



## DABBLER

### COMPLETE ONE ACTIVITY IN SIX OF THE GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ONE STARRED.

- A.1** Create a model of a building in which you would like to live, study, work, or play. Use inexpensive or scrap materials to create your model.
- A.2** Decide what works of art help make a community more beautiful, such as fountains, statues, or murals. Choose one type and draw an original design that you feel would look good in your community.
- B.1** Create a work of your own design that is intended to hang on a wall. This could be a painting, drawing, print weaving, stitchery, macramé, or mixed media project. Display your piece at a troop/group or patrol meeting or someplace else where it may be seen by others.
- B.2** Create a work of your own design that is meant to be seen from all sides. This could be a sculpture, a piece of pottery, a mobile, or other design. Use clay, wood, plaster, plastic, metal, paper, or fibers. Display your piece at a troop/group meeting or to others.
- C.1** Learn about two different kinds of instruments from the four families (string, percussion, wind, and brass); how they sound, where and when they are played, and so forth. Make a simple instrument that you can use to accompany singing at your troop/group meeting or other gatherings.
- C.2** Learn a new song and practice it with your friends until you know it well. If possible, tape your song and play it back to hear how you sound. Practice until you like the sound that you hear.
- D.1** Write a story or poem about something you know—yourself, your family, your favorite season of the year, your favorite holiday, a special place you like. Then write an imaginary story or poem. Share what you have written with your troop/group or with others.
- D.2** Read a book. Then describe it to others in a newspaper review, a poster, or a play so that they will want to read it.

- E.1** Design a room—a playroom, a bedroom, a dining room, or a living room. Show your design in a painting, a drawing, or a diorama.
- E.2** Make an item that would make your home more beautiful. This could be a picture, a pillow, a wall hanging, or other decorative item.
- F.1** Make plans to see a play, a movie, or television drama in a group. Afterwards, discuss with your group the kinds of things that made the performance interesting, dull, good, or bad.
- F.2** Take part in a dramatic skit, play, mime, musical, or dance performance either as a performer or as a part of the backstage operation.
- G.1** Design one of the following:
- A greeting card.
  - An advertisement to sell something.
  - A poster or leaflet.
  - A symbol or logo that would be your trademark.
- G.2** Draw your own design for something new that would be useful—a car, a train, a plane, a can opener, a tool, a pot for cooking, a telephone, etc.  
Whichever activity you choose, share the results with others.
- H.1** Find out about some of the folk art created in your area. If possible, talk to someone who knows about an art that was popular many years ago—quilting, wood carving, scrimshaw, toy making, egg decorating, lace making, embroidery, etc. Ask the person to explain it to you and show you how it is done.
- H.2** Choose a holiday that is celebrated in your community or in another country. Find out the different ways in which this holiday is celebrated. Learn about and demonstrate any special songs, games, decorations, clothing, or other art forms that go with this holiday.

### Fiestas Patrias

September 16th is Mexican Independence Day (Fiestas Patrias). People celebrate with fireworks, dancing, parades, games, and special foods. Some streets are hung with green, red, and white lights—Mexico's national colors. Why not make some nachos with an adult to celebrate? Arrange tortilla chips, corn chips, or taco pieces on a cookie sheet. Slice Monterey Jack cheese or cheddar cheese in very thin slices and put one slice on each chip. Open a can of mild jalapeno peppers and cut the peppers into little pieces. Put the pepper pieces on top of the chips and cheese. Broil in the oven for 2-3 minutes. OR Heat cheese sauce that has been made especially for nachos in a microwave oven. Pour the sauce while hot over a bowl of tortilla, corn, or taco chips.