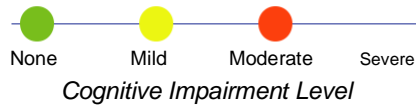


Art Activity

Collaborative Paper Weaving



Summary:

Residents use various elaborative techniques to create individual strips, that once dry, are woven into a completed group project.

Objectives:

- Encourage creative expression
- Facilitate pro-social interaction
- Promote problem solving
- Increase sense of accomplishment
- Promote group identity/sense of relevance



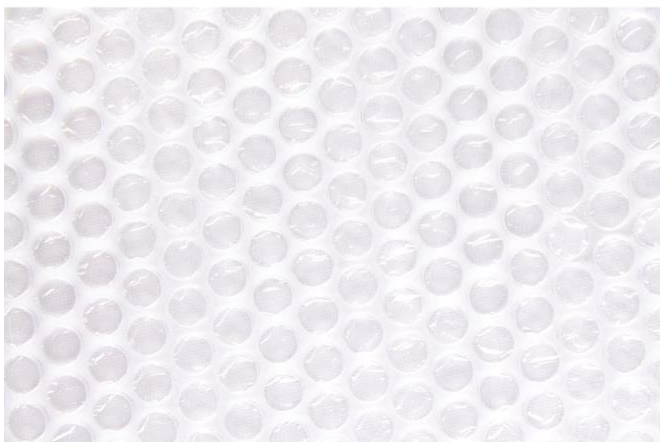
Supplies:

- Watercolor paints in various colors
- Watercolor paper/paint paper: 18"x24" cut into strips , 3" wide x 24" long
- Paintbrushes
- Sea Salt
- Oil Pastels
- Markers
- Bubble wrap
- Black foam core mounting board (large enough to allow a several-inch border around completed weave (see example)
- Paper towel/water for cleaning up in between completed strips

Room Set Up:

- Seat residents at tables.
- Play soft, instrumental music:

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Facilitating the Activity

Procedure

1. Personally welcome residents to the group by saying each person's name and shaking each person's hand.

Say:

"Welcome! Together we are going to create a beautiful woven wall hanging using these strips of paper" (hold up example). "We will begin by decorating our own strips—you can do as many as time allows. Then, once they are dry, we will weave them together to create a beautiful group project." Show residents color example.

2. If residents are able, allow them to select their media of choice (watercolor/salt, oil pastel, markers, bubble wrap printing). You may want to set up stations with each media and allow residents to work for a period at each station, or, depending on functional level, allow the resident to remain at the same station for the duration of the activity.
3. Demonstrate how to use the media at each station. (reference salt/watercolor landscapes, bubble wrap printmaking, oil pastel resist)
4. Once strips are dry (may be overnight), teach residents how to weave one over the other to create the whole. Mount on black foam core and frame (if able to find cost efficient frame).



Processing

Invite residents to share their experiences and their images:

Say:

“Look at your amazing images! How did you feel about this project? Does the final group weaving surprise you? Do you notice certain colors/designs/textures? Which are your favorite strips?”

- Offer positive feedback for all efforts and thank residents for participating.