



## New Friends Picture Frame

*On vacation, young children often strike up new friendships at the pool or playground. With these handmade picture frames, they can display photos of new friends when they get home.*

### Group

*Petit Club Med/Ages 2 to 4*

### Materials Needed

Beginnings™ Triangular Crayons (optional)  
Color Wonder™ Markers  
Color Wonder Paper  
construction paper (optional)  
Glue Sticks  
white poster board

### Safety Guidelines

**Age recommendation for this craft:** 2 years and older

- Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

### Prepare the Room

1. Display books about and pictures of the location, including typical family vacation activities available on or near the resort.
2. Precut 4" x 6" poster board rectangles for children to trace. Make a few extra small pieces to use for 3-D effects.
3. Experiment with Color Wonder Markers and Paper to create designs and images relevant to the location. Make a sample New Friends Picture Frame similar to the ones children will make. Try the crayon resist technique of drawing with crayon, then marking over it with Color Wonder Markers. What happens?
4. Set out supplies for children to help themselves. Choose local music to play while children create.



### **Set the Scene for Children** 8 to 10 minutes

- Gather children in a comfortable area. Introduce yourself. Remember that for some children, Club Med kids staff may be their very first formal art teachers! Demonstrate or explain the art techniques with young artists.
- Play the game "Over the Water" to get acquainted. Teach everyone to chant/rap the words first (just make up your own rhythm):  
*Anna over the water (move one hand like a rippling wave)*  
*Anna over the sea (move the other hand in same way)*  
*Anna caught a tiger (grab an imaginary animal in front of you)*  
*You can't catch me! (point at self)*
- Each child takes a turn saying his/her name and the name of an animal to catch. Encourage everyone to say the chant each time, substituting a new name and a new animal with each verse.
- Talk about making new friends while on vacation. "What activities do you enjoy with your new friends?" Show pictures.
- Show children the sample New Friends Frame with a photograph in the center. Point to some of the images on the frame and explain what they mean to you. Tell the children they will draw and tear out designs for a frame, too.
- Play local music to add atmosphere while they work.

### **Art Directions** 15 to 20 minutes

1. Children help themselves to the art supplies. Demonstrate how to use Color Wonder™ Markers on the Color Wonder Paper.
2. Show children how to hold the tracer in the middle of the paper and trace around it. Have them draw an X in this space to indicate where they will place a photograph later. Younger children may need assistance with this step.
3. Encourage children to draw symbols of places they've seen and people they've met while vacationing. In beach areas, maybe they made friends with the dolphins, a starfish, or other sea life! Remind them to decorate only the outer edge of the frame, not the center area where the photograph will go.
4. Children decorate another sheet of Color Wonder Paper. They tear and fold pieces into interesting shapes. Glue shapes to the frame for 3-D effects. Place a small piece of cardboard between the shape and



the frame for an even greater jump-off-the-frame effect! Encourage children to let shapes overlap and hang off the edge of the frame for an interesting design.

### **After the Project** 8 to 10 minutes

Invite children to bring their frames and sit together in a comfortable place. Share ideas about whose photos they might put inside their frames.

#### *Mexico*

- Teach the Spanish words for “My name is...” (Me llamo...). Children take turns introducing themselves and sharing something about their favorite frame decoration. (“Me llamo Sophia and I like eating tacos!”)
- Play a song from one of the CDs. Teach children the words. Play it again with everyone singing along.

#### **Skill-Level Variations**

- Provide Beginnings™ Triangular Crayons and construction paper for children for a different artistic experience.
- Encourage older children to assist younger ones if they have difficulty tracing the center rectangle or attaching shapes to the frame.

#### **Movement & Music**

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

- *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*

- Suggest that children use geometric designs such as those seen on Mexican serapes, ponchos, or camp blankets.
- Show children detailed designs—like those used in Mexican embroidery—that they could use as a possible theme.



### Books to Keep Kids Reading

Young children love books that build on ideas they explore through art. Take time to show some of the pictures to the children. Display the books where children can readily return to them as they wish while working on their projects.

*My Family Vacation* by Dayal Kaur Khalsa

*Pictures From Our Vacation* by Lynne Rae Perkins

### **Mexico**

*Colors of Mexico* by Lynn Ainsworth Olawsky & Janice Lee Porter

*El Piñatero (The Piñata Maker)* by George Ancona

*Let's Go Traveling in Mexico* by Robin Rector Krupp

*Letters Home from Mexico* by Marcia S. Gresko

*Mexico (Countries: Faces and Places)* by Mary Berendes

*Off We Go to Mexico! An Adventure in the Sun* by Laurie Krebs

### More Fun Ideas

Enjoy these easy activities with children who finish early.

- Whose names can you remember? Gather children who finish early into a group. Take turns naming each other and other children in the room.
- Gather scraps of paper and color each piece. Use them in a collage to show a favorite vacation memory!
- Read a story from the book display.

### Project Upgrades

- Provide plain, open wooden picture frames with wide borders to decorate with crayons, markers, and/or Squeezables™ 3-D Paint.



### **Surf [Crayola.com](http://Crayola.com)**

Children might enjoy these similar Color Wonder projects, all found on [Crayola.com](http://Crayola.com). Substitute craft supplies you have on hand as needed.

- Lots of Dots Landscape
- Pouncing Pathways
- Table-Top Travelers

### **Fun Facts About Crayola Colors**

Bees and butterflies can see colors that humans can't see. Their range of color vision extends into the ultraviolet. The leaves of the flowers they pollinate have special ultraviolet patterns, which guide insects deep into a flower.

### **Connect With Families**

Under 6: Distribute parent handouts.

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## **New Friends Frame**

### **Mexico**

Dear Parents,

Your children are really enjoying making new friends on their vacation! Today they decorated a picture frame to remind them of their good times together. They may be asking you to take more photos of them with their new friends!

Ask your child which new friend's vacation photograph to display in the frame. Place the frame in a prominent place in your home. Encourage your child to share it with friends and family.

Share a few observations with your child about the unique qualities of this project. Children appreciate specific comments such as, "The way you folded the dolphin makes it look like it's jumping out of the water," or "The colors on the water remind me of the sunset we saw at the beach."

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

**Thanks for bringing your child to a Petit Club Med Art Project featuring Crayola® vacation fun!**

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