

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Cheyenne Buffalo Robe



Crayola Supplies

- Colored Pencils
- Paint Brushes
- School Glue
- Washable Kid's Paint

Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- Party Express paper plates
- paper towels
- recycled boxes
- sponges
- water containers
- sticks
- grocery bags

Why?

Create a beautiful replica of a buffalo robe, worn by the Cheyenne on the North American plains. Step into history with this outdoor diorama!

How?

1. Find out about the buffalo (bison) who lived on the plains of North America. This is the land that is now the United States and Canada. Look for pictures of how the Cheyenne used buffalo hides to make beautiful robes. How else did they use these immense animals? This replica of a buffalo robe, displayed in an outdoor diorama, looks amazingly realistic.

2. Cover your art area with newspaper. Paint the inside of a large recycled box in sky colors using Crayola® Washable Kid's Paint and a Paint Brush. Dry.

3. On a paper plate, swirl paint colors for trees and grass. Dab a sponge into the mixture. Press it on the painted box to resemble trees. Add trunks of trees with a brush. Dry.

4. Crumple up and soak a brown paper bag in water. Wring it out. Dry.

5. Lightly outline a buffalo hide on the paper bag with Crayola® Colored Pencils. Tear out the hide around your outline. Draw an authentic Cheyenne box-and-border design on the hide.
6. With an adult, search for two sticks outdoors. Look for sticks that are as long as your box. Attach sticks to both sides of the box with Crayola® School Glue. Dry.
7. Glue the robe to the sticks. Dry.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "A great culminating project for when we completed our study of Native Americans of the Great Plains." Roscoe B., camp counselor.
- "Brown paper bag crafts are great. My kids made these dioramas for extra credit in social studies." Kunio S., parent of ages 6 and 9.

Interesting Information

The Native American tribe known as the Cheyenne lived on the Great Plains. They were nomadic, following the revered buffalo herds that were a source of food, shelter, clothing, and essential for their survival. The American Buffalo is actually a bison and belongs to the mammal family of bovines (like cows). Bison are still grown today.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

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Related Books

Buffalo Hunt by Russell Freedman

Indians of North America: Cheyenne by Stan Hoig

How They Lived in Canada: People of the Buffalo: How the Plains Indians Lived by Maria Campbell

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