

The Girls Friendly Society
in Ireland



Craft Syllabus 2017-2018

Aim:

- **Promote the value of creative activities**
- **Promote environmental awareness by using non-toxic waste materials**
- **Increase members self esteem, confidence, creative and intellectual ability**
- **Assist members in developing their creative skills**

Objectives:

- **Organise programmes for children and young people**
- **Provide art and craft training and advice on creative skills**

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3-5 years	Make a "Sun Catcher" by decorating one old CD. No size restrictions.
5-7 years	Decorate a Cardboard Doll. Template provided (template needs to be printed on A3 paper)
7-9 years	Make "An Item" using one clothes peg of any type. Final article no larger than A4.
9-11 years	Make a "Scarecrow" using recycled material no larger than 24" square.
11-13 years	Make a "Woven Container" using recycled material. Base no larger than 12 inches x12x12.
13-15 years	Make a "Mobile Phone Stand" any medium (No larger than A5)
15-18 years	Make a "Decoupage Greeting Card" (no larger than A5). Note: "no pre-cut kits allowed" .
18-21 years	Make a "Decoupage Picture" Unframed no larger than A4. Note: "no pre-cut kits allowed" .
21+ years	Make a "Patchwork Toy".

Please use common sense.

Guidelines when working with children:

- ◆ Come to the craft area prepared. Look over the instructions and materials needed and plan ahead. A child will quickly grow restless if you don't.
- ◆ Crafting doesn't have to be expensive. Recycle! Your creativity can add new life to old objects. Costume jewellery, lace, fabric scraps, buttons, and toilet tissue rolls are recycled staples for the young crafter.
- ◆ Protect clothing.
- ◆ Allow ample space for each child and materials.
- ◆ Always provide close supervision, especially when sharp objects, such as scissors or messy paints are present.
- ◆ Don't rush. Plan ample time for preparation, activity, and clean up.
- ◆ Keep wet wipes on hand for picking up spills and clean up after.
- ◆ Q-tips come in handy as paintbrushes and glue applicators.
- ◆ Glue sticks are safe, clean and easy to handle by small fingers.
- ◆ Never squelch their creativity. Let the child be creative without interfering. This will allow fun together while still allowing creativity to flourish.
- ◆ When working with children, flexibility is the key! Don't suppress their creativity when they want to try something other than the original directions given for a project. And, above all, don't tell them that they did it wrong. Praise and encourage.
- ◆ Don't take over your children's work and do it for them. There is nothing that can deflate their confidence and creativity faster!

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE THE WORK OF THE CHILD.

Most importantly, PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE and keep it FUN!.