

## Kids Worm Crafts!

### *W is for Worm*

Cut a "W" from pink paper, draw a worm's lines and face on it .

Lay worm on brown construction paper and lightly trace 2 lines where the bottom of the "W" hits the paper, then cut 2 small slits there large enough for the worm to sit down into

Draw a horizontal line across top of paper, denoting the grass line

Have child paint the area above the line green, let dry.

Once the dark green had dried, use a small brush to brush on "grass blades" of the lighter shade, let that dry.

Once the paint is dry, have child use child scissors to cut grass into strips for "blades" (with some guidance so they cut into straight lines) and the paint will naturally make the paper curly but you can bend the blades if you want to make it "grassier".



### *Peek-a-boo Wiggly Worms*

Preschoolers will love making a worm craft that they can make hide, dance, wiggle and move.

#### **Materials:**

- Red, green, blue, black and brown construction paper
- Heavy brown paper
- Black marker
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Glue
- Apple template or stencil

#### **Create the dancing worm:**

Children will cut a strip of black construction paper and glue it on the blue paper to represent dirt. Cut fringed grass from the green construction paper and staple on each side to the blue paper. Trace an apple from red paper. Cut the apple out and cut a slit in the center. Glue the apple on the blue paper above the grass. Cut a stem and leaf out of the construction paper and glue on the apple. Draw a worm on the heavy, brown paper. Create a face and lines to represent segments with the marker. Children will have hours of fun playing peek-a-boo with the worms and making them dance through the apple, grass and dirt.



## *Earthworm Puppet*

### What you need:

Brown tissue paper (find in color-variety packs)  
Bendable plastic flexi-straw  
Green paper cup, medium size (find in the party aisle)  
Green construction paper  
Tiny wiggly eyes  
Fine-tipped markers  
Scissors  
White glue  
Water in plastic container  
Soft paintbrush for spreading glue  
Tacky white glue or double-sided tape  
Old pie pan or clean meat tray  
Rubber bands  
Moist rag  
Newspapers

### **Instructions**

#### **Preparation:**

Spread newspapers on table. Using a pencil, punch a hole in the bottom of the cup large enough for a flexi- straw to poke through snugly. Cut a strip of brown tissue paper almost the length of the straw and two inches wide. Pour two parts glue into plastic container with one part water and stir. Place moist rag nearby to clean sticky fingers.

#### **Putting it together:**

Place the brown tissue paper strip on the newspaper and spread the watered down glue over it with a brush. Lay the straw along one long edge of the tissue, leaving a portion of the straight end of the straw poking out. Roll the straw up in the wet tissue.

While the glue is still wet, carefully push or slide the wet tissue up the straw toward the bend end, crumpling and wrinkling it to form the segments of the worm until the tissue covers about one half of the straw (bent end).

Pinch or work some of the tissue into the tip of the straw to cover the hole and create the worm's head. Carefully place on pie tin or meat tray to dry.

Trace child's hand on a piece of green construction paper three or four times using fine-tipped marker, making sure tracings do not overlap. Cut out hand tracings.

Spread tacky glue on back of each hand tracing (not the fingers) and attach to the cup with the fingers protruding above the lip of the cup to create grass. Continue to glue the hand cutouts to the cup, overlapping as necessary, until the cup is covered all the way around. Use the rubber band to hold the cutouts in place until dry.

Use a small dot of tacky glue to attach each wiggly eye to the worm head and allow to dry.

Once all parts are dry, push the bottom of the straw down through the hole in the cup and put on a wormy puppet show!

