

Crafty Comprehension!

This 22 page workbook consists of 9 craft ideas presented as reading comprehension passages. Each passage consists of a brief background selection and a section devoted to a supply list and instructions for creating a craft. Following each passage are 5 to 6 multiple choice questions related to the passage. Each craft can be created independently by students, primarily using materials commonly found in the classroom. Students read the passages, create the craft, then answer the comprehension questions. These activities are great for learning centers, test prep, life skills, and independent work. All passages are written at approximately a 2nd to 3rd grade reading level. Passages/crafts include: Earth Day Suncatchers, Earth's Layers model, Fall Wreaths, Ojos de Dios (God's Eyes), Pop-up Groundhog Puppets, Abe Lincoln Puppets, Make Your Own Geodes, St. Patrick's Day Rainbows, and Bead Angel Ornaments. For similar products, see my *Recipes for Reading Comprehension* series, which involve passages and instructions for creating no-cook recipes, available at www.teacherspayteachers.com

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FALL Wreath



Many people enjoy decorating their house in the fall. People often use brightly colored fall leaves to make their homes look festive. You can make your own fall wreath to decorate your house for autumn!

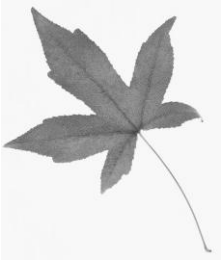
Fall Wreath

Materials:

-  Brown paper grocery bag
-  Ribbon
-  Fall decorations (such as fake leaves, ribbon, buttons, etc.)
-  Stapler
-  Glue

Directions:

1. Cut the grocery bag into strips. The strips should be about 3 inches wide by 18 inches long.
2. Twist each strip into a rope shape. Staple the strips together at one end.
3. Braid the 3 strips of paper. To braid the strips, lay them side-by-side so that the stapled end is at the top. Cross the left strip over the center strip and pull it tight. Then cross the right strip over the center strip and pull tight. Continue crossing the left and right strips over the center strip and pulling tight until you reach the end of the strips.
4. Pull the bottom of the braid up to the top, forming a circle. Staple the bottom of the braid to the top of the braid to hold the circle in place.
5. Decorate the wreath with fall decorations. Use some of the decorations to hide the staples.
6. Tie a ribbon to the top of the wreath. Use the ribbon to hang your wreath.



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Use the passage to answer the following questions. Circle the letter of the **best** answer.

1) According to the passage, what is the purpose for making a fall wreath?

- A. to use leaves
 - B. because it is autumn
 - C. to decorate your house
 - D. all of the above
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2) In this passage, what is the *best* meaning of the word **festive**?

- A. joyous
 - B. clean
 - C. full
 - D. natural
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3) How long should the paper strips be?

- A. 3 inches
 - B. 18 inches
 - C. 3 feet
 - D. 18 feet
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4) What should you do with the 3 strips of paper?

- A. twist them together
 - B. make a loop with them
 - C. cut them into pieces
 - D. braid them
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5) Which of the following could you use to decorate your wreath?

- A. fall leaves
- B. ribbons
- C. buttons
- D. all of the above