## BUSY HANDS

Creating art should be both a fun and imaginative experience, and what better way to combine both than with hand print art.

The examples can be modified to suit your artist's abilities and interests.

The secrets to creating a lasting keepsake are simple: use bright bold colors, choose a subject or theme that will be appealing to your artists and their families and make sure that each child signs their masterpiece.

We hope that the sample artwork shown will set your imagination free!











 Start by pressing a red hand print into the center of the top half of a piece of heavy white paper.



- 2) Cut out 7 simple shapes: large yellow oval, two small dark yellow ovals, two black rectangles, black triangle and a red heart. (This step may be easier to complete ahead of time, especially when dealing with younger children.)
- 3) Cut the simple shapes to suit your rooster's needs: large yellow oval - cut a few inches from the bottom to create a flat edge small yellow ovals - cut three small "bumps" into the end of each for your wings black rectangles - cut three small "bumps" on one long side of each for your feet black triangle & red heart - no additional cutting needed
- 4) Glue your pieces into place (be pieces are securely glued to the heavy white paper) large yellow oval glue on to the page partially overlapping the bottom of the hand black rectangles glue with the flat edge along the flat edge of the large oval small yellow ovals glue above the feet with the bumps along the outside red heart glue upside down in the middle of the top half of the large yellow oval black triangle glue upside down directly on top of the point of your heart
- 5) You may add a border as a finishing touch. We used a broad black border but, any color would work. Use a fine tip black marker to add your rooster's eyes. Have the artist sign their name to the completed masterpiece. Be careful to stay at least ½" away from the paper edge.

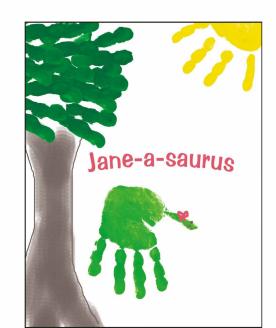




## Tiny hand prints grow so fast

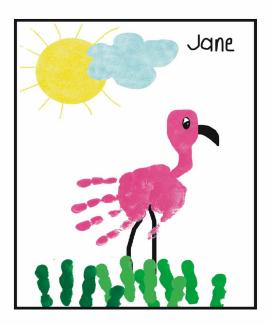




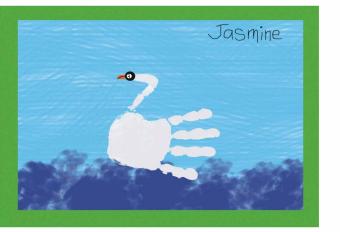


## Spread your wings and fly!







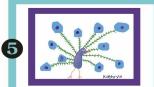












- Start by gluing a brightly colored construction paper border to a piece of heavy white paper.
  - Please consult our Detailed Art Instructions for complete details and recommendations on artwork creation.
- 2) Brush tempera paint onto the side of each child's closed fist. Press the painted side of the hand firmly into the middle of the bottom half of the paper. This will be the peacock's body.
- 3) Have the artist paint circle shapes around the "body" of the peacock. It is important to use a light color. Add an orange beak, legs and a lighter spot of color for an eye.
- 4) Cover each artist's fingertips with tempera paint (you must use a darker color than was used for the painted circles). Press a fingerprint in the center of each circle.
- 5) Draw curving black lines from the peacock body to the circle "feathers". Add small line to the "stem" of your peacock feathers to give them more dimension. Don't forget to finish the eye and sign the artist's name away from the paper edge.

