



Flying Folktale Banners

Everyone loves a story! Kids listen to an intriguing local folktale and make banners to fly in the story parade. When they get home they can continue to tell stories!

Group

Mini Club Med/Ages 4-11

Materials Needed

Blunt-Tip Scissors
Color Explosion™ Black (ages 6+ only)
Color Wonder™ Markers (ages 4+)
Color Wonder Paper (ages 4+)
construction paper
dowel sticks (11")
Glue Sticks
hole punch
Overwriters® Markers
raffia
self-adhesive foam dots or bits of white poster board

Safety Guidelines

Age recommendation for this craft: 6 years and older

- **ATTENTION:** The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.
- By its nature, wood is rough and may contain splinters.
- Close adult supervision is required to assure children's safety.

Requirement for 4- and 5-Year-Old Children

- Provide Color Wonder Paper and Markers. Remember that for some children, Club Med kids staff may be their very first formal art teachers! Demonstrate or explain how to use Color Wonder with young artists as they make their banners.



Prepare the Room

1. Select a local folktale to tell or read aloud. Choose one that is suitable for the ages of the children and that has vivid scenes and characters that children can picture in their imaginations. Practice using various voices and gestures to make the characters come to life.
2. Experiment with the exciting Color Explosion and no-mess Color Wonder technologies. Practice different techniques to make lines and designs! Create a story banner like the ones the children will make. Choose a story other than the one the children will hear so they can imagine their own pictures.
3. Set out art supplies. Prepare music for a parade.

Set the Scene for Children 8 to 10 minutes

- Gather in a comfortable spot. Ask if anyone has heard any folktales from the area where they are vacationing. What places, animals, and characters might appear in one?
- Show the sample banner. Ask: What do you think happened in the folktale illustrated on the banner?
- Read or tell a folktale. What local elements do the children recognize? Does this story sound like any other folktale they've ever heard? How did the children picture the story they just heard? Who were the characters? What did they look like? What other images did they imagine?
- Invite the children to make story banners based on the folktale they just heard or some other favorite story.

Art Directions 30 to 40 minutes

1. Color the dowel sticks with Overwriters® Markers. Or roll and glue paper into a tight roll for hanging the banner.
2. Demonstrate ways to make designs on Color Wonder™ (ages 4 and 5) and Color Explosion™ (ages 6 and up) Papers.
3. Encourage children to draw characters and images that tell a story.
4. Cut out pieces and glue them on a construction paper background to create a story banner. For an exciting 3-D effect, use dots or small pieces of cardboard between the figures and the background paper.



5. Punch holes in the top of the banner. Tie raffia to the dowel and through the holes for hanging. Or glue one edge of the banner to the rolled paper. Air-dry the glue.



After the Project 8 to 10 minutes

- Ask children to tell what scene they illustrated. What are the characters in their banners doing?
- Play regional music and have children wave their banners in a spirited parade!

Skill-Level Variations

Ages 4 to 6

- Encourage children to use simple shapes, lines, and swirls to illustrate their folktales. Some may prefer to make up their own stories!

Movement & Music

Play recordings such as these while children decorate their banners and after they finish—for movement, dancing, and/or singing.

- *Critical Brass* by Hungry March Band
- *One Light, One Sun* by Raffi

Mexico

- *De Colores and Other Latin American Folk Songs* by Jose-Luis Orozco
- *Fiesta Musical: A Musical Adventure Through Latin America* by Music for Little People
- *Mariachi From Mexico* by Mariachi Lopez Varanga & Los Lobos

Variations by Destination

Mexico

- Mayan culture has many folktales about rabbits deceiving coyotes and crabs. Other popular characters are deer, jaguar, and a little skunk.
- Mexican storytelling traditions include cuento de fantasmas (ghost stories) and nahual (or naguales) people who can turn into animals.



Books to Keep Kids Reading

Mexico

Cuckoo: A Mexican Folktale by Lois Ehlert

Fiesta Feminina: Celebrating Women in Mexican Folktale by Mary-Joan Gerson and Maya Christina Gonzalez

Horses Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales by Neil Philip

How Music Came to the World: An Ancient Mexican Myth by Hal Ober and Carol Ober

The Emerald Lizard by Pleasant deSpain

The Woman Who Outshone the Sun by Alejandro Cruz Martinez

More Fun Ideas

Enjoy these easy activities with children who finish early.

- Add an exciting raffia fringe to the banner border! Draw interesting border designs.
- Create a colorful collage with leftover pieces of papers! Glue to construction paper to make a new piece of artwork.
- Invite children to collaborate in making up a folktale of their own. Each child can draw one part of the story. Combine the drawings on one banner and share with the group!
- Read another folktale or enjoy looking at the illustrations in some of the books on display.
- Play a storytelling game. Children sit in a circle. With a soft ball or similar object in hand, introduce an interesting character and establish a problem. Then toss the ball to someone else in the circle to continue the story. Keep the story going until all have had a chance to add to the plot. The last person to catch the ball decides how the story ends!



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Try these folktale crafts:

- Bring-Your-Own Stone Soup
- Inside the Princess's Palace
- Tall Tales, Long Lore

Children ages 6 and older might enjoy these Color Explosion™ projects, all found on Crayola.com.

- Color Wonder Wiggle Snakes
- Sparkling Constellation
- Bright Borders Picture Frame

Fun Facts About Crayola Colors

Red is one of the most easily recognized colors in daylight. Therefore, traffic lights, stop signs, and fire trucks are often painted red so that people can see them coming from far away.

Connect With Families

Under 6: Distribute parent handouts.

Over 6: Use this conversation starter to share information about the activity: Folktales are fun! We made banners about a local folktale. Ask your child to explain the story—and how the banner was made!

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy talking about today's exciting activities with your child. This Flying Folktale Banner is a great Mexican souvenir! Your child will remember your Club Med vacation for a long time when you hang the banner in a prominent place in your home. Encourage your child to talk about the story with friends and family, too.

Share a few observations with your child about the unique qualities of this project. Children appreciate detailed comments or questions such as, "These bright colors really make your characters stand out," or "What happened in this part of the story?" Folktales are meant for retelling! Encourage your child to describe the story using the figures on the banner as cues.

We have suggestions for more folktale resources, especially books that will engage your child's imagination. Just ask us!

Thanks for bringing your child to a Mini Club Med Art Project featuring Crayola® creative fun!

Visit www.Crayola.com for these and other fun folktale activities

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