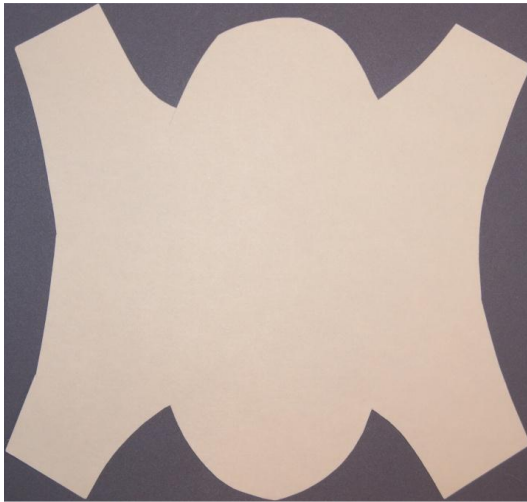




2019 FALL TEACHER WORKSHOP ART + MATH Birch Bark Basket



Materials: brown craft paper, white tempera paint, large flat brushes, black colored pencil or oil pastel
artificial sinew - from Michaels

Directions:

1. To Make faux birch bark paper: Dilute the tempera to create a wash. Using a large brush wash over the brown paper in broad horizontal strokes. It is fine to be uneven or blotchy. Take a look at a real tree and you will see the variations. (option: Glue two pieces of craft paper together for strength)
2. While the paint is still wet, use the end of your paint brush to scratch horizontal lines into the faux birch bark. When the paint is dry you can also add horizontal lines with a black pencil or oil pastel. Use your finger to smooth and blend the oil pastel.
3. Trace the template on the back of their birch bark and cut it out.
4. The ends are gently folded to overlap. Use the hole-punch to punch thru all folded layers. You will need 2 holes to stitch. Use artificial sinew to stitch. It does not require a needle and is fairly stiff.
5. When the ends are secure, use the hole punch and punch holes $\frac{1}{2}$ inch all the way around the top. Use sinew, yarn or string to whip stitch around the top to give it a finished look.