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Oldtime projects for today's kids



Little Nancy Trilicott
In a white petticoat,
And a red nose.
The longer she stands
The shorter she grows.
What is she? A candle.

An old fashioned child's rhyme from Mother Goose to introduce an old fashioned project. Candles are fun and easy to make. There is also an element of magic in watching one material turn into something completely different, that will appeal to youngsters.

We know also, that for the young child, the process is more important than the product. The child will have control over size, color, shape, and design of his candle.

It is even possible that making candles with your child will provide an opportunity to relieve some of the worries they may have built up regarding power outages and energy shortages. This would be a good time to talk with them about these very troublesome topics.

There are many ways of making candles at home. All call for paraffin, wicks, and pieces of crayon. To keep the colors separate, place pieces of paraffin in separate cans. (I use carefully rinsed orange juice cans, as the cardboard sides do not get as hot as metal cans.) Then add pieces of crayon to the paraffin in the color desired for the candle.

PARAFFIN IS flammable. It is im-

portant to carefully supervise the next step in the candle making process.

Place the cans containing the paraffin and crayon colors into a pot with water. This creates a double boiler, greatly increasing control over the melting of the paraffin. Place over a low heat and watch constantly.

When the contents are thoroughly melted, dipping can begin. Have a paper cup filled with cold water nearby. Now, take a length of wick and immerse in the paraffin. Lift out and dip into the cold water.

Keep repeating this process over and over. The paraffin will adhere and begin to thicken around the wick. Lumps may form, making each candle unique.

If your child wishes, the warm paraffin may be molded somewhat with the fingers, as long as it has been dipped into the cold water first.

The candle may be one color or several. The colors may be overlapped many times. Also, the wick may be dipped by the end, or holding both ends, may be dipped from the middle.

Let there be light!

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Children have control over size, color, shape and design of their candles. (Photo by Pat Bordman)

Women artists display work

Women artists in Oakland County may register through July 31 for the annual Fall Festival of Women's Works.

Designed to give Oakland County women an opportunity to display, demonstrate and sell their artwork or crafts, the festival will be Oct. 11 and 12 in Springfield Oaks County Park, Davisburg.

Last year's exhibitors included painters, potters, photographers, quilters, bakers and basket weavers.

"All artists and craftsmen are encouraged to demonstrate their skills at the show," said Anne Clinton-Cirocco, show coordinator. "This year's show will be much like last year's, only bigger and better."

Last year's festival featured 45 artists. Cirocco hopes for a total 75-80 artists this year, stationed at the Youth

Activities Center. She is also looking for performing artists to provide entertainment at the festival and chefs to prepare ethnic food.

Applicants will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A special children's area will provide youngsters with an opportunity to paint a mural and work with other artforms, guided by their parents.

The Oakland County Parks Clowen Alley will also entertain.

The festival is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and supported by the Northwest County Council for the Arts. Further information and applications can be obtained by calling 625-8133.

Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center is at Andersonville and Hall roads in Davisburg.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

TEEN-AGE VOLUNTEERS — If you are between the ages of 14 and 18 and want to gain valuable work experience and accumulate a reference for college or career training programs, be a volunteer this summer. Call the telephone number listed above and find out all about the interesting and challenging volunteer opportunities.

TELEPHONE VOLUNTEER — Would you like to know more about women's legal issues and rights, and have the opportunity to share this knowledge with others? If so, the Women's Justice Center in Detroit needs

volunteers like you. Volunteers are asked to give a minimum of four hours within the following framework: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Training is provided.

INTERVIEWERS — Volunteers are needed by the Oakland County Health Department's breast cancer detection center in Southfield. Training is provided so that volunteers can take medical and personal history and help prepare patient charts. The hours available are any day from Monday to Friday, from 9 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 4 p.m.

INSTRUCTORS — Volunteers who would like to teach others, or man a booth at a health fair, or serve on a committee, or talk to groups or take blood pressure are needed by the American Red Cross in Bloomfield Hills. The hours can be arranged to suit the volunteer. Training is provided.

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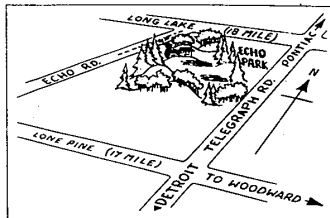
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