

Shamrock Hand-y Craft

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, here are two Shamrock Hand-y Crafts to choose from, using either paper or paint. The term "shamrock" is from the Irish word, *seamrog*, which means "little clover."* This craft works well with a little St. Patrick's Day history lesson!



Materials Needed for Paper Shamrocks:

- 1-2 pieces of green construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick



Materials Needed for Paint Shamrocks:

- Green paint
- Paper

Time to Create: Paper Shamrocks

Step 1: Trace each hand twice with fingers and thumb close together.

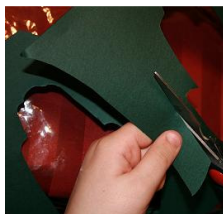
Step 2: Cut out the traced hands.

Step 3: Using the scraps, cut out a stem.

Step 5: Glue the third hand at the palm, perpendicular to the first two hands.

Step 6: Glue the fourth hand to the other three to complete the four-leaf shape.

Step 7: Complete the project by gluing the stem between two of the hands to create the shamrock.



Step 4: Glue two of the hands together at the palms.



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* Irish Shamrocks and 4-Leaf Clovers - http://landscaping.about.com/cs/lawns/a/clover_lawns.htm



Time to Create: Paint Shamrocks

Step 1: Place green paint onto a paper plate or wax paper. Gently place one hand, palm-down in the paint.

Step 2: With your fingertips pointing towards one of the corners, place the painted hand on your paper to create the first leaf.



Step 3: Turn your hand slightly on a 45 degree angle and place again on the paper to create the second leaf.

Step 4: Reapply paint to your hand. Turn the paper and continue to place your hand on the paper to create the third leaf.



Step 5: Turn your hand one last time and place on the paper to create the last leaf.



Step 6: Using one of your fingers, draw a line to create the stem between two of the hands to complete your picture. Allow paint to dry for 1-2 hours.

