

## The Tree Of Life Gift for Parents contributed by Doris Wyatt

On Oct 16, 2007, at 12:21 PM, Doris J. Wyatt ((djwyatt)) wrote:

- > Hi, Teresa!
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- > As a gift to the parents for the holidays, we are doing the
- > "Tree of Life Stencil" with the poem "If I Had My Child To Raise
- > Over Again".
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- > Making the stencil will need: The stencil can be made by cutting a
- > pattern from a piece of poster board or paper.
- > It can then be painted over to reproduce the same
- > pattern as many times as you like. Go to number 3,
- > to make stencil patterns.
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- > 2. On a separate piece of poster board make the trunk and branches
- > of the tree, paint
- > the student's hand and forearm brown and place it at the
- > bottom of the paper.
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- > 3. Draw half shapes of leaves, butterflies, hearts, flowers
- > and stars starting at the folded line, you can use small squares of
- > white
- > poster board paper. Cut out the shapes and open up the paper.
- > These will
- > become your stencils for the students. (Or you can purchase stencils).
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- > 4. Place stencils on the poster board with the tree trunk and
- > branches. Stipple the paint all over the stencil.
- > Make sure that the paint does not seep under the edge of the
- > stencil.
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- > 5. Fill out the shape of the tree by using a pattern of
- > stencils to paint across the paper. Leave to dry.
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- > 6. To add some detail to their picture, cut a leaf vein stencil
- > from paper. Place the stencil over the painted leaves and
- > stipple with black paint.
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- > 7. On the student's tree trunk I include their picture, poem
- > and laminate the finish product. Happy Holidays!!!!
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- > Doris Wyatt
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