

A Bouquet of Thanks



A painted vase of stems that a child's own handprint turns into flowers. The full kit adds a tree, butterfly wings, a practice sheet and tracing.

2-6

AGES

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THEME

4

PAGES

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- A Bouquet of Thanks
- Words for the back
- No-paint tracing option

Before You Paint



A calm, five-minute craft for ages 2–6 with a grown-up

YOU WILL NEED

- Washable, non-toxic paint labelled safe for children's skin (tempera or finger paint)
- A paper plate as a palette, and a foam brush or sponge to spread a thin coat
- Wipes or a bowl of warm soapy water and a towel within reach
- An old shirt or smock, and newspaper under the page
- For tracing instead: a pencil, then crayons, markers or colored pencils

MAKE THE PRINT

- 1 PRACTICE FIRST**
Do one press on scrap paper first. You will see how much paint is enough.
- 2 PAINT THE HAND, NOT THE PLATE**
Brush a thin, even coat over the palm and fingers. Too much paint makes a blob; too little leaves gaps.
- 3 PRESS AND HOLD**
Place the hand inside the dashed area, fingers spread. Press the palm, then each finger, for a slow count of three.
- 4 LIFT STRAIGHT UP**
Hold the paper still with your other hand and lift the child's hand straight up. Wash hands right away.
- 5 DRY FLAT**
Leave the page flat until the paint is completely dry, often 30–60 minutes. Write words and names only after that.

NO PAINT? TRACE INSTEAD

- Lay the hand flat in the dashed area, fingers apart.
- Trace around it with a pencil; tickles are part of it.
- Go over the line with a marker, then color it in.
- Turn the shape into flowers, a treetop or wings with drawn details.

SAFETY

Use only washable, non-toxic paint labelled safe for children's skin, with a grown-up right there. Skip paint if the child has broken skin or a skin condition, and never put paint near the face or mouth. A child who does not like the feel of paint can trace instead — both make a real keepsake.

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The handprint becomes the flowers: press it just above the stems.

PRESS OR TRACE THE HAND HERE



Spread the fingers wide; each finger is a bloom. Add fingerprint buds around it when dry.

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Words for the Back



Cut apart; a grown-up writes the child's exact words, then glue to the back

My words for you

Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for writing words.

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Blank lines for writing the child's name, age, date, and recipient.

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