ART ACTIVITY

READY TO VOTE RIBBONS

Your voice matters! Learn more about the history and process of voting, then create your own ribbon that represents what voting means to you in time for Election Day - Tuesday, November 3rd!

Age/Grade  All ages

Materials

- Colored and patterned papers
- Pencil
- 2” circular object to trace
- Scissors
- Hot glue
- Ribbons, yarn, fabric and/or paper
- Coloring materials of your choice: colored pencils, markers, gel pens, etc
- Tape
- Embellishing Materials (optional): glitter, gems, pom poms

Fun Fact: Wearing buttons and pins for presidential elections has been a tradition since George Washington’s presidential inauguration!

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Artmaking Directions

1. Trace and cut out two 2” paper circles using an object from your home.

2. Decorate one circle with your voting message for the front of your ribbon. Leave the other circle blank.

3. Cut two 2x8” strips of colored paper for your ruffle.

4. Accordion fold the two strips of paper.

5. Hot glue the ends of the folded strips together.

6. Push down the glued strips to create a flat ruffle.

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7. Hot glue the plain circle to the back of the ruffle. It helps to secure the center of the ruffle with extra hot glue.

8. Hot glue your decorated circle to the center of the ruffle.

9. Cut and create ribbons from paper, yarn, and/or fabric.

10. Glue or tape your decorative strips to the back of the ribbon.

11. Tape a safety pin to the back of the ribbon. You can also use a self adhesive pin back!

12. Embellish your ribbon with pom poms, glitter, designs, etc.
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13. Wear your ribbon proudly or pass it along to a friend or family member!

MORE TO EXPLORE

VOTE MAIL ART: Turn your ribbon into a mailable work of art! You can participate in the Vote Mail Art Project from mail art advocate, Jason Brown. Follow along with the project on Instagram @votemailart and send in work yourself that represents what voting means to YOU!

THE HISTORY OF BUTTONS: Learn more about the history of campaign buttons in this article from the Times.

RESOURCES

Kids Voting Durham is a local non-profit organization that helps Durham’s young people understand and believe in the power they have as active citizens and informed voters. By hosting candidate forums, hands-on activities and a number of other fun programs, they are educating their community about how government works.

Check out these 6 Easy Ways to Teach Your Kids About Voting from ParentsTogether.

View our Ready to Vote Reading List for a list of children’s books that can start the conversation about civic engagement and voting.

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