

YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS:

Thorncliffe PS Junior Artists

2022-2023 Art Projects



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This book showcases projects
from the 2022-2023 school year

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Art can...
inspire curiosity,
spark new ideas, and
transform a space.





How does art make you feel?



Students explored how art can create more vibrant and joyful places.



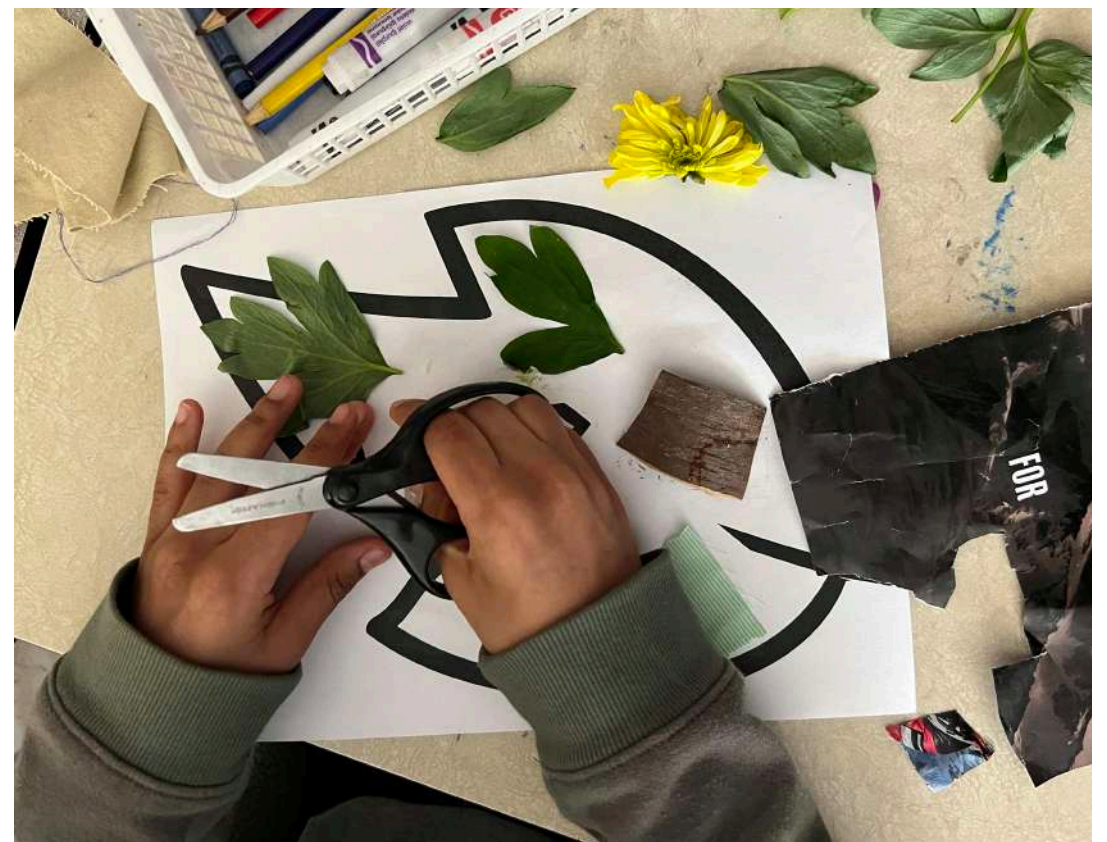
This book showcases the art projects created by students in collaboration with artists.

They worked together to create something truly meaningful for their school community.

Roots of Thorncliffe

By students and artist Roda Medhat





Students created colourful collages. Then Roda took photos of their art and printed them onto a rug.

If you could design your own rug, what would you include?



Spring Shine: A Collaboration with Nature

By students and Katie Strang and Christine Dewancker of D&S Projects.





Students made cyanotype prints with plants. D&S took photos of their art and made window stickers.





What
window
would you
like to
create art
on?

What would
you create?

The Nature of Art & The Art of Nature

By students and artist Kseniya Tsoy

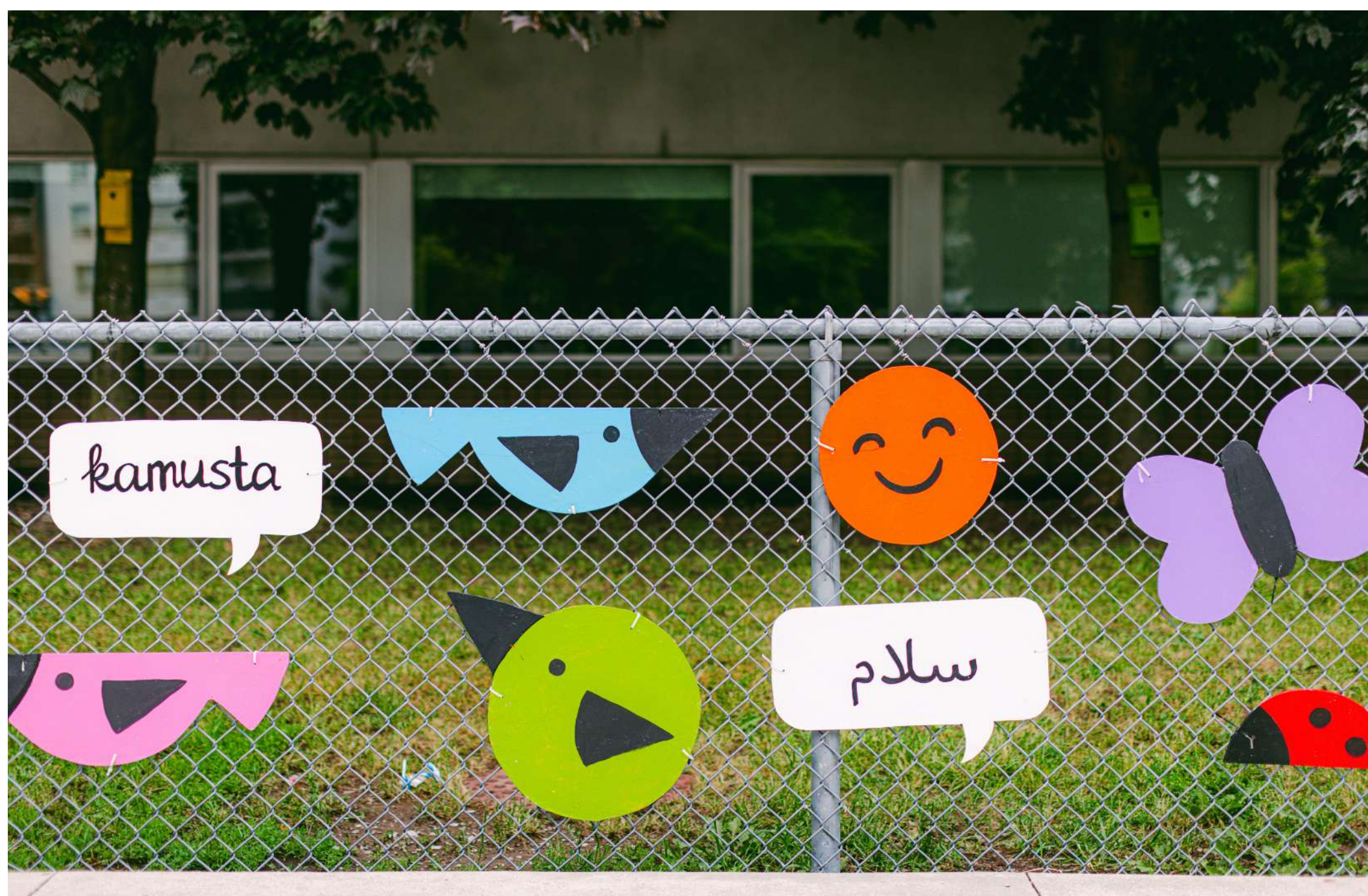




Inspired by nature, students designed playful wood cutouts in different shapes and colours for display at the front of their school. They included “Hello” signs in different languages as a welcoming experience for all.

What messages would you like to share with your friends and family?

Where would you place these messages?



**You too can make art for
everyone to enjoy!**





What will
you
create?

Thank you

Thank you to **Koffler Arts** for initiating and supporting the Young Changemakers Program from 2023-2025. This collaborative and engaging program supports the artistic growth for grade 4 students at Thorncliffe Park PS, resulting in the creation of new art works in an innovative setting - a public school. This experience provides a unique opportunity for collaboration between artists, children, educators and community. We believe that equitable access to art can support children's overall wellbeing.

Koffler Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts platform for contemporary visual art, performance and literary events, that situates the contemporary Jewish experience within broader social, historical and cultural conversations. Working with an elastic network of Canadian and international artists, Koffler Arts provides a stimulating and supportive environment for the promotion of current artistic practices, the creation of new work, and the exchange of ideas across disciplines.
www.kofflerarts.org

A big thank you to the **students and teaching team** at Thorncliffe Park PS for your commitment and openness to creating art in your school.

Thank you to the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** for generously supporting the Young Changemakers Program.

Our deep appreciation to **Christine Lim** for capturing the beautiful images presented here.

Collaborating Partners

Recreate Place designs child-friendly experiences that prioritize the meaningful participation of children and young people in community art projects. We create age-appropriate experiences for children and youth to impact the designs, plans and decisions affecting their community.

As lead program designers and facilitators, it's an honour to be working closely with students to help see their ideas come to life!

www.recreateplace.ca

Roda Medhat is a multi-disciplinary Kurdish-Canadian artist. He designs public art sculptures to make art accessible to the masses, creating works of massive scale that are designed for spaces other than formal art institutions.

www.rodamedhat.com

D&S Projects is a collaboration between artists Katie Strang and Christine Dewancker. Through D&S Projects, they explore the relationships between the built environment and cultural production, and the psychological effects of space. Their projects aim to inspire imagination, understanding and connection with the places we inhabit.

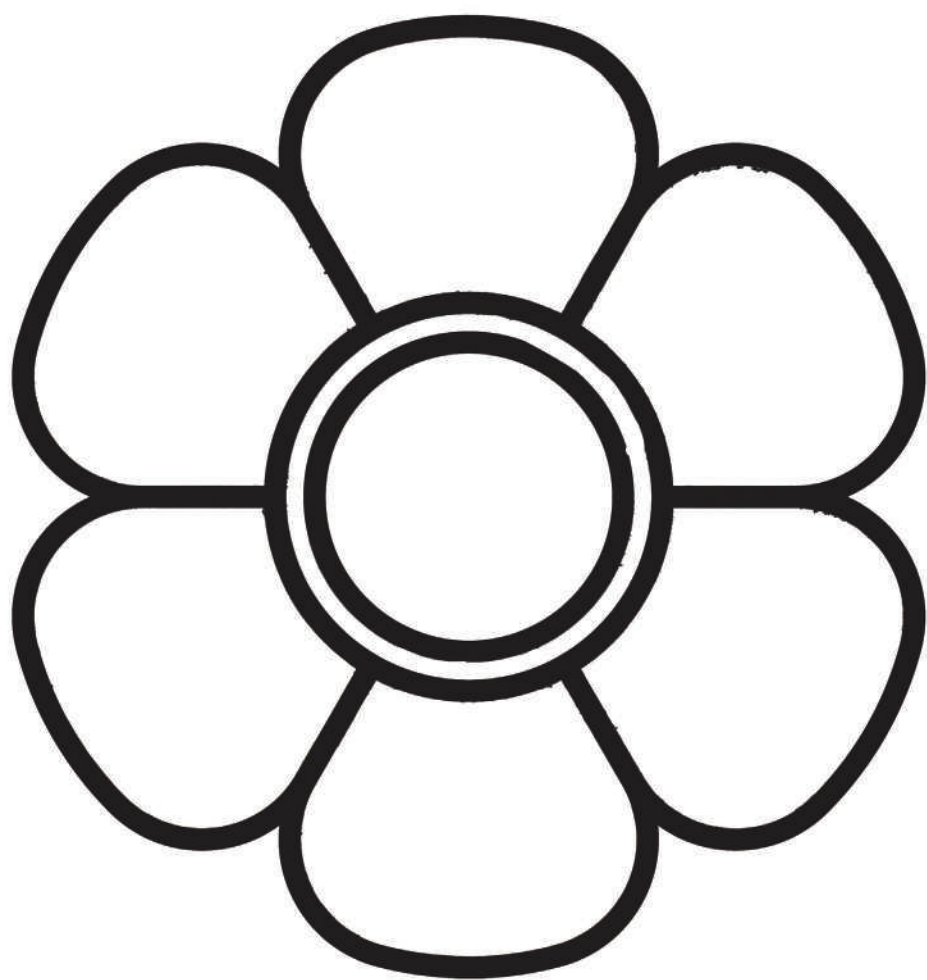
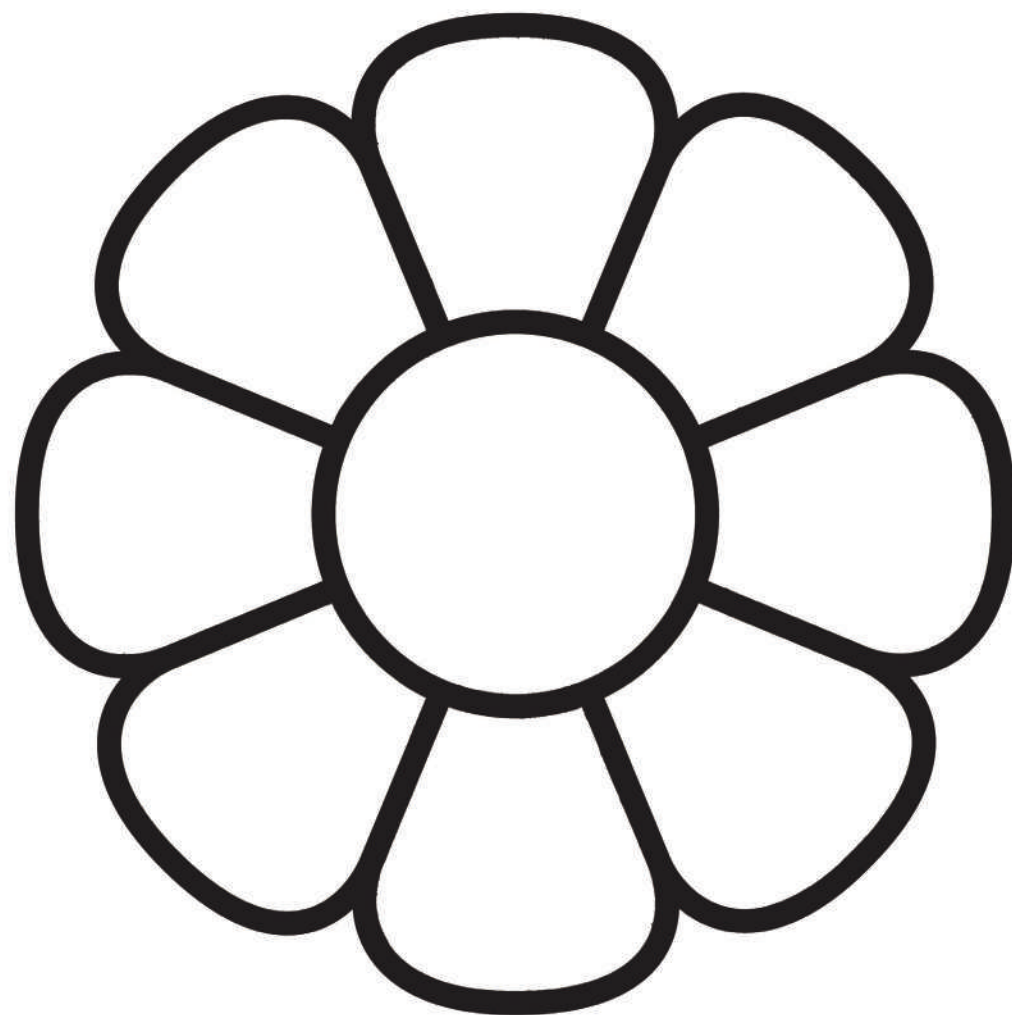
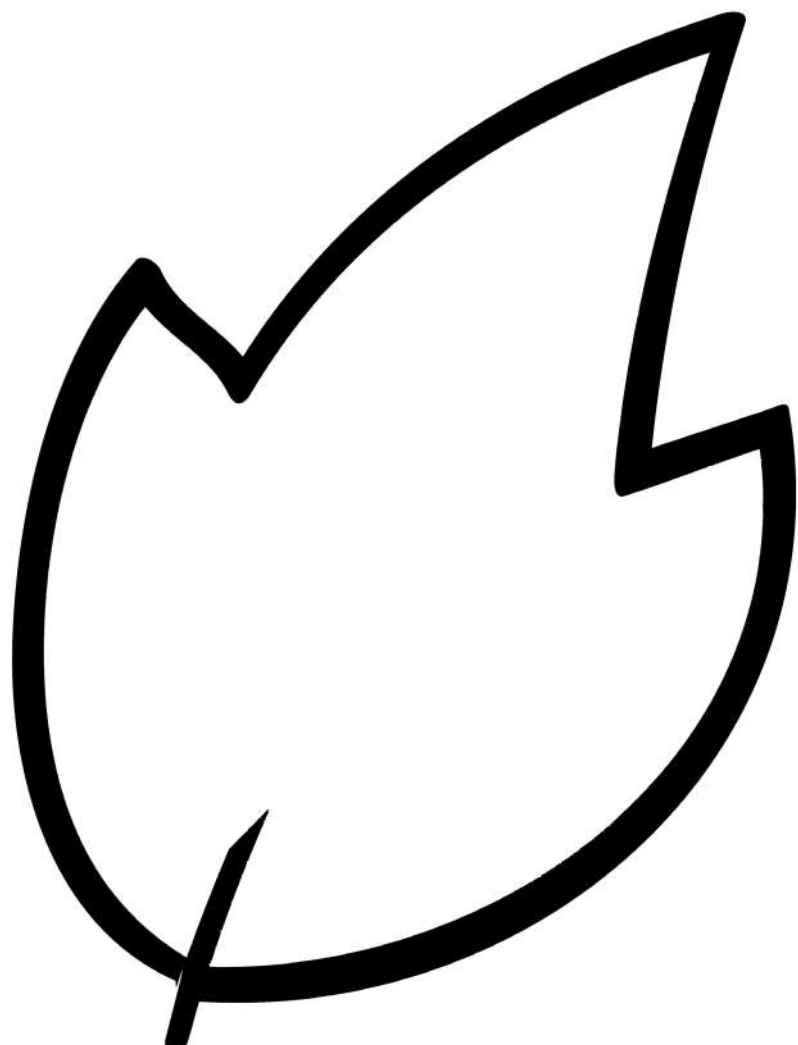
www.dsprojects.com

Kseniya Tsoy is a community-engaged artist and artistic producer with a focus on creative projects with a social purpose. In the community, she is best known for her whimsical collaborative murals where community members are engaged in all stages of the creative process. She loves using vibrant colours, bold minimalist shapes and uplifting messages to create playful artworks that inspire joy.

www.ktsoy.art

Class Activity: Sparking Joy

1. What does joy look and feel like to you?
2. Can you think of something that brings you joy? Perhaps a book, a song, a place, someone or something?
3. Draw, paint or collage your ideas on the plant templates. When done, hang the images together on a wall and create a joyful display.





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