



Vacation Memories Medallions

Capture vacation adventures with these fun Memory Medallions! Children share them in a Vacation Memories Fashion Show!

Group

Petit Club Med/Ages 2 to 4

Materials Needed

Beginnings™ Triangular Crayons
clear adhesive tape
Color Wonder™ Markers
Color Wonder Paper
raffia, yarn, string, or ribbon

Safety Guidelines

Age recommendation for this craft: 2 years and older

- **String, raffia, yarn, and ribbon**--Children age 3 and younger should not be given any string, raffia, yarn or ribbon that is longer than 12 inches.
- Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Requirements for Younger Children

- Encourage 3-year-old children to tear their shapes from paper. Or an adult or older child **MUST** cut out shapes for them. **Scissors must be kept out of reach from 3-year-olds.**
- Children age 3 and younger should not be given any string, raffia, yarn or ribbon that is longer than 12 inches.
- When crafts are made that will be worn around a child's neck (such as crafted necklaces, pendants, and name tags), the way those crafts are hung around the neck varies by age:
 - Tying and knotting crafts around children's necks can only be recommended for children ages 8 and older.
 - For children under 8 years old, the craft should be hung by loosely attaching the ends with clear adhesive tape, which allows easy release of the bond if the craft become entangled or caught on equipment.



Prepare the Room

1. Display books and pictures of local tourist sites and activities. Review a picture book about the local area or children on vacation. Practice reading it aloud using voices and gestures that will engage young listeners.
2. Experiment with Color Wonder Markers and Color Wonder Paper. Notice what happens when lines from two different colors overlap. Write with a crayon and draw over it with a Color Wonder Marker. What happens? This technique is called crayon resist. Make a sample Memory Medallion like the ones the children will make.
3. Cut yarn into 12-inch strips for children's necklaces.
4. Set out art materials for children to help themselves.

Set the Scene for Children 8 to 10 minutes

- Remember that for some children, Club Med kids staff may be their very first formal art teachers! Demonstrate or explain art techniques with young artists.
- Gather children in a comfortable spot. Introduce yourself and make sure you know all of the children's names. Talk with them about their vacation. Is this their first time visiting this country? What have they done on their trip? Did they swim, build sand castles on the beach, or see dolphins?
- Read the story aloud. What events in the story remind the children of their own trip? Read with expression!
- Show children the sample Vacation Memories Medallion. Talk about the designs you made and what they represent. What colors and shapes remind the children of their vacation?

Art Directions 10 to 20 minutes

1. Children use the markers and crayons to decorate paper with memories from their vacation adventures. Most children will still be scribbling, so talk about the colors they use and listen for their comments about their art.
2. Demonstrate how to fold and/or tear the paper to make medallions. Encourage children to create interesting shapes and try different sizes!
3. Fold the top of each medallion over yarn and tape in place. Tape yarn ends together to form a necklace.



After the Project 8 to 10 minutes

- Gather children together again for a Vacation Memories Fashion Show! Play soft, upbeat music in the background.
- Children who wish may show their unique necklaces to the group. What are their favorite memories from their vacations?

Skill-Level Variations

- Suggest that older children assist younger ones to tape their necklaces together.
- Children may wish to make several medallions illustrating additional vacation adventures.

Movement & Music

Play recordings such as these while children create their medallions or during the fashion show.

- *One Light, One Sun* by Raffi

Mexico

Choose one of the simpler songs such as "Buenas Dias" (Orozco) or "Tingalayo" (Raffi) and teach the children to sing along.

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

Variations by Destination

Ixtapa, Mexico

Families may explore these nearby destinations:

- El Faro (lighthouse) and La Piedra Solitaria (a rock island)
- Petalan, a colonial farming and ranching town with an open-air gold market and historic church as well as archaeological ruins
- La Barra de Potosi, a fishing village that features a mangrove (tropical marine trees with roots that form landmass) estuary (water passage where sea meets river) and lagoon. It is an excellent place for watching white pelicans, herons, and spoonbills.
- Coconut plantations



Books to Keep Kids Reading

Caillou: My First Vacation by Roger Harvey

How I Spent My Summer Vacation by Mark Teague

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

!Hola! Jalapeno (board book) by Amy Wilson Sanger

Mexico ABCs: A Book About the People and Places of Mexico by Sarah Heiman

My Mexico by Tony Johnston

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

Graphics

Display pictures of local attractions and activities that the children might have experienced on their trip.

Mexico

Information and pictures related to Mexico are available at

<http://www.kidskonnnect.com>.

More Fun Ideas

Enjoy these easy activities with children who finish early.

- *Create matching accessories!* Decorate leftover strips of paper and tape ends together to create a memory bracelet.
- *Make collages or picture frames.* Collect the paper scraps. Color with markers and tape to a fresh sheet of paper. Create interesting patterns and designs. Tape them to the edges to make a Vacation Memory picture frame!



Surf Crayola.com

Children might enjoy these similar Color Wonder projects, all found on Crayola.com. Substitute with age-appropriate craft supplies you have on hand.

- Bright Borders Picture Frame
- Decorating My Name
- Tickly Toes

Fun Facts About Crayola Colors

Scientists say that good color vision helps animals find food on the land or in the water. For land animals, good color vision helps to tell the difference between ripe red fruit and unripe green fruit.

Connect With Families

Under 6: Distribute parent handouts.

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Memory Medallions

Mexico

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoy talking about today's exciting activities with your child. This Vacation Memory Medallion is a great souvenir of Mexico! Your child will remember the vacation for a long time when you encourage your child to wear the medallion and talk about it with friends and family.

Share a few observations with your child about the unique qualities of this project. Children appreciate detailed comments such as, "The wavy lines above the fish make it look like it's under water," or "This green shape reminds me of the palm trees we saw outside!"

Listen while your child explains the meaning of any colors or symbols on the medallion. Ask your child to tell you how the medallions were made, too.

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 creative Crayola® fun!

Visit www.Crayola.com for these and other no-mess Color Wonder™ activities:

- Bright Borders Picture Frame
- Decorating My Name
- Tickle Toes

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