

HOT COCOA MUGS



In this art lesson, students will view a photo of a common winter treat and explore how the photo makes them feel. They will have the chance to make other connections to the photo to describe what the image represents to them. Finally, students will design the perfect hot cocoa mug with creative materials.

NATIONAL ART STANDARDS

- VA:Re.7.2.Ka – Describe what an image represents.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will be able to describe how hot cocoa makes them feel.
- ✓ Students will be able to make connections to a common winter treat.

MATERIALS

- ☐ White construction paper
- ☐ Brown paint
- ☐ Cotton balls (for steam or marshmallows)
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Paint brushes
- ☐ Newspaper (to cover the table)
- ☐ Pictures of hot cocoa cups from online sources
- ☐ Copies of the Hot Cocoa Mug Template (one per student)



HOT COCOA CUPS



ACTIVITY

- Display images of different hot cocoa mugs from online sources or use the images in this lesson for inspiration.
- Ask students, “What do you see in these pictures?” or “What do these pictures remind you of?”
- Allow students time to share their ideas.
- Discuss how images can tell a story or remind us of feelings we’ve had in the past. For example, seeing a picture of hot cocoa might remind you of a special time you had with your family on a cold evening in the winter. Alternatively, hot cocoa might make you feel hungry because you love the way it tastes!
- Explain to the students that they are going to create their hot cocoa mugs using creative materials.
- Provide students with a copy of the Hot Cocoa Mug template.
- Demonstrate how to cut out the mug and glue it on a piece of white construction paper.
- Get out a paintbrush and dip it in brown paint. Paint the top of the mug with brown paint.
- Use markers to decorate the mug with patterns and different colors.
- Explain to the students that after the paint dries, you will glue cotton balls on top of the paint. Invite students to share what they think the cotton balls represent. Confirm that they are the marshmallows or steam.
- Write the steps on the board and go over them again.
 - Cut out the hot cocoa mug.
 - Glue the hot cocoa mug on the white paper.
 - Use brown paint to show the hot cocoa in your mug.
 - Decorate your mug with markers. Use patterns and colors!
 - Once the paint dries, glue on the cotton ball marshmallows.
- Allow the students time to work on their hot cocoa mugs.
- Display the hot cocoa mugs in a visible place, and if time allows, dictate words that the students think of when looking at the hot cocoa cups. Ideas include warm, happy, winter, family, love, sweet, hot, etc.
- Write the words on notecards and place them around the hot cocoa display.



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HOT COCOA MUG TEMPLATE

