



Make this Summer Much More Fun! And Easier too!

I'm sharing with you a sneak peek of a new activities pack that I've been working on with some stellar kid bloggers.... the 20 Moms (You've known [them on Pinterest](#), right? Well, now its time to see us in an e-book!)

Camp Mom: Summer Activities Pack

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A stunning resource for moms to make this summer fun, and easier too!





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Here's a sneak peek of what's in the e-pack. Its jam-packed with gorgeous photos of super fun activities to do with the kids!

- Several printable **summer planning pages** (art supply prep list, Summer Bucket List template, etc.)
- Four summer themes with **over 45 Simple and FUN activity ideas with full instructions and supply lists**. With 80+ total activities and ideas to do!
- **Adventure ideas and tips** - you can have adventures without leaving your backyard or use the ideas to get out and explore your community.
- **Tips and articles for a successful summer**: managing sibling conflict, what to do with the toddler, how to enjoy a museum with your kids, etc.
- **Reading recommendations** to go with each of the 4 themes.

Here's just a sneak peek of just *some* of what you'll get in the pack:



20 Camp Mom SUMMER ACTIVITIES PACK

PLANNING THE OUTDOOR

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

THEME PLANNER

SURVIVAL SHEET

HELPING THE PRINCE

SUMMER BUCKET LIST

BUCKET RELAY GAME

MAKE A WATER BLOB

MORE WATER ACTIVITIES

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MULTISENSORY BODY PRINT

USE-Y OOBLETH PRINT

ART DUCT ADVENTURE

DISCUSSING ART

ART QUESTIONS TO ASK

THE 7th GRADE



Kids can not only create a beautiful leaf print, but can learn about the science behind it.

by Amanda Morgan



POUNDING LEAF PRINTS

Prep Work:

Go on a short nature walk around the park or around your yard and collect a few interesting leaves.

Cut the muslin into squares about the same size as your leaves.

Activity Instructions:

1. Place leaf between two pieces of muslin.
2. Place your muslin-leaf sandwich onto a hard surface that's safe for pounding.
3. Assist your child in pounding the leaf, gently at first, until the color begins coming through the muslin.
4. Pound all around the leaf to capture the leaf's entire shape. Flip over and pound from the opposite side, if necessary.
5. Carefully remove what's left of the leaf and enjoy your beautiful print!

Supplies needed:

rubber mallet or hammer - leaves
muslin or other white cotton fabric

Alternative ways to play:

Extend your child's learning by talking about chlorophyll and how it makes food for the tree. When I'm talking with children as they do this activity, I mention that the leaves are holding the color inside, kind of like a water balloon. When those balloons are hit, they break and the color comes out onto the fabric. You can also extend the activity and try different types of plants and flowers to see the different types of prints they make.



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BASIC ART KIT

by Alissa Marquess

Make arts and crafts easy by putting together this basic kit. Gather these basic supplies all in one spot; a basket or box near where you usually do crafts works well. If you have these basics available you will always have an activity at hand, and you can easily expand your options by adding only a few items here and there.

You can encourage creativity by creating a space in your home where children can independently access art supplies so they can draw or create any time. Of course putting these supplies in reach depends on the ages and stages of your kids!

Art Supplies:

- Washable water colors
- Liquid paint, like Tempera or acrylics
- Washable Markers
- Crayons
- Plain Drawing Paper
- Construction Paper
- Scissors (kid size)
- White Glue
- Tape
- Plastic cups for holding paint water
- Access to the recycle bin!

For Clean Up:

Store these items near your crafting supplies as well.

- Something to cover your work surface (a vinyl table cloth or newspaper)
- Rags for blotting paintbrushes and wiping up spills
- A smock or old shirt to cover clothes- or simply craft in "crafty" clothes or without clothing.

Optional Fun Items:

- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Glitter or glitter glue
- Pom Poms

For activity ideas you can see this list of 20+ Art Projects using Just the Basics. 

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