



Greetings amazing ArtVan amigos! This week, we're keeping warm and cozy by thinking about the people that make us laugh, that help us when we're down, and share our silliest stories - our friends! Throughout the winter, ArtVan will stay connected to you, our friends, with ArtBags and project demonstrations on our YouTube channel. Each ArtBag focuses on a theme and includes a variety of materials and project ideas based on that theme. As always, we encourage you to use these materials in any way you choose!

## FRIENDSHIP

**Materials included:** Paper plates, markers, contact paper, brads, glossy paper, tissue paper, glue sticks

**Project Ideas:** \*\* Find demonstrations of materials and selected projects on **YouTube: Art Van Program\*\***

1. Imagine the friends in your life as a beautiful garden. Use tissue paper and your glue stick to create flowers that represent each of your dearest friends, and glue them to a sheet of paper. Add details like stems and leaves with markers. How is each flower unique? How do you help your flowers grow?
2. Using markers and contact paper on the large paper plate, create an image of your "world." On the small plate create an image that represents the friends that offer you strength. Attach the small plate on top of the larger one with a brad. Who can you count on to stay centered with you while the world spins around? How do you support your friends when big changes happen in their world?
3. Trace your hand with a marker on **glossy** paper. As you color in the outline, use your finger to smudge the ink around before it dries. Can you blend the colors together to create new shades? How can friendships get blurry sometimes? Which friend last offered you their helping hand, and why?
4. Friendships can have lots of highs and lows over time. By sticking contact paper to glossy paper, create a landscape that uses mountains and valleys to represent the good times, and not so good times, of one of your longest friendships. Add details with markers and/or tissue paper.
5. Create a list of songs that you and your friends love. While you listen to them, "dance" with your markers on the glossy paper. Are there songs that remind you of a specific pal or memory?
6. Create a magical compass or sundial. Using a small and large plate. On the small plate draw a wild looking arrow or two and fill in with power colors and shapes. On a large plate create places you want to go, people/animals you want to see, or make it abstract its shapes and colors.
7. Imagine the plate is your steering wheel. Draw on either sized plate images of where you would want to go, who you would drive, what your steering wheel looks like using one-all of the materials.
8. Using tissue paper and contact paper create a colorful, multilayered collage on glossy paper. What happens when you glue one color of tissue paper over another? Add details with markers.
9. Go on a treasure hunt around your home to find scraps of paper printed with words (newspapers, flyers, junk mail, etc.). Use markers to create a "black out poem" by circling all the words/phrases that are meaningful to you, and coloring over the rest.
10. Create a colorful bookmark for a friend on a strip of glossy paper using any/all materials!

*\*Turn over to find artwork by our ArtVan ArtStar of the month! Have fun adding your own colorful ideas!\**

We would **LOVE** to see what you create! Share photos of your artwork with us at:

facebook.com/artvanprogram & Instagram: @artvan\_program