

DIY Craftshop Program Planning Toolkit

What you'll need:

- Some crafting know how or the desire to learn
- Tools and Supplies
- A space
- Enthusiasm!

Choose your craft:

Choose crafts that teach a skill, encourage individual creativity, are fun and promote pride in their creation.

- How much space do you have?
- Do you have additional staff or volunteers to assist?
- What's the intended age of participants?
- What's your crafting ability or comfort level?
- Will this be a series or a single craft program?
- What basic skills will participants need? What will they learn?
- What's your budget?

Stretch your budget:

- Choose budget friendly crafts
- Shop early & look for sales
- Create a program around leftover supplies
- Share your supplies from home
- Buy in bulk
- Find unique uses for everyday items
- Invest in regularly used tools and supplies

Have a successful program:

- Do the craft beforehand
- Be encouraging
- Limit the options
- Control your supplies
- Anticipate which parts of the craft might be difficult

Some possible program ideas:

Resources:

Michaels.com
Etsy.com
Amazon.com
Pinterest.com
Canva.com

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DIY Craftshop Program Planning Form

Date / Time of Program: _____

Craft: _____ Age Range: _____

Number of registration spots: _____ Budget: _____

Basic Skills Needed: _____

Skills Learned: _____

Supplies: (craft paper, glitter, wood, flowers, wire, beads, etc)

Tools Needed: (hammers, scissors, x-acto knives, glue guns, etc)

Potential Concerns: (drying time, extended tool holding, etc)

Preparation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sample craft created | <input type="checkbox"/> Promo posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Online marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers / staff assistants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspiration pieces | <input type="checkbox"/> Written instructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Room setup | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Form |