

# "Tulip Spoon Garden: Exploring Colors and Textures"



## Objective:

To engage Year 1-2 students in a creative and hands-on art project that explores colors and textures using wooden spoons to create a tulip garden.

## Materials:

- Wooden spoons (one for each student)
- Acrylic paint in various colors
- Paintbrushes
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Green pipe cleaners
- Optional: Googly eyes, markers, and other decorative materials

## Introduction (10 minutes):

Gather the students in a circle and talk about the beauty of tulips in the field. Show them the wooden spoons and explain that they will be transforming them into colorful tulip flowers. Discuss the different shapes and colors of tulips they might see in the field.

### **Painting the Spoons (15 minutes):**

Distribute a wooden spoon to each student. Provide acrylic paint and paintbrushes in various colors. Instruct the students to paint their wooden spoons to resemble tulip flowers, encouraging them to explore different colors and patterns. Remind them to leave the spoon handle unpainted.

### **Creating Tulip Shapes (10 minutes):**

Provide construction paper or cardstock in different colors. Instruct the students to cut out tulip shapes from the paper, large enough to fit the bowl of the spoon. They can draw a tulip shape on the paper and cut along the lines or use a pre-made template for guidance.

### **Assembling the Tulip Flowers (10 minutes):**

Provide glue sticks to the students. Instruct them to glue the tulip shapes onto the bowl of their painted wooden spoons, securing them firmly. Encourage creativity by allowing the students to layer multiple tulip shapes or add additional details using markers or decorative materials.

### **Adding Stems (10 minutes):**

Provide green pipe cleaners to the students. Instruct them to bend and shape the pipe cleaners to create tulip stems. Help them attach the stems to the handle of their wooden spoons using glue or by wrapping the pipe cleaner around the handle.

### **Personalizing the Tulips (10 minutes):**

Encourage the students to add additional details to their tulips, such as drawing faces on the tulip shapes, using googly eyes, or creating leaves using green construction paper. Allow them to personalize their tulips with markers or other decorative materials.

### **Display and Reflection (5 minutes):**

Allow the artwork to dry. Create a display area in the classroom where the students can showcase their tulip spoon gardens. Gather the students together to reflect on their creations, discussing the colors and textures they used and what they enjoyed most about the art project.

