

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL · GRADES 1–4

After-School Club — Arts & Crafts

Six sessions, minimal prep

For supervising staff

Each activity takes 30–45 minutes and uses materials most schools have on hand: paper, scissors, glue, crayons or paint. No specialist art training needed — read the steps, demonstrate, let the children run with it.

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Week 1 — Symmetry butterflies Fold paper. Paint blobs on one half. Press together. Open. Symmetrical butterflies. Add antennae and details.	Week 2 — Paper plate weaving Cut slits around the edge of a paper plate. Wind yarn or string in a pattern. Builds fine motor skills.
Week 3 — Junk modelling robots Save boxes, lids, tubes for a week. Children construct robots. Glue, tape, paint. Very high engagement.	Week 4 — Rock painting Smooth rocks from outside (or buy a bag). Acrylic paint. Children make 'kindness rocks' to leave around school for others to find.
Week 5 — Collage self-portraits Cut shapes from magazines or colored paper. Build a face out of the pieces. Picasso-style abstraction encouraged.	Week 6 — Tie-dye t-shirts (or paper) On paper if no fabric: rubber-band crumpled paper, dab with watercolor, unwrap. Real t-shirts if budget allows. Great display.

