## Four-Leaf Clover Surprise

#### What You Need:

- Green Paint - Cardstock (white) - Paint Brush

Baking Soda - Scissors - Pencil
 Vinegar - Baking Sheet - 2 Bowls

- Eye Dropper / Syringe / Spray Bottle

#### Directions:

- 1. Have an adult draw an outline of a four-leaf clover on a piece of cardstock, and then cut it out.
- 2. Have an adult mix equal parts paint and baking soda together in a bowl. Mix with the paint brush until the mixture is well combined. Also, fill a small bowl with some vinegar.
- 3. Place the four-leaf clover onto a baking sheet and give to your little one with the paint-baking soda mixture.
- 4. Have your little one paint the four-leaf clover.
- 5. Give your little one an eye dropper and the bowl of vinegar and show them how to squeeze the vinegar onto the painted four-leaf clover.

#### Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about the colour green. Tell them other things that are green and ask them if they can bring you a toy that is green.

Talk to your little one about the bubbles that form on the page when they put the vinegar on the 'paint'. If they are older, explain to your child, that a chemical reaction just occurred. When an acid (in this case, vinegar) and a base (baking soda) mix they form a gas called carbon dioxide.

#### Books:

- Mark A Fine St. Patrick's Day by Susan Wojciechowski from Vaughan Public Libraries
- The Itsy Bitsy Leprechaun by Jeffrey Burton from <u>Vaughan Public Libraries</u>





## Rainbow & Pot of Gold

Scissors

- Gold Glitter



#### What You Need:

- Construction Paper Black/Grey and one other colour
- Tissue Paper Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple
- Glue

If you don't have glitter you can also use yellow paint and have your little one press one finger into the paint and then tab it on the black pot.

#### Directions:

- 1. Have an adult cut out rectangular (or square) size pieces of tissue paper (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple) and a large black pot. The pot should be about 1/3 of the size of the other piece of construction paper.
- 2. Have your little one glue the black pot onto the other piece of construction paper.
- 3. Give your little one the cut-up pieces of tissue paper and encourage them to make a rainbow above the pot.
- 4. Have your little one put glue all over the black pot. Then have them sprinkle some gold glitter on top of the glue.

#### Talking Points:

Recognizing colours and identifying colour names is an important part of your little one's development, as it helps them make distinctions among things they see. So, make sure to talk to your child about all the colours they are using. Encourage them to think of other items that are also the same colour.

Sing the rainbow song on the last page of this document.

#### Books:

- The Great Leprechaun Chase by James Dean from Hoopla
- The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow by Sean Callahan from Vaughan Public Libraries
- The Story of the Leprechaun by Katherine Brown Tegen from Vaughan Public Libraries





### Count the Gold

Scissors



#### What You Need:

- Construction Paper Black/Grey and one other colour
- Glue Round Yellow Stickers
- Number Stickers (or a white crayon to write the numbers on the pots)

If you don't have round yellow stickers you can also use a yellow piece of construction paper and just cut out circles small enough to fit in the pots.

#### Directions:

- 1. Have an adult cut out six small black pots about 2-3 inches in length and 2 inches in height.
- 2. Have your little one glue the black pots onto a piece of construction paper.
- 3. Have your little one stick the number stickers onto each pot. If you don't have number stickers then have and adult (or your little one) write the numbers on each pot.
- 4. Have your little one stick the small round yellow stickers onto each pot. The number of stickers should correspond to what the number says on the pot. For example, on Pot #2 your little one will add two stickers.

#### Talking Points:

Encourage your little one to count each time they put a sticker onto a pot, and count with them. Ask your little one to find the number that corresponds to their age.

If your child is a little older, you can do higher numbers such as 7 - 12. Or you can add a few stickers to the pot and ask how many more they need to add.

#### Books:

- Ten Lucky Leprechauns by Kathryn Heling from Vaughan Public Libraries
- Three Ways to Trap a Leprechaun by Tara Lazar from Vaughan Public Libraries
- How to Catch A Leprechaun by Adam Wallace from Vaughan Public Libraries





# St. Patrick's Day Matching

Draw a line to the matching items



Rainbow Gold Pot Leprechaun Hat Rainbow



## Shape Songs

#### Rainbow Song

Tune: Hush Little Baby

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue, rainbow green and yellow too.
Rainbow orange and rainbow red
Rainbow shinning over my head.

Come and count the colours with me How many colours can you see

1, 2, 3 on down to green 4, 5, 6 colours can be seen

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue, rainbow green and yellow too.
Rainbow orange and rainbow red
Rainbow shinning over my head.

### Five Little Leprechauns

Five little leprechauns on St. Patrick's Day
The first one said, 'I'd like to play!'

The second one stood beside a rainbow. The third one waved and said, 'Hello!'

The fourth one said, 'Good luck to the bold.'
The fifth one said, 'Just don't touch my gold!'

Plink, plink went the harp ' they all danced around, Then five leprechauns ran off with a bound.

#### On St. Patrick's Day Song

Tune: The Mulberry Bush

Let's wear green and dance a jig, dance a jig, dance a jig. Let's wear green and dance a jig, on St. Patrick's Day.

All join hands and circle round, Circle round, circle round.
All join hands and circle round, On St. Patrick's Day.

Twirl your partner round-about, round-about. Twirl your partner round-about, on St. Patrick's Day.

