



Children's WEEK

2023 Celebration of the Hands Tips & Instructions



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You can decorate hands with colorful artwork, words, stories, and/or pictures.

We encourage you to be creative in your design and set-up!



Each year, Children's Week Florida™ partners and volunteers come together to hang a larger than life visual inside the Capitol Rotunda. The display is constructed from thousands of pieces of vibrant and beautiful children's hand artwork from across the state. This incredible piece of art serves as a daily reminder to legislators, advocates, and visitors that the future of our children rests in their hands.

The 2023 Celebration of the Hands will take place March 26-31, 2023

Below are helpful tips for creating your masterpieces of hand artwork to be included in the upcoming Celebration of the Hands display:

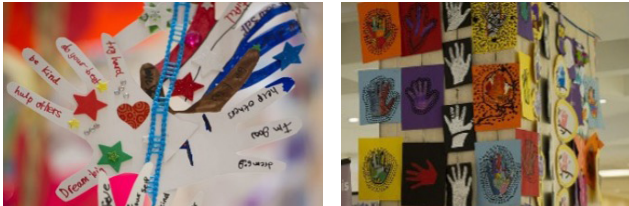
- Your hand artwork pieces should be connected using items that will easily adhere to the large ropes used during the week-long display. This includes twine, string, yarn, or wide ribbon (***please do not send individual hands***).
- Staple, tape, and secure artwork vertically onto string or ribbon in lengths of no more than 8 feet to create the "hanging" effect (***see next page for example pictures provided***).
- If you have many hands of art, please separate them and string together before mailing (***no more than 8 feet per string of hands***).
- You may also use the hands to create small posters to be included in the display. These should be no larger than 11" x 17". Vertical or horizontal orientation is acceptable.
- If using glue, glitter, or other embellishments, please allow 2-3 days of drying time before packaging your artwork.
- Artwork **must be mailed by Friday, March 10, 2023** to be included in the large display at the Capitol Rotunda. Please mail to our 2023 Partner & Community Artwork Host at the address below:

Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region
Attn: Community Relations - Children's Week
2639 N. Monroe Street, Bldg. C, Ste. 300
Tallahassee, FL 32303

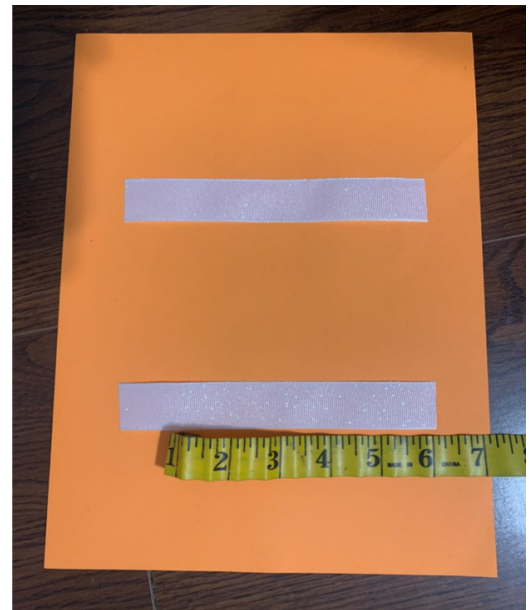


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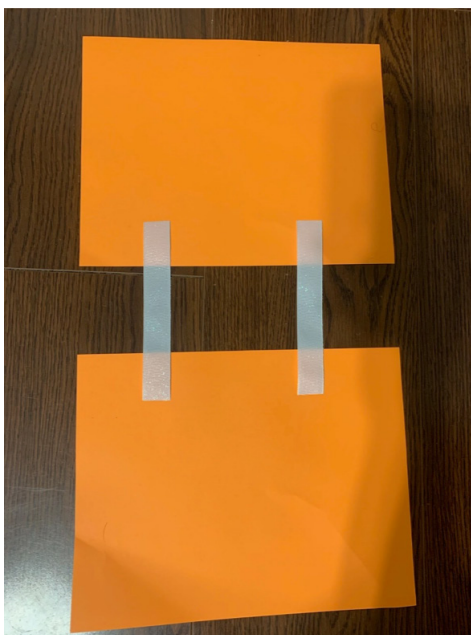
How to create the "hanging" effect with your hand artwork:



1 Create your own magnificent hand artwork. You can draw and decorate hands on construction paper, use fingerprints on printing paper, trace and cut out your own hand designs to make shapes or animals, or use the templates provided on the next page. The possibilities are endless for you to be creative.



2 Once your artwork is complete, cut two 6-inch pieces of string or ribbon.

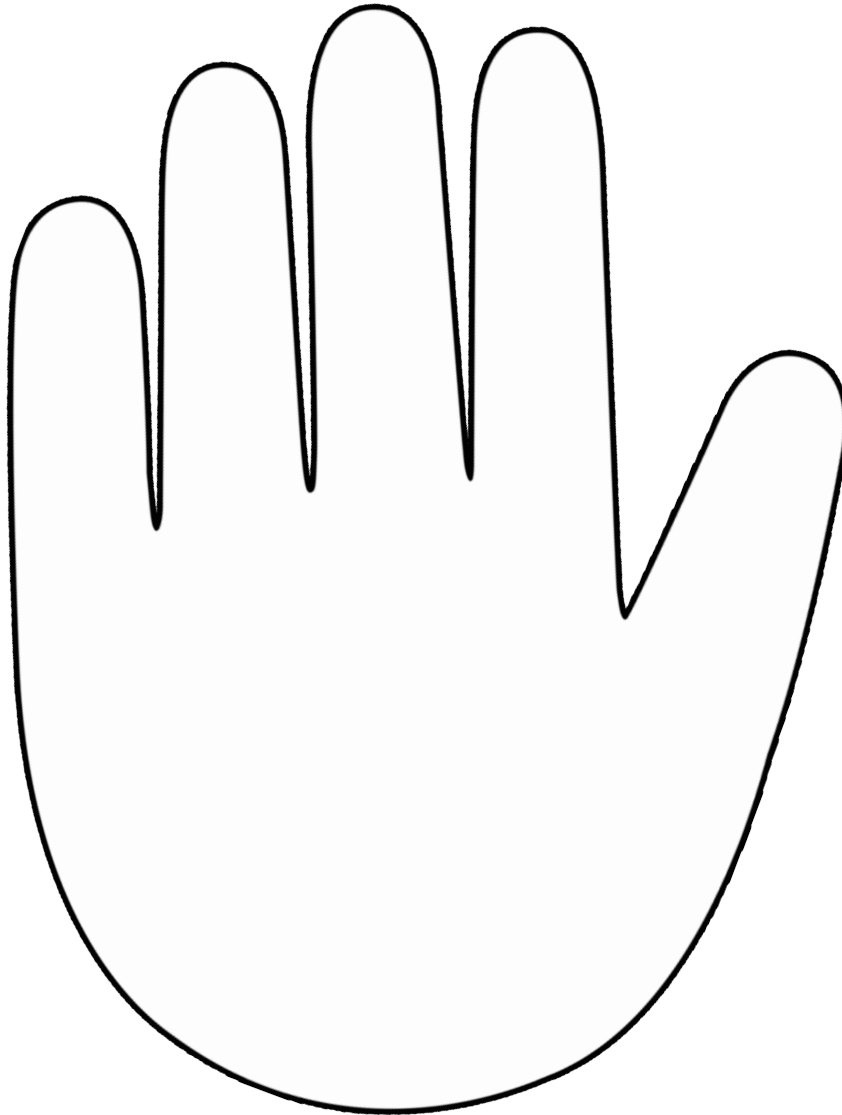


3 Secure string or ribbon to your paper using staples or tape. The example above is approximately 2.5 inches from the side.



4 Connect the artwork to create the "hanging" effect for display. Please limit hanging artwork to 8 feet in length for each strand of hands.

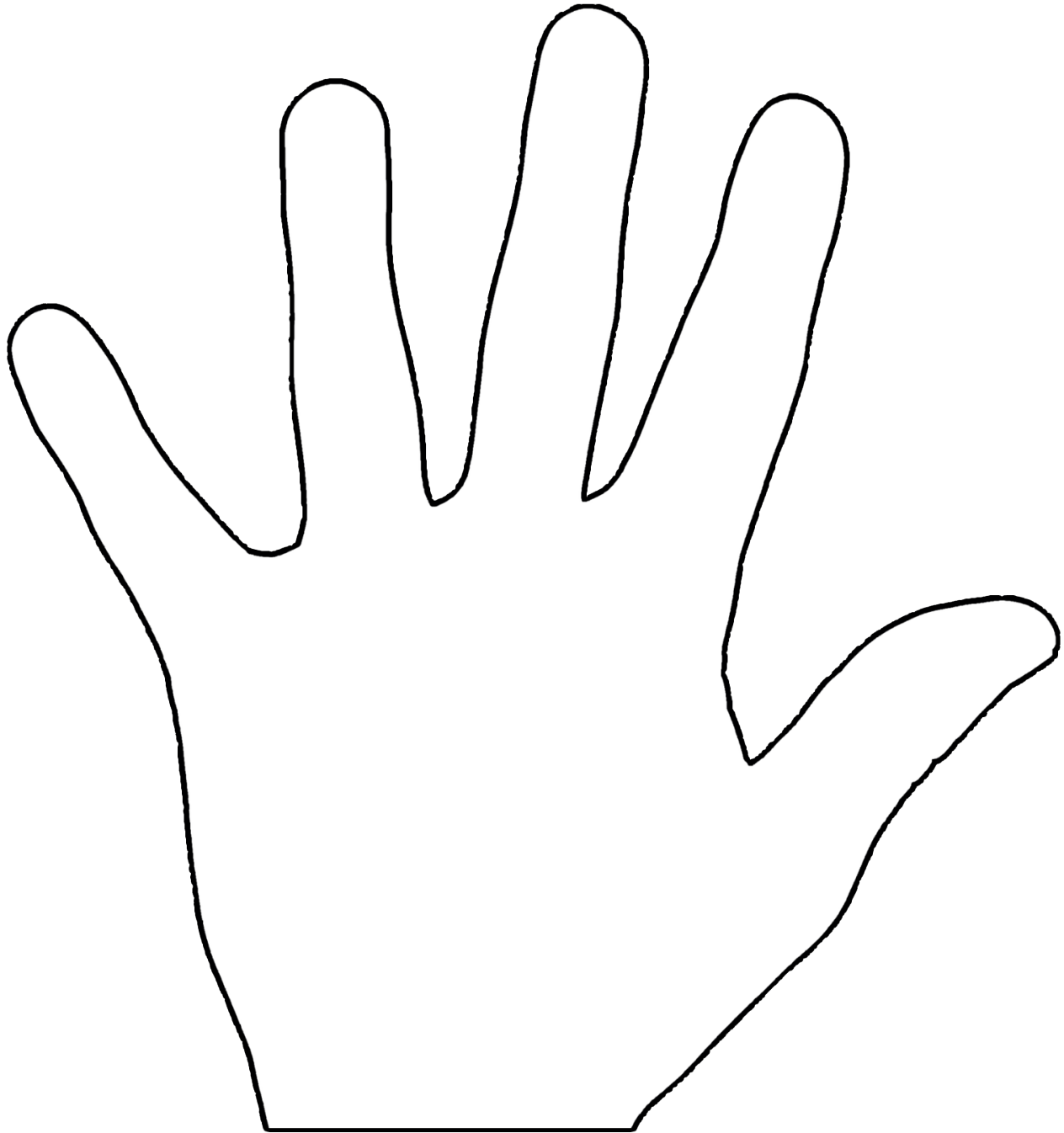
Hand Template: Small Child



Please contact the Children's Week Florida™ Team at info@childrensweek.org or 850-487-6300 if you have questions or need additional information.



Hand Template: Adult



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