

KIDS' ART ADVENTURES

AMENDS inspired wish boxes



2021 AMENDS project with a community member

Look at the image above. **What do you see?** Go into the gallery and see if you can find this community art piece. What do you notice about the yellow ribbons? How does it make you feel? See if you can read some of the messages on the ribbons. Talk to your friends and family about the ideas you read.

This artwork is a project called AMENDS, by the artists Nick Cave and Bob Faust. They want to make the world a more equal, fair, and kind place by giving people the chance to reflect on past mistakes and move into a better future. What can you do to make the world a better place? Think about inviting a new friend to play, or look out for people who you notice are not being treated nicely.

This project lets you create a wish box, like a shooting star, that you can add special things to over time. Decorate the box, and think about your wishes for yourself and the world. Write or draw your wishes and ideas on the strips of paper and attach them to the box, or roll them up to store inside. Now you'll have a special place to reflect and add your wishes to as you grow and change!

TURN OVER FOR INSTRUCTIONS

INCLUDED MATERIALS

- star box
- assorted papers
- gluestick
- long strips of colored paper
- oil pastels
- marker

YOU MAY ALSO WANT

- small special items
- decorative materials

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take the supplies out of the ArtKit and if you have anything else at home that you want to use, like other markers, paints, or decorations, bring them to your work station.
2. Think about your hopes, wishes and dreams. What is important to you? What items, sounds, sights, and smells remind you of how special you are?
3. Let your inspiration guide you, and decorate the outside of your wish box to show off the things that you love. What colors and textures do you like best? Try adding something new to the mix. See how you can accept a color, image or texture that you wouldn't normally choose!
4. Glue pieces of paper and decorative materials to the box. Use the marker to draw on strips of paper and roll them up to store inside your wish box. Pull them out to remind yourself of the special parts of you, and see if you can recognize the special parts in others too.
4. Add details with the oil pastels-- color on top of the box, on the inside, write your dreams for the future, or draw pictures of how you plan to make the world a better place.

TRY THIS!

Make a box with a friend, and trade wishes! Then in a few months, open your boxes together and see what you wrote.

Invite others to add to your wish box. Help each other make the world a nicer place!

Collect small items that remind you of who you are, and how special others are. Keep them inside the box and look at them whenever you want. Maybe even share your items with new friends!