

ideas by the Bushel

Enjoy this “harvest” of corn activities picked just for you!



Start your harvest by taking your child to the grocery store and buying some stalks of corn. Purchase a few still in their husks so your child can help you shuck them! While you’re at the store, pick up a few bags of popcorn kernels and make sure you have fall colored paints at home as well!

Art: Pour some fall colored paints onto a few pieces of paper or even on used newspaper. Let your child take an ear of corn and roll it in the paint and then all over the paper. This process will cover the paper with fall colors using the corncob as the paintbrush!

Music: While the paper is drying, help your child cover the bottom of a paper towel roll with masking tape to create a bottom. Then, pour in some popcorn kernels to fill the roll a little less than half-way full. Cover the top of the roll with more tape so the kernels can’t fall out. Now, help your child squeeze glue, or use a glue stick, to cover the roll and wrap the paper painted using the corncob. Now, shake, rattle, and roll!!

Math/Science: Want to see some corn “hop”? Help your child fill a jar with 3 cups of water and put in a few drops of food coloring just to make it pretty! Then, have your child stir in 2 tbsp. of baking soda and a handful of popcorn kernels. Now, slowly pour in 6 tbsp. of white vinegar and watch the kernels start hopping!

Following Directions: Place a pair of old jeans, a flannel shirt, a paper plate (for a face), markers or crayons, some string or yarn (to tie the bottom of the sleeves and jeans), and some newspaper (for stuffing) out for your child to make a scarecrow (you have to have a scarecrow to keep the crows from eating the corn!). Draw step by step instructions for your child to follow to make their own scarecrow!



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