



Happy New Year!

Hello fabulous ArtVan friends! Welcome to 2021! As we move through the winter, we will continue to stay connected and creative through our offerings of ArtBags and project demonstrations on our YouTube channel. Each ArtBag will focus on a theme, and include a variety of materials and project ideas to explore and express yourself with. As always, we encourage you to use these materials in any way you choose!

NEW BEGINNINGS

What new opportunities will you open your heart and mind to this year? What new skills would you like to learn? Is there anything you want to let go of (i.e. worries, bad habits, etc.) to start fresh?

Materials included: Yarn, wire, foam pieces, wooden beads, popsicle sticks

The project ideas for these materials are **sculptural** and meant to be created in 3-D! Use the wire and/or yarn to wrap, tie, or weave the foam and wooden pieces to each other. Recycled materials from home (bottle caps, plastic, foil, cardboard, etc.) can be used to add extra detail to your work.

Project Ideas: * Find a selection of project demonstrations on **YouTube: Art Van Program***

1. Imagine you could open a door to enter a mysterious new world. Create a creature or plant you might find living there! What are some unique abilities it has?
2. Create a raft that could float on water. How do you stay on top of the waves in your life?
3. Create an object that can open and close. What could it hold? What could it keep out?
4. Imagine you are the opening act for your favorite band. Create something you can wear for your big show! What makes you a star? How do you stand out from the crowd?
5. Make a bracelet with wooden beads and yarn. Close your eyes and take one deep breath for every bead on your string. Imagine the space inside your chest opening as you breathe.
6. Wrap wire around your fingers to create springy spirals. What could use a little bounce?
7. Create a doll or an action figure that is going on an exciting adventure. What is their mission? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Is anyone travelling with them?
8. Use your materials to invent a unique gadget to solve an everyday problem. What problem would your gadget solve? Who would you want to share it with?
9. Create a tree that represents your family. Who are the branches, spreading out? Who are the supportive roots? Who is the strong and sturdy trunk?
10. Imagine you are opening a shop to sell your one-of-a-kind creations! What would you name it? Create an advertisement to describe all the amazing qualities of yourself and your work!

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

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