Black shoe polish & kitchen roll



Method:

1. Take the eagle picture at the end of these instructions and stick it onto card (such as a cereal box) using a glue stick or PVA glue. If you want to draw your own picture instead, feel free! Draw onto the card using a pencil to sketch out a simple design (try not to include too much detail as the lines need to be easy to follow) and then go over your lines with a felt-tip pen so that you can see them.



- Using PVA glue with a fine applicator nozzle, put a layer of glue along each of the lines. Do this slowly and carefully – start at the top of the picture and work your way down, being careful not to smudge the glue and following the lines as accurately as you can. You may need to do this in two or three stages.



- When you have put a bead of glue along all your lines, set the picture aside to dry. It can take around 24 hours depending on the type and thickness of the glue.



- Apply a thin layer of glue over the whole image using PVA and a brush or a glue stick. Take a piece of kitchen tinfoil larger than your image and lay it lightly over the top of the image – it is up to you as to whether you want the foil shiny side up or down. Ours is shiny side up.



5. Starting from somewhere near the middle of the picture, gently press the foil down onto the image and use a cotton bud to carefully press it in around the raised edges of your glue lines. Again, it is important to work slowly and carefully to avoid air bubbles getting trapped under the foil or tearing the foil, and to work it around all the lines. (Don't worry too much if you tear the foil a little bit, you can hide this later.) When you have finished, trim any excess foil from the edges of your picture with scissors.



6. Once the foil is applied over the whole image, take a blunt pencil (or an embossing tool if you have one! A black biro pen works well - anything with a blunt tip will do. A sharp object will tear your foil). Now get creative! Draw patterns and textures into the image, gently pressing the pencil into the foil and card beneath to create an impression on the image. Do not press too hard as you do not want to tear the foil, just enough to leave an indent in the surface.



7. When you have finished with your detailing, take some black shoe polish (we used the kind that comes in a bottle with a sponge on the top) and dot it all over your image. If you do have any small tears or punctures in your foil, use the shoe polish to cover them up.



8. Leave the shoe polish on the image for a minute or two, and then carefully wipe the excess polish off with some kitchen roll or a soft cloth. This will show off all the details you have worked into your picture. Mount your finished picture in a frame, and your work of art can now be hung on the wall for everyone to admire!

