

**KIDS PROJECT IDEAS**

# 99+ Fun Summer Art Project Ideas for Kids 2026

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## Summer Art Project Ideas For Kids



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Summer is the perfect time for kids to explore art, try new materials, and make things that are bright, messy, and full of fun.

Below is a student-friendly guide with a clear introduction, helpful headings, and **100 summer art project ideas for kids** explained in enough detail so you can start them right

away.

Each project lists simple materials, step-by-step instructions, and what kids will learn. Use these at home, in summer camps, or for classroom activities.

Must Read: [100 Halloween Art Project Ideas for Kids – Fun, Easy, and Student-Friendly Activities](#)

## How to use this list

- Projects are grouped into 10 categories so you can pick by material or setting (outdoor, paper, paint, nature, recycled, clay, textile, mixed media, printmaking, group/large projects).
- Each idea includes: **Materials**, **Steps**, and **Learning outcomes**.
- Most projects are low-cost and use basic items. Adult supervision is suggested for scissors, hot glue, or outdoor activities.
- If a project seems advanced, break it into smaller steps or simplify materials.

# Outdoor & Nature Art Projects

## 1. Leaf Rubbings Collage

**Materials:** paper, crayons, leaves, tape or glue.

**Steps:** Place leaves under paper, rub crayons over the paper to reveal leaf patterns. Cut rubbings and glue into a collage.

**Learning:** Observing leaf shapes, texture, and composition.

## 2. Nature Mandala

**Materials:** stones, petals, sticks, leaves (collected), flat surface.

**Steps:** Arrange natural objects in a circular pattern. Start from center and work outward, balancing shapes and colors. Photograph the final piece.

**Learning:** Symmetry, pattern, and ephemeral art (art that's temporary).

## 3. Painted Rocks

**Materials:** smooth rocks, acrylic paint, brushes, sealant.

**Steps:** Clean rocks, paint designs (animals, patterns, messages). Seal when dry.

**Learning:** Fine motor control and design planning.

## 4. Sun Prints (Cyanotype-style with paper)

**Materials:** sun print paper or light-sensitive fabric/paper, objects (leaves, toys), water.

**Steps:** Arrange objects on sun print paper in sunlight, leave for recommended time, rinse

to reveal silhouettes.

**Learning:** Cause and effect, shadow and light.

## 5. Nature Weaving

**Materials:** cardboard loom, twine, grasses, yarn, leaves, flowers.

**Steps:** Cut slits in cardboard to create loom, wrap warp (vertical threads), weave collected materials across.

**Learning:** Weaving technique and texture contrast.

## 6. Sand Painting

**Materials:** colored sand or dry sand mixed with pigments, glue, stiff paper.

**Steps:** Draw a design with glue, sprinkle colored sand over glued areas. Shake off excess.

**Learning:** Patience and careful application.

## 7. Painted Shells Mobile

**Materials:** shells, string, stick or driftwood, paint, drill or hot glue.

**Steps:** Paint shells, let dry, attach to strings at different lengths, tie to driftwood for a hanging mobile.

**Learning:** Balance, composition, and three-dimensional design.

## 8. Bug Hotel Sculpture

**Materials:** small wooden box, twigs, pinecones, straw, bark, nails or glue.

**Steps:** Fill compartments with different natural materials to create habitats. Decorate exterior.

**Learning:** Habitat awareness and structural assembly.

## 9. Flower Petal Stained Glass

**Materials:** wax paper, petals, contact paper or clear laminator sheets, iron (adult).

**Steps:** Arrange petals between two sheets of wax paper, place between cloth and press with warm iron (adult), trim edges and hang in window.

**Learning:** Color mixing and translucency.

## 10. Cloud Painting with Spray Bottles

**Materials:** watered-down paint in spray bottles, large paper or cardboard laid on ground.

**Steps:** Spray different colors from a distance to create soft cloud-like effects. Layer and let dry.

**Learning:** Color blending, distance control, and spray technique.

# Paper & Cardboard Crafts

## 11. Paper Plate Sunburst Mask

**Materials:** paper plate, paint, scissors, elastic string, markers.

**Steps:** Cut eye holes, decorate like a sun with paint and paper rays glued around plate, attach string to wear.

**Learning:** Cutting skills and decorative design.

## 12. Accordion Paper Animals

**Materials:** colored paper, scissors, glue, googly eyes.

**Steps:** Fold paper back and forth to make accordion body, attach head, legs and tail cutouts.

**Learning:** Repeating patterns and 3D form.

## 13. 3D Paper City

**Materials:** cardboard boxes, colored paper, glue, markers, tape.

**Steps:** Use boxes and paper to create buildings; draw windows and doors; assemble as a city layout.

**Learning:** Spatial planning and scaling.

## 14. Origami Summer Shapes

**Materials:** origami paper or square paper.

**Steps:** Follow simple folding instructions to make frogs, boats, flowers. Decorate with markers.

**Learning:** Precision, following steps, geometric thinking.

## 15. Storybook Pop-Up Card

**Materials:** cardstock, glue, scissors, colored pencils.

**Steps:** Cut and fold tabs to make pop-up characters and glue into card; write a short story to match.

**Learning:** Narrative design and paper engineering.

## 16. Cardboard Loom Wall Hanging

**Materials:** cardboard, yarn, tapestry needle or large needle, scissors.

**Steps:** Cut notches in cardboard, wrap yarn to create warp, weave weft threads for texture, add fringes.

**Learning:** Weaving basics and pattern rhythm.

## 17. Recycled Paper Beads

**Materials:** magazine pages/newspaper, glue, toothpicks, varnish.

**Steps:** Cut paper into triangles, roll tightly around toothpick, glue tip, varnish when dry and string into jewelry.

**Learning:** Recycling, fine motor skill, jewelry design.

## 18. Paper Mosaic Picture

**Materials:** colored paper scraps, glue, base paper or cardboard.

**Steps:** Tear or cut scraps, arrange by color to fill a picture outline like mosaic tiles, glue down.

**Learning:** Color blocking and composition.

## 19. Cardboard Puppet Theater

**Materials:** large cardboard box, paint, fabric scrap for curtain, popsicle sticks, glue.

**Steps:** Cut front opening, decorate as theater, make puppets from paper or socks and perform.

**Learning:** Performance art and storytelling.

## 20. Stained Paper Window Panels

**Materials:** tissue paper, contact paper or clear sheet, scissors, frame (cardboard).

**Steps:** Cut tissue into pieces, stick onto contact paper in a frame to make "stained glass" windows.

**Learning:** Color overlap and transparency.

# Painting & Color Experiments

## 21. Bubble Wrap Print Painting

**Materials:** bubble wrap, paint, paper, tape.

**Steps:** Paint bubble wrap, press onto paper to create textured prints. Experiment with layering colors.

**Learning:** Printmaking basics and texture.

## 22. Marble Rolling Paintings

**Materials:** shallow box, marbles, paint, paper, tape.

**Steps:** Put paint blobs in box, place paper, roll marbles so they move paint across paper, creating abstract designs.

**Learning:** Motion, randomness, and color mixing.

## 23. Watercolor Salt Texture Art

**Materials:** watercolor paper, watercolors, salt.

**Steps:** Paint wet watercolor, sprinkle salt while wet; salt creates starburst textures as it dries.

**Learning:** Chemical/physical interaction in art.

## 24. Suncatcher Acrylic Paint on Plastic

**Materials:** clear plastic lids, acrylic paint or glass paint, string.

**Steps:** Paint designs on plastic, let dry, punch hole and hang in window.

**Learning:** Working with translucent materials.

## 25. Spray Bottle Watercolor Landscape

**Materials:** watercolor paints, spray bottles, thick paper.

**Steps:** Paint a sky base, use spray bottle from distance to create soft textures, add silhouettes when dry.

**Learning:** Water control and atmospheric effects.

## 26. Splatter Paint Canvas

**Materials:** canvas or heavy paper, brushes, thinned acrylics.

**Steps:** Dip brush and flick paint onto canvas (wear old clothes); layer colors.

**Learning:** Energy in composition and color contrast.

## 27. Resist Painting with Tape or Wax

**Materials:** paper, tape or white crayon, watercolor.

**Steps:** Draw lines with crayon or tape to block areas. Paint over; remove tape to reveal crisp lines or wax lines.

**Learning:** Planning and negative space.

## 28. Monoprint with Foam Sheets

**Materials:** craft foam, ink or paint, roller, paper.

**Steps:** Carve simple design on foam, roll paint/ink over it, press paper to transfer single print.

**Learning:** Printmaking and texture.

## 29. Ombre Tie-Dye Paper Towels

**Materials:** paper towels, liquid watercolors or diluted food coloring, spray bottles.

**Steps:** Fold towels, spray gradient colors to create ombre effects, open and dry flat.

**Learning:** Blending and dye techniques.

## 30. Edible Paint and Cookie Canvas (for young kids)

**Materials:** plain yogurt or mashed banana mixed with food coloring, sturdy cookie sheets or trays, bread or crackers.

**Steps:** Let toddlers finger-paint with edible colors and then (if appropriate) eat their creations.

**Learning:** Sensory exploration and safe materials for little hands.

## Recycled & Upcycled Art

### 31. Bottle Cap Mosaic

**Materials:** bottle caps, strong cardboard or wood base, glue.

**Steps:** Arrange caps into images or patterns; glue in place to form colorful mosaic.

**Learning:** Recycling and pattern filling.

### 32. CD Suncatcher Spinner

**Materials:** old CDs, beads, string, markers or paint.

**Steps:** Decorate CD, add beads on string and another CD to make a spinner that reflects light.

**Learning:** Reflective surfaces and kinetic art.

### 33. Tin Can Planter Painting

**Materials:** cleaned tin cans, paint, soil, small plants.

**Steps:** Paint cans with designs, punch drainage hole, fill with soil and plant herbs or flowers.

**Learning:** Upcycling and plant care.

### 34. Junk Robot Sculpture

**Materials:** small boxes, bottle caps, wires, glue, paint.

**Steps:** Stack and glue recycled bits into robot shapes and paint; add moving parts if desired.

**Learning:** Engineering and problem solving.

### 35. T-Shirt Tote Bag from Old Shirt

**Materials:** old t-shirt, scissors, optional sewing.

**Steps:** Cut off sleeves and neckline, tie or stitch bottom to make a tote bag. Decorate with fabric markers.

**Learning:** Reuse and basic sewing skills.



## 36. Plastic Spoon Flower Wall Art

**Materials:** disposable spoons, glue, paint, cardboard base.

**Steps:** Paint spoons, arrange in circular flower shapes and glue to base to create textured petals.

**Learning:** Transforming everyday objects.

## 37. Magazine Collage Portraits

**Materials:** old magazines, scissors, glue, poster board.

**Steps:** Cut colors and textures to form a portrait or abstract face, glue into place.

**Learning:** Composition and value (light/dark).

## 38. Egg Carton Critters

**Materials:** egg cartons, paint, pipe cleaners, googly eyes.

**Steps:** Cut carton cups into shapes, paint and add features to make insects or animals.

**Learning:** Shape transformation and assembly.

## 39. Paper Roll Marble Run

**Materials:** cardboard tubes, tape, large cardboard backing, marbles.

**Steps:** Attach tubes to board at angles to make a marble run; decorate track with paint.

**Learning:** Gravity, slope, and design thinking.

## 40. Bottle Wind Chime

**Materials:** plastic bottles, paint, string, beads, scissors.

**Steps:** Cut shapes from bottles, paint, hang from frame with beads between pieces to make a chime.

**Learning:** Sound, rhythm, and material reuse.

# Clay, Dough & Sculpting

## 41. Salt Dough Handprints

**Materials:** 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cup water, cookie cutters, oven.

**Steps:** Mix dough, shape or press handprints, bake at low temperature until hard, paint.

**Learning:** Measurement, sensory play, and keepsakes.

## 42. Air-Dry Clay Garden Markers

**Materials:** air-dry clay, stick or skewer, paint or markers.

**Steps:** Roll clay into flat shapes, write plant names, let dry, paint and stick in garden.



**Learning:** Lettering and practical art.

## 43. Clay Pinch Pots

**Materials:** air-dry clay or oven-bake clay, tools for texture.

**Steps:** Pinch a ball of clay into a pot shape, make patterns with tools, dry and paint.

**Learning:** 3D form and texture.

## 44. Pipe Cleaner Sculptures with Clay Bases

**Materials:** pipe cleaners, small clay base, beads for decoration.

**Steps:** Insert shaped pipe cleaners into clay bases to make figures or trees.

**Learning:** Armature basics and structural thinking.

## 45. Modeling Chocolate or Edible Clay Decorations

**Materials:** marshmallows and powdered sugar (for edible clay) or modeling chocolate.

**Steps:** Melt marshmallows, mix in sugar to form moldable dough and shape into simple sculptures that are edible.

**Learning:** Edible art and following safety rules in kitchen-art.

## 46. Nature Imprint Bowls

**Materials:** clay, leaves, shells, rolling pin, paint or glaze.

**Steps:** Press clay flat, press objects to leave imprints, form into bowl shape and let dry. Paint details.

**Learning:** Texture transfer and form.

## 47. Bead & Clay Stamps

**Materials:** clay, beads, sticks to carve.

**Steps:** Press shapes in clay to make small stamps, bake or dry then use with ink or paint.

**Learning:** Tool use and printmaking basics.

## 48. Wire & Clay Mixed Media Figures

**Materials:** thin wire, clay, paint.

**Steps:** Bend wire into skeleton frame, add clay to build shape, bake/dry and paint.

**Learning:** Armature building and proportion.

## 49. Sponge Clay Relief Tiles

**Materials:** air-dry clay, sponges, tools, paint.

**Steps:** Roll clay thin, press sponges or objects to create relief patterns, dry, paint, and hang.

**Learning:** Relief sculpture and pattern repetition.

## 50. Miniature Clay Food Models

**Materials:** polymer clay, sculpting tools, oven (adult).

**Steps:** Shape tiny clay items like fruits or snacks, bake to harden, paint and use as charms.

**Learning:** Detail work and scale.

## Textile & Wearable Art

### 51. Friendship Bracelets with Beads and Yarn

**Materials:** embroidery floss, beads, scissors, tape.

**Steps:** Braid or knot threads, add beads, tie ends to wear or give as gifts.

**Learning:** Pattern repetition and fine motor skills.

### 52. Tie-Dye T-Shirts

**Materials:** plain white shirts, fabric dye, rubber bands, gloves.

**Steps:** Twist or fold shirts, secure with rubber bands, apply dye in sections, rinse and dry.

**Learning:** Color theory and process control.

### 53. Handprint Towel or Pillowcase Art

**Materials:** fabric paint, plain towel or pillowcase, brushes.

**Steps:** Paint handprints in patterns and add designs; heat-set if required.

**Learning:** Personalization and keepsakes.

### 54. Simple Sewn Stuffed Toy

**Materials:** felt, needle and thread or glue, stuffing, scissors.

**Steps:** Cut two identical shapes, sew around leaving opening, stuff, sew closed and add features.

**Learning:** Sewing basics and finishing.

### 55. Sun Hat Decorating

**Materials:** plain straw or cloth hat, ribbons, fabric paint, artificial flowers.

**Steps:** Arrange decorations around hat brim and attach with glue or stitching.

**Learning:** Accessorizing and design placement.

### 56. Painted Canvas Shoes

**Materials:** plain canvas shoes, fabric paint, brushes.

**Steps:** Draw design, paint carefully, let dry and wear.

**Learning:** Detail painting on fabric.

## 57. Pom-Pom Rugs or Mats

**Materials:** yarn, cardboard template, scissors, large needle.

**Steps:** Wrap yarn, make pom-poms, tie or attach onto a base to make a soft rug.

**Learning:** Repetition and tactile texture.

## 58. Beaded Necklaces with Clay Pendants

**Materials:** beads, string, clay for pendants, paint.

**Steps:** Shape and bake pendants, paint, and string with beads to make necklaces.

**Learning:** Jewelry design and mixed techniques.

## 59. Fabric Collage Tote Design

**Materials:** scraps of fabric, iron-on adhesive or glue, plain tote bag.

**Steps:** Cut shapes, arrange on tote, iron/glue to adhere.

**Learning:** Composition and fabric textures.

## 60. Mask Making with Fabric & Feathers

**Materials:** felt, elastic, feathers, glue, sequins.

**Steps:** Cut mask shape, decorate with feathers and sequins, attach elastic to wear.

**Learning:** Costume design and decorative layering.

# Mixed Media & Experimental Art

## 61. Sensory Paint Bags

**Materials:** zip-lock bags, paint, tape.

**Steps:** Squeeze paint into bag, seal, tape to table; press and mix colors with hands without mess.

**Learning:** Color blending and sensory exploration.

## 62. Collage Poetry Art

**Materials:** old books/magazines, glue, paper, marker.

**Steps:** Find words in magazines to form a poem, paste words on paper and add images around poem.

**Learning:** Language play and visual-poetic thinking.

## 63. Shadow Tracing Scenes

**Materials:** paper, objects/toys, strong light source.

**Steps:** Arrange toys so their shadows fall on paper, trace shadows and color in to make a

scene.

**Learning:** Observation of light, scale, and perspective.

## 64. Scented Art with Spices

**Materials:** glue, paper, spice powders (cinnamon, turmeric), paint.

**Steps:** Use glue in patterns, sprinkle spices to stick and add scent; combine with painted areas.

**Learning:** Multi-sensory art and adhesive techniques.

## 65. Mixed-Media Memory Jar Labels

**Materials:** jars, paper, photos, ribbon, paint, small trinkets.

**Steps:** Decorate jar labels with small collage items to represent a memory; fill jar with notes or keepsakes.

**Learning:** Sentimental art and labeling.

## 66. Sand and Glue Landscape Boards

**Materials:** sand, glue, cardboard, paint.

**Steps:** Spread glue in shapes, sprinkle sand, press down; paint over to create textured landscapes.

**Learning:** Texture and landscape composition.

## 67. Glow-in-the-Dark Room Art

**Materials:** glow paints, canvases or bottles, blacklight optional.

**Steps:** Paint designs that shine in the dark; test under blacklight if available.

**Learning:** Light-reactive materials and contrast.

## 68. Mixed-Media Self-Portrait

**Materials:** photos, fabric bits, paper, paint, glue.

**Steps:** Use a photo as base, add fabric, paint and collage to express personality.

**Learning:** Self-expression and symbolism.

## 69. Story Stones (with Mixed Media)

**Materials:** flat stones, paint, markers, small glued-on items.

**Steps:** Paint symbols on stones that can be used to tell stories; combine stones to create narratives.

**Learning:** Story-building and symbol recognition.

## 70. Tape Resist Cityscape with Found Objects

**Materials:** masking tape, cardboard, found objects (buttons, caps), paint.

**Steps:** Create city lines with tape, paint over, peel tape to reveal contrast, attach objects for texture.

**Learning:** Urban shapes and mixed media composition.

## Printmaking & Stamping

### 71. Potato Stamp Summer Scenes

**Materials:** potatoes, knife (adult use), paint, paper.

**Steps:** Cut potato into simple shapes, dip in paint and stamp to build a scene (flowers, suns, fish).

**Learning:** Stamp making and repeat patterns.

### 72. Foam Plate Printing

**Materials:** foam plates, paint, paper, pencil.

**Steps:** Press a pencil into foam to make design, paint over and press onto paper to print.

**Learning:** Relief printing and design transfer.

### 73. Leaf Printing on Fabric

**Materials:** leaves, fabric paint, plain fabric or tote.

**Steps:** Paint leaf, press onto fabric to print veins and textures, repeat to cover fabric.

**Learning:** Natural patterns and fabric printing.

### 74. String Pull Printmaking

**Materials:** string, paint, paper, shallow tray.

**Steps:** Dip string in paint, lay on paper in patterns, pull to reveal interesting shapes and textures.

**Learning:** Surprise results and movement.

### 75. Styrofoam Plate Etching Prints

**Materials:** styrofoam plates, pen, ink or paint, roller, paper.

**Steps:** Etch into plate with pen, roll ink over plate, press paper on top to transfer print.

**Learning:** Etching basics and pressure control.

### 76. Bubble Wrap Roller Prints

**Materials:** bubble wrap, rolling pin, paint, paper.

**Steps:** Wrap paint around bubble wrap, roll onto paper for continuous textured prints.

**Learning:** Repetition and texture design.

## 77. Potato Mash Monotype

**Materials:** potato skins or mashed potato surface, paint, paper.

**Steps:** Use the textured top of mashed potato as a surface to press paint and lift a one-off print.

**Learning:** Experimental print surfaces.

## 78. Foam Letter Stamps for Signs

**Materials:** craft foam, glue, cardboard, paint.

**Steps:** Cut letters from foam, glue to cardboard handle, stamp signs and banners.

**Learning:** Typography and message-making.

## 79. Cardboard Roll Pattern Stamps

**Materials:** cardboard tubes, scissors, paint.

**Steps:** Cut shapes into tube edges to make stamps, dip in paint and roll across paper for borders.

**Learning:** Pattern creation and stamp design.

## 80. Potato & Vegetable Print Market Scene

**Materials:** assorted cut vegetables, paint, paper, markers.

**Steps:** Use vegetables as stamps (slice carrots, cucumbers) to make market stalls and fruits; add drawn details.

**Learning:** Resourcefulness and imagination.

# Group & Large-Scale Projects (Great for Camps & Classrooms)

## 81. Collaborative Mural on Butcher Paper

**Materials:** large roll of paper, paints, brushes, markers.

**Steps:** Plan a theme, divide paper into sections, each child paints a part to create one big mural.

**Learning:** Teamwork, planning, large-scale composition.

## 82. Giant Paper Quilt

**Materials:** large paper squares, paint, fabric pieces, glue, tape.

**Steps:** Each child decorates a square; tape or glue squares together to form a quilt-like wall hanging.

**Learning:** Collective pattern, motif repetition.

## 83. Community Sculpture from Recycled Materials

**Materials:** collected recyclables, wire, glue, paint.

**Steps:** Build a large sculpture cooperatively, each child adds pieces to the structure.

**Learning:** Collaboration and structural problem solving.

## 84. Sidewalk Chalk City Festival

**Materials:** sidewalk chalk, water for blending, stencils.

**Steps:** Map out streets and buildings on pavement, let kids design storefronts and vehicles.

**Learning:** Urban design and temporary public art.

## 85. Group Shadow Puppet Show

**Materials:** cardboard, sticks, light source, screen (sheet).

**Steps:** Create puppet characters, write short script, perform shadows for an audience.

**Learning:** Theater arts, teamwork, storytelling.

## 86. Patchwork Garden – Planter Painting Party

**Materials:** many small pots, paint, soil, seeds/plants.

**Steps:** Each child paints a pot; fill them with soil and plant seeds to create a colorful garden.

**Learning:** Gardening and pride in shared space.

## 87. Giant Papier-Mâché Globe

**Materials:** inflatable ball or large balloon, paper strips, paste, paint.

**Steps:** Layer papier-mâché over balloon, let dry, paint continents and oceans to create a globe.

**Learning:** Geography, large form construction.

## 88. Themed Costume Parade Making Station

**Materials:** fabric scraps, cardboard, glue, paints.

**Steps:** Kids design costume pieces at stations, then parade to show creations.

**Learning:** Costume design and stage presentation.

## 89. Community Story Wall (Postcards)

**Materials:** index cards or postcards, markers, wall space.

**Steps:** Kids draw or write a small story or memory on a card and pin it to a wall to create a story mosaic.

**Learning:** Collective narrative and writing/illustration practice.



## 90. Recycled Boat Race (Water-safe Decor)

**Materials:** foam blocks or sealed bottles, paint, tape, small decorations, a tub or pool.

**Steps:** Build small boats from recyclables, decorate, and race in water.

**Learning:** Buoyancy, design testing, and friendly competition.

## Seasonal & Thematic Projects

### 91. Summer Memory Scrapbook

**Materials:** notebook or scrapbook, photos, stickers, papers, glue.

**Steps:** Decorate pages with photos, drawings and captions to remember summer activities.

**Learning:** Journaling and layout design.

### 92. Beach-Themed Diorama in a Shoebox

**Materials:** shoebox, sand, toy figures, paint, shells.

**Steps:** Paint box interior as sky and sea, glue sand and shells, add figures to create a beach scene.

**Learning:** Miniature scene building and perspective.

### 93. Ice Cube Painting (Melting Art)

**Materials:** colored ice cubes (freeze paint or food coloring in water), thick paper.

**Steps:** Drag melting colored ice cubes across paper to create drip patterns.

**Learning:** Time-based art and color mixing.

### 94. Popsicle Stick Sundial Craft

**Materials:** paper plate, popsicle stick, markers, compass for direction.

**Steps:** Place stick upright in plate, mark shadow positions hourly and label to see sun movement across the day.

**Learning:** Sun position and basic sundial concept.

### 95. Tropical Fish Mobile with Paper and String

**Materials:** colored paper, scissors, string, stick.

**Steps:** Cut fish shapes, decorate with scales, hang at different lengths to make a mobile.

**Learning:** Balance and marine themes.

### 96. Summer-Themed Window Chalk Murals

**Materials:** window chalk or washable window markers.

**Steps:** Draw big murals on windows of suns, waves and palm trees; wash off later.

**Learning:** Working on vertical surfaces and scale.

## 97. Sun Catcher with Colored Glue and Plastic

**Materials:** clear plastic, glue, food coloring or paint.

**Steps:** Mix glue with color, pour into shapes on plastic, let harden and hang in sun.

**Learning:** Transparent color effects.

## 98. Lemonade Stand Sign Painting

**Materials:** cardboard, paint, markers, glitter (optional).

**Steps:** Design and paint signs to advertise a pretend or real lemonade stand.

**Learning:** Graphic design and lettering.

## 99. Kite Decoration and Flying Day

**Materials:** store-bought or homemade kite, paints, streamers.

**Steps:** Decorate kite and head outside to fly; observe how decoration affects flight.

**Learning:** Aerodynamics and practical art.

## 100. Summer Festival Paper Lanterns

**Materials:** colored paper, scissors, glue, string, **LED** tealight.

**Steps:** Make lantern shapes, decorate, insert LED light and hang for a summer evening display.

**Learning:** Craft construction and nighttime display planning.

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# Wrapping Up Your Summer Art Adventure

Summer is a time to try new things, make a mess, and learn by doing. The **100 summer art project ideas for kids** above include quiet, thoughtful projects and big, active ones so there's something for every mood and setting. When planning activities, consider the space, materials, and the child's age. For younger kids, prepare materials ahead and choose non-toxic or edible options for sensory play. For older kids, encourage planning, experimentation, and sharing of finished work.

A few tips to keep art time fun and safe:

- Set up a dedicated workspace with a cover for easy cleanup.
- Keep a materials box stocked with scissors, glue, paints, brushes, and recycled items.
- Encourage children to sketch ideas first and to try variations of the same project.

- Take photos of temporary or outdoor works — those memories last even when the art doesn't.
- Celebrate finished pieces by creating a mini-exhibition at home or at camp.

Pick a few projects from different categories — maybe a painting day, a nature-sculpture day, and a group mural day — and rotate activities. Most importantly, let kids lead the creative choices. Their unique approaches will often surprise and delight you. Have a colorful, creative summer!

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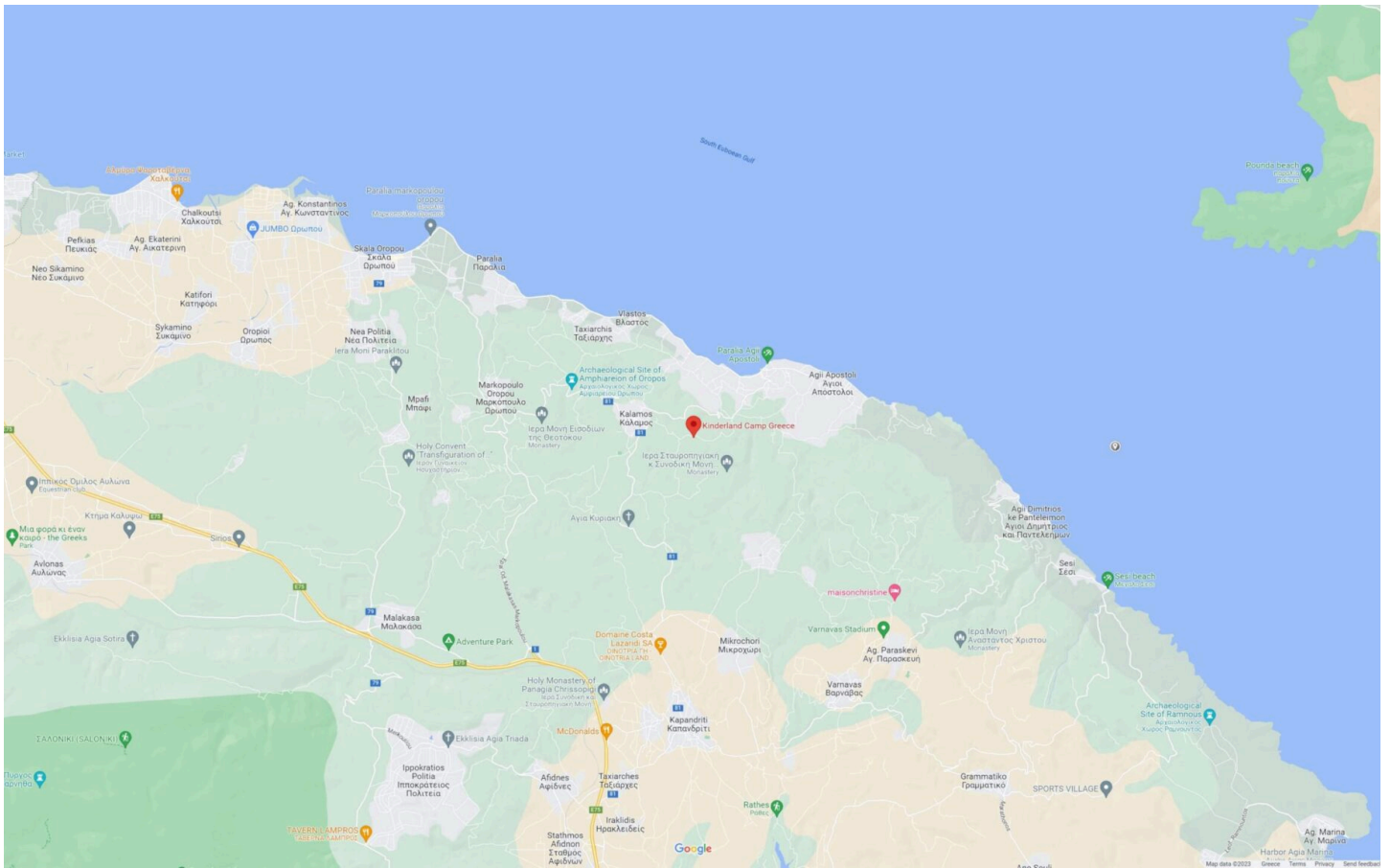
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