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Diversity Wreath



What You Need:

- Skin Tone Paper
- Piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencil
- String

Directions:

1. On a piece of cardboard, cut out a large circle.
2. Cut out the middle of the circle to make a wreath.
3. On different skin tone paper trace your little one's handprint.
4. Cut out the handprints (you will need about 12 or more handprints)
5. Have your little one glue all the handprints onto the circular piece of cardboard.
6. Poke a small hole through a section of the wreath.
7. Pull a piece of string through the hole and then tie the ends.
8. Hang the diversity wreath on a door.



Talking Points:

This activity is a great way to start talking about embracing each others' differences with your little one. Keep the conversation simple. Ask your little one which handprint colour is most like their own skin colour. Let your little one know that it is important to always be kind and caring to others, or as R.J. Palacio said "look with kindness and you will always find wonder".

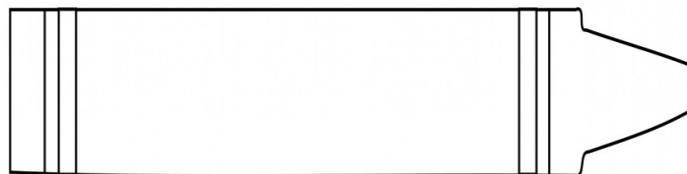
Books:

- 📖 [Garrett's Gift](#) by Sweet Blackberry from [Kanopy Kids](#)
- 📖 [The Snowy Day](#) by Weston Woods from [Kanopy Kids](#)
- 📖 [I'm New Here](#) by Anne Sibley O'Brien from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

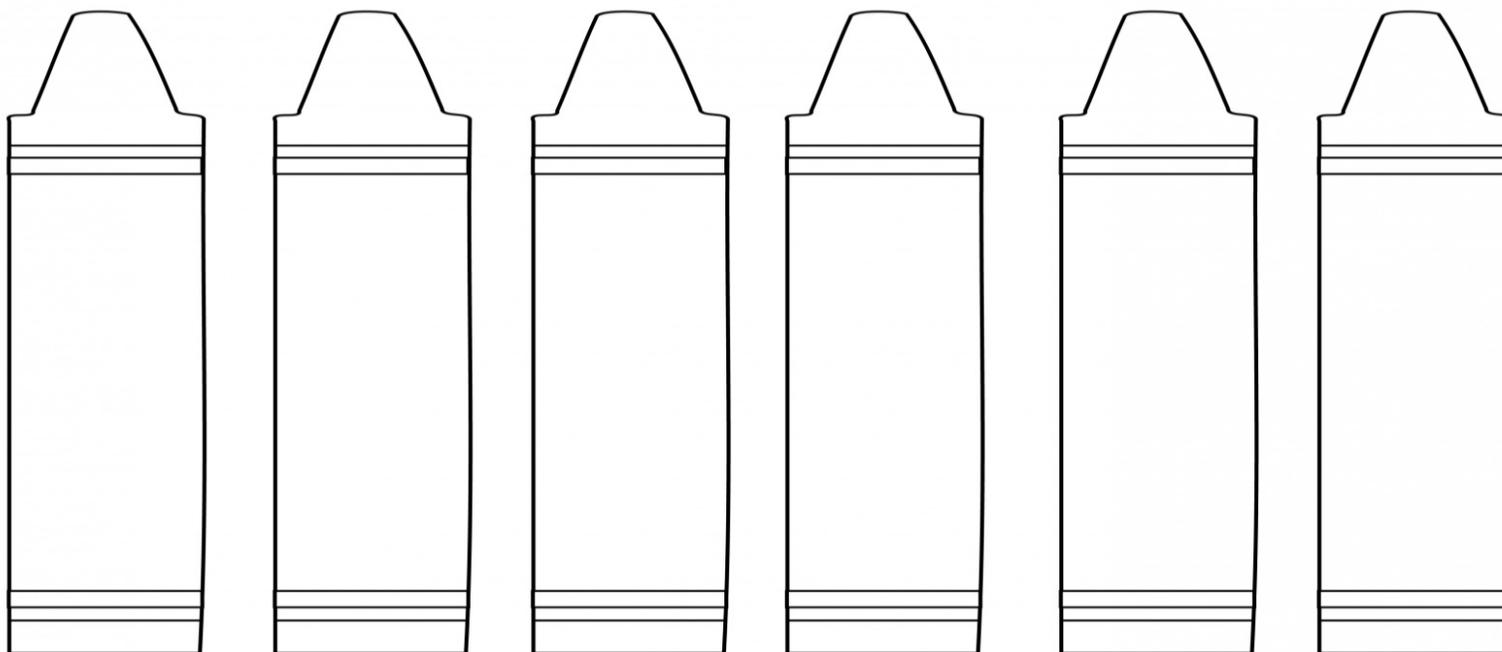
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Box of Crayons

My favourite colour is...



But I also like...



It would be sad to only have one colour.

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Let's Celebrate Diversity



What You Need:

- Multicultural Construction Paper (or [Multicultural People Pad](#))
- Construction paper - multiple colours
- Small stickers, pom poms, etc. for clothing
- Googly Eyes (optional)
- Glue
- Markers

Directions:

1. If you don't have the multicultural people pad, you can have an adult use the multicultural construction paper to cut out people shapes.
2. Have an adult make clothes for the paper dolls by placing a piece of construction paper underneath the people shape. Next, trace around the paper doll body to form the desired shape of clothing. Finally, cut out the shape and snip off the head, hands, and feet.
3. Have your child glue clothing, hair, shoes onto the paper dolls. And pretty much decorate the doll with small stickers, googly eyes, pom poms, markers, buttons, or yarn.



Talking Points:

Your preschooler has most likely noticed that we all look different, so use this activity as a learning opportunity to point out racial differences. Ask them which paper doll has darker or lighter skin tones, and which dolls have darker or light skin tones than their own skin tone. You can even show them the difference in skin tones in your own immediate family by holding your arm against theirs.

Point out cultural differences when reading picture books. For example, explain how everyone's hair is different - some people have straight, curly, or wavy hair, and all our hair colours are also different (black, blonde, brown, red, grey, etc.).

Books:

- 📖 [Lola at the Library](#) by Anna McQuinn from [Tumble Book Library](#)
- 📖 [While You Are Sleeping](#) by Durga Bernhard from [Tumble Book Library](#)

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Diversity Egg Activity

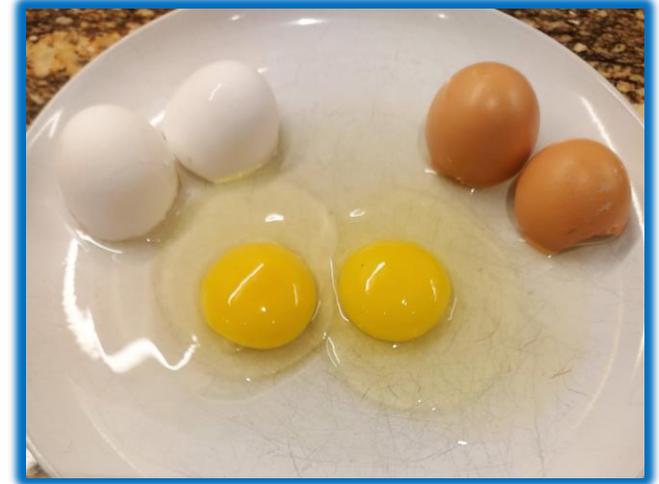


What You Need:

- Brown Egg
- White Egg
- Plate

Directions:

1. Holding a brown egg and a white egg ask your little one to tell you how they are visually different. Make sure to connect the egg colour to skin colour.
2. Crack open the brown egg and put it on a plate.
3. Then, crack open the white egg and put it beside the brown egg on the same plate, so your little one can see that despite them looking different they are the same on the inside.



Talking Points:

This is a simple activity to start building a positive view of race and diversity with your little one because you can show them that everyone is special and different but inside, we are all similar. Try to keep it simple with your little one by explaining that we have different hair type, body type, skin tones, languages and interests, but we are all similar because we are human beings with emotions and feelings (happy, sad, etc.).

Books:

- 📖 [Hair Love](#) by Matthew Cherry from [Hoopla](#)
- 📖 [Crown: Ode to a Fresh Cut](#) by Derrick Barnes from [Hoopla](#)
- 📖 [The Big Umbrella](#) by Amy Bates from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [It Takes a Village](#) by Hillary Rodham Clinton from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

Songs



The More We Get Together

The more we get together,
together, together.

The more we get together
the happier we'll be.

'Cause your friends are my friends
and my friends are your friends.

The more we get together
the happier we'll be



Skinnamarink

Skinnamarink a dink a dink,
skinnamarink a doo.
I love you!

Skinnamarink a dink a dink,
skinnamarink a doo.
I love you!

I love you in the morning,
and in the afternoon.
I love you in the evening,
and underneath the moon.

Oh, skinnamarink a dink a dink,
skinnamarink a doo.
I love you!

