

Fireplace Log holder and Fire

Activity:

Supplies: Sturdy 12" x 8" cardboard box (or another size appropriate for the fireplace), box cutter, 18 inch sticks (wood scraps, natural sticks, dowel rods), masking tape, paint, brushes, tissue paper (red, yellow and orange), wire, glue and dry and painted Paper Mache logs

Time: Part 1 – Making log holder: 20 minutes with 2 - 4 students

Part 2 – Drying: allow to dry overnight

Part 3 – Painting: 10 minutes with 1 or 2 students

Part 4 – Fire: 20 minutes with 2 students

Note to Instructor: *There are several artistic methods for creating the fire. Outlined here is just one example of this particular class's creativity. At one point the class wanted to use a small fan under the logs to blow tissue paper in the form of fire. A box cutter was used to cut a hole prior to placing the sticks. Feel free to explore other methods and see what your own class comes up with.*

Instructor Prep work: Make sure Paper Mache logs are ready to use prior to this project.

Students Examples: [IMG 3132.jpg](#), [IMG 3128.jpg](#)

1. Tape box closed on all sides.
2. Place sticks on top of box so that they hang off both sides a little bit and tape into place.
3. Paint box and sticks black and allow time to dry.
4. Place logs onto holder. If necessary, use a little bit of tape to keep them in position.
5. Twist wire together and around logs, moving wire to look like flames.
6. Glue tissue paper onto wire and connect to other wire. Also glue crumpled tissue onto logs and tops of wire.