



Mini Name Murals

What's in a name? Youth decorate their names in the colors and design styles of artists from their vacation destination—and that reflect their own unique personalities!

Group

Club Med Passworld/Ages 11- 17

Materials Needed

Color Explosion™ Black & White
construction paper
Pointed-Tip Scissors
School Glue

Safety Guidelines

Age recommendation for this craft: 10 years and older

- Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.
- **ATTENTION:** The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Prepare the Room

1. Find samples of the work of famous muralists in the country where the resort is located. Find those whose work might inspire youth to try similar design styles and uses of color.
2. Create and display your own Mini Name Mural. Experiment with different techniques to make your name stand out! Include designs and symbols native to the region.
3. Make multiple copies of the Meet & Greet Scavenger Hunt.
4. Set out art materials. Select music to play while youth create their Mini Name Murals.



Set the Scene for Youth 8 to 10 minutes

- Invite youth to form a circle in a comfortable spot. Play the Name Game! Youths introduce themselves and list one favorite activity they enjoy while here on vacation. Continue around the circle with each person repeating the names and favorite activities of everyone else in the circle before adding his or her own name and favorite activity to the list. The last person will have quite a challenge!
- Share pictures of local destinations, activities, and artists' murals, especially those with suitable words in graffiti style.
- Show your sample Mini Name Mural. Explain what individual designs on it mean. Demonstrate how to use Color Explosion™ paper and markers.
- Play local music while children design their names.

Art Directions 30 to 40 minutes

1. Youth help themselves to Color Explosion™ paper. Suggest that they experiment with small pieces first.
2. Using a full sheet, encourage youth to include local designs and symbols in their graffiti-style name murals.
3. Cut out the Mini Name Mural and glue it to a contrasting color of construction paper background. Trim the paper to fit the shape of the mural.

After the Project 8 to 10 minutes

- Each youth takes a turn to explain the images on his or her Mini Name Mural. Who used similar images and lettering styles?
- Distribute Meet and Greet Scavenger Hunt sheets. (See Graphics.) Invite youth to collect autographs of fellow travelers by asking them to sign various boxes on their sheets. For a real challenge...make a rule that each person can only sign one box per sheet! Play local music in the background.



Skill-Level Variations

- Youth who finish early may wish to use leftover pieces of Color Explosion paper to create a mosaic border on the construction paper frame. They can cut, tear, or fold interesting shapes and reveal bits of bright colors, too!

Movement & Music

Play recordings such as these while teens create their Mini Name Murals.

Mexico

- *Mariachi From Mexico* by Mexican Mariachi Band
- *De Colores and Other Latin American Folk Songs* by Jose-Luis Orozco

Variations by Destination

Mexico

Mexican artist Diego Rivera liked to paint murals because they could contain lots of his ideas and artistic visions on one space. More importantly to him, murals could reach a wide audience, unlike gallery walls where only certain people could get inside and see the art.

The primary subject matter of Rivera's murals was humanity. He often portrayed the history of the Mexican people. He was also excited about how humanity and technology (factories, cars, trains, oil rigs) interacted. Rivera was able to take very complex ideas and translate them visually so that everyone could understand his message.

His murals included famous and ordinary people, political sayings, Aztec symbols, codices (manuscripts), cross-sections of things, and architecture. Notice that there are no open spaces in his murals. Often the titles of his murals were long, such as "Man at the Crossroads looking with hope and high vision to choosing of a new and better future." He saw titles as another way to convey his message.



Books to Keep Youth Reading

Youth love books that build on ideas they explore through art. Show some of the illustrations. Display the books where youth can readily return to them as they wish while working on their projects.

Mexico

Colors of Mexico by Lynn Ainsworth & Janice Lee Porter

Diego Rivera by Pete Hamill

Mexican Art and Culture by Elizabeth Lewis

Mexican Muralists: Orozco, Rivera, Siqueiros by Desmond Rochfort

Mexico: 40 Activities to Experience Mexico Past and Present by Susan Milord

Mexicolor: The Spirit of Mexican Design by Tony Cohan, Masako Takahashi, and Melba Levick

Piñatas and Smiling Skeletons: Celebrating Mexican Festivals by Zoe Harris

Graphics

Mexico

- Make copies of the Mexican Meet & Greet Scavenger Hunt sheet.



Meet someone who has seen a Mayan ruin	Meet someone who has gone swimming with dolphins	Meet someone who is visiting Mexico for the first time	Meet someone who has seen a mural by Diego Rivera
Meet someone who speaks Spanish	Meet someone who has seen a crocodile up close	Meet someone who knows what a serape is	Meet someone who has eaten an enchilada
Meet someone who has broken a piñata	Meet someone who has caught a sailfish	Meet someone who has gone SCUBA diving	Meet someone who has been to Mexico before
Meet someone who has worn a sombrero	Meet someone who likes to dance to mariachi music	Meet someone who knows something about Frieda Kahlo	Meet someone who built a sand castle

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More Fun Ideas

Enjoy these easy activities with youth who finish early.

- Use bits of remaining Color Explosion™ paper to create a collage!
- Cut interesting paper shapes and glue them to construction paper to create a unique frame around the Mini Name Mural!

Mexico

- Play authentic Mexican vocal music. Learn Spanish words and sing together while enjoying each other's colorful Mini Name Murals.

Surf Crayola.com

Youth might enjoy these similar Color Explosion projects, all found on Crayola.com. Substitute with craft supplies you have on hand as needed.

- Anime—Invent Your Own Characters
- Flip-Flop Photo Frames
- Sizzling Sun, Sun Catcher

Fun Facts About Crayola Colors

If you dream of the color blue, it means that you will have freedom from worry or help from outside powers.

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy talking with your youth about the Mini Name Murals made today. It will be a great souvenir of your family's Mexican adventures. Ask your youth about the images he or she chose to include. What have been the most favorite activities of your Club Med vacation?

Share a few observations about your youth's design techniques. What designs have a Mexican flair? Discuss the work's unique qualities.

We have suggestions for more vacation resources, especially books that your family may enjoy. Just ask us!

**Thanks for bringing your youth to a Club Med Art Passworld Project
featuring colorful Crayola fun!**

Visit www.Crayola.com for these and other sophisticated activities with Color Explosion.

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