Paint Along

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Audience

School age children, Teens, Adults

Description

Join us as we follow along with a how-to video and paint lots of happy little trees and create our own masterpiece. We'll paint along with an episode and create our own masterpiece. No experience necessary. Supplies provided. Please note we'll be working in acrylics.

Budget

$1-$50

Mixes

- Crafts Mix - Box 6: Art Mix

Learning outcomes

To get creative and learn how to paint in a new way.

Advance Planning

A few months in advance of the program. I found a video I liked and had library staff practice along to the video to make sure it was feasible to do in an hour long program. No unexpected challenges.

Marketing

Newsletter, in house flyers, word of mouth.

Budget Details

I did purchase paint and canvases. Greens, blues, browns were the most important for this program. There's always deals on paints through Joann's/Michaels, plus, you don't need to purchase high quality paint. We used smaller canvases in bulk that really cut the cost down.

Day-of-Event Activity

I was the only one setting up for the event and I gave myself a couple of hours to get ready. Plan to spend more time cleaning up versus setting up!

Paint along video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XxClvPZ1RE

Program Execution

We had registration for 15 and it filled very quick. So much so that we offered the program a second time so that people on the waiting list could have a chance to try. Overall, great feedback from the kids and the grownups. Goals achieved!

Program Outcomes and Evaluation

We offered a follow up program for those who were on the original waiting list. No evaluation tools.

Advice

Make sure you have a lot of paint and be prepared to refill palettes! Also, give yourself enough time to cleanup. Such a fun program and would recommend any library try it out! Can also be offered for adults.

Photos