

Welcome at school

Plastic arts workshops +



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Abstract:	WP2 aims to deliver a tool whose purpose is to serve as a digital playground for migrant and refugee children in their integration trajectory in the host country. WP2A7 offers pedagogical scenarios around plastic arts workshops as one of the 7 pedagogical themes (music workshops, digital storytelling, cross-cultural cooking, dreamland, arts workshops, sensorimotor workshops, tandem learning).
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Plastic arts workshop – Festival fusion

Activity inspired by [Integracyjne warsztaty świąteczne dla uchodźców z Ukrainy - Fundacja Understanding](#)

Plastic arts workshop – Festival fusion	
Target group:	Students aged 10-14 (but adaptable for other age groups)
Duration:	4 sessions, 45 minutes each
Learning objectives: • Understand and appreciate the significance of traditional festivals from both cultures. • Create ornaments that blend elements from Ukrainian and host country festivals. • Foster integration and mutual appreciation between Ukrainian refugees and peers from the host country.	
Organization:	• Collaborative group projects (mixed teams of Ukrainian and host country students). • All students, regardless of background, are equally involved and participate in discussions and activities.
Strategies:	• Information sharing about traditional festivals • Collaborative ornament crafting • Shared festival celebration
Materials:	• Art and craft supplies (beads, colored paper, ribbons, glue, etc.) • Reference materials on traditional festivals • Display boards or space for an ornament exhibition
Before the workshop: - Secure art and craft supplies. - Gather materials on traditional festivals from both cultures. - Prepare a space for crafting and displaying the ornaments.	
Teacher's instructions	
Session 1	
Introduction: - Start with a question: <i>What's your favorite festival or celebration, and why?</i> - Share the aim of the workshop: to learn about and celebrate traditional festivals from both cultures.	10 min
Information sharing: - Allow students to present about their favorite traditional festivals from both Ukrainian and the host country. Encourage them to discuss symbols, rituals, and special ornaments associated with these festivals.	35 min
Session 2	
Ornament Creation: - Divide students into mixed teams	5 min
Brainstorming:	20 min



- Each group discusses and decides on a festival from each culture that they'd like to merge or represent. - They brainstorm ideas for an ornament that fuses elements from both festivals. Sketching: - Teams sketch designs for their fused ornaments.	20 min
Session 3 Ornament creation: - Teams prepare their ornaments, trying to bring their designs to life. Reflection and Feedback: - Allow a short reflection period where teams can discuss their progress and share feedback.	40 min 5 min
Session 4 Setting up: - Groups set up their ornaments for the exhibition. Exhibition & Sharing: - Each team presents their ornament, explaining the elements from both festivals and the significance behind their design choices. Celebration: - Close the workshop with a mini "Festival Fusion" celebration, perhaps by playing some traditional music from both cultures or sharing snacks.	10 min 25 min 10 min
Note: The first two steps of Session 4 can expand into more sessions depending on how many students participate in the workshop. The last session should finish with a “Festival Fusion” celebration. Adaptation and Extension: The workshop can be devoted to a specific festival from each culture. In that case, students will focus on preparing fused ornaments for that particular festival. Students could invite their schoolmates and parents to the exhibition and celebration part.	
Tips for teachers: - If possible, invite local artisans or cultural representatives to share insights about traditional festivals. - Encourage respect and open-mindedness; ensure every student's voice and cultural significance is acknowledged.	



Plastic arts workshop – **My Homeland Natural Wonders**

Activity inspired by [Art Workshop Decoupage](#)

Plastic arts workshop – My Homeland Natural Wonders	
Target group:	Students aged 10-14 (but adaptable for other age groups)
Duration:	4 sessions, 45 minutes each
Learning objectives: • Understand the basics of decoupage. • Familiarize with various elements of nature from different cultures. • Foster collaboration and mutual appreciation among students.	
Organization:	• Pair or group collaboration.
Strategies:	• Exploration of natural elements through visuals and discussions. • Hands-on decoupage activity.
Materials:	• Decoupage papers with nature-inspired designs. • Plain wooden items (like boxes, trays, or frames, shapes, e.g. hearts, clouds, squares) for decoupage. • Decoupage glue (or Mod Podge). • Brushes, scissors, and varnish. • Decoupage: Step-by-Step Guide
Before the workshop: - Collect necessary materials. - Research on typical natural elements and landscapes from Ukraine and the host country.	
Teacher's instructions	
Session 1	
Nature Discussion: - Introduce various landscapes and elements of nature, emphasizing the beauty in diversity. - Allow students to present/talk about natural wonders from both Ukrainian and the host country. Encourage them to discuss the similarities and differences.	15 min
Basics of Decoupage: - Explain the art of decoupage. You can distribute this step-by-step guide. - Show some examples of decoupage, especially those inspired by nature.	30 min
Session 2	
Nature-inspired Design: - Students, in pairs or groups, discuss and select a nature theme they wish to capture in their decoupage.	20 min
Material Selection & Cutting: - Students choose decoupage papers that align with their theme and cut out desired shapes and patterns.	25 min



Session 3 Let's create: - Guide students in applying the decoupage glue to the wooden item, placing their cutouts, and then applying another layer of glue on top.	45 min
Session 4 Smoothing & Details: - Ensure that all edges of the paper are glued down smoothly. - Students can add final details if desired. Varnishing: - Introduce students to varnishing, explaining its protective role. - Students apply a layer of varnish to their work.	25 min 20 min
Session 5 Discussion: - Students present their decoupage items, discussing their chosen theme and the process. Reflection: - Open a group discussion on the diversity of nature across the globe and the similarities and differences they observed in the themes chosen by their peers.	20 min 25 min
Adaptation and Extension: The theme of this workshop can be easily adapted to any occasion, e.g., traditional festivals and celebrations, stories and legends, etc. If the artworks are prepared on flat squares, they could later be put together on a bigger canvas to create a mosaic. The prepared creations may later be donated to charity auctions that are sometimes organized at schools, or be used as small gifts for different occasions.	
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