

With My Hands: Poems & Activities for Maker Kids

Want to inspire your kids to be both readers and makers?

READ Amy Ludwig VanDerwater's maker poems from the picture book **With My Hands: Poems About Making Things** illustrated by Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson (Clarion Books). **PAIR** those poems with these suggested art lessons (1-2 hours) or crafts (20-30 minutes).

"Every poem is an invitation to get creative – the book is an obvious springboard into collaging, painting, baking, piñata making, and other activities at home or at school." – *Publishers Weekly*



Poem

Art Lesson

Easy Craft

Birdhouse	<u>STEM Birdhouse Lesson</u>	<u>Painting Premade Birdhouses</u>
Boat	<u>Make a Boat from Recycled Materials</u>	<u>10 Easy Boat Crafts</u>
Card	<u>Pop Up Cards</u>	<u>Styrofoam Block Prints</u>
Clay	<u>Tooth Fairy Pinch Pots</u>	<u>Air Dry Clay Recipe</u>
Collage	<u>Sandwich Collage</u>	<u>Fabric Scraps Collage</u>
Cookies	<u>Sensory Play Cookie Painting</u>	<u>Bakery Dramatic Play</u>
Drawing	<u>Symmetrical Butterflies</u>	<u>Observational Drawing</u>
Fort	<u>Classroom Fort</u>	<u>Easy Clip Fort</u>
Glitter Picture	<u>Starry Night Glitter Painting</u>	<u>Glitter Slime</u>
Knitting	<u>Wild Thing Mittens</u>	<u>Finger Knitting</u>
Knot	<u>Human Knot and Drawing Knots</u>	<u>Group Knot Tying</u>
Leaf	<u>Book of Leaves</u>	<u>Crayon Resist Fall Leaves</u>
Mess	<u>Shaving Cream Marbling</u>	<u>Splatter Painting</u>
Origami	<u>Lotus Floats</u>	<u>Origami Rabbits</u>
Painting	<u>Yayoi Kasuma Dot Dot Dimension</u>	<u>Marble Painting</u>
Parachute	<u>Make a Parachute Toy</u>	<u>Group Parachute Games</u>
Piñata	<u>No Mess Mini Piñata</u>	<u>Paper Mache Piñata</u>
Shadow Show	<u>Indonesian Shadow Puppets</u>	<u>Mason Jar Shadow Drawing</u>
Snowflakes	<u>Wax Resist Watercolor Snowflakes</u>	<u>Cutting Snowflakes</u>
Snowman	<u>Sassy Snowmen with Model Magic</u>	<u>Creative Ideas for Snowmen</u>
Soap Carving	<u>Sculpt a Sea Urchin</u>	<u>25 Sculpture Ideas</u>
Sock Puppet	<u>Sock Puppet Pets</u>	<u>Cardboard Puppets</u>
Spaceship	<u>Creative 3D Spaceships</u>	<u>Make a Pretend Telescope</u>
Tye Dye	<u>Shibori Sensation</u>	<u>No Dye Tye Dye</u>

These online lesson ideas, created by many maker minds, were hand-selected by art educator Samara Yandell.
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