

Virginia State Symbols Craft Packet

The United States of American is made up of 50 states, and every state has a different history, environment, and culture. The government uses those facts to come up with symbols that represent each state. Let's learn a little about Virginia's symbols through the seven craft ideas below!

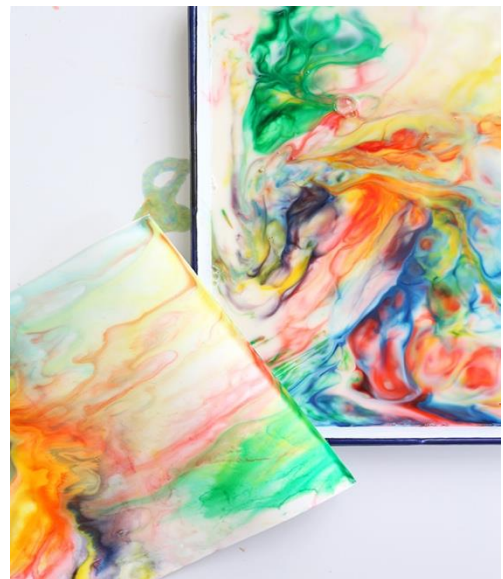
Did You Know? The Cardinal is Virginia's State Bird.

- Let's Make: Paper Plate Cardinal
- What Do I Need: scissors, glue, paper plate, black paper, yellow paper, white paper, red paint and paintbrush OR red tissue paper (or both!)
- How Do I Make It:
 1. First, start by covering your paper plate in red. This can be red paint, or if you don't have paint, glue down strips of red tissue paper. You can even use both!
 2. Cut one large triangle out of the black paper and glue to the plate. This is your face.
 3. Cut one smaller triangle out of the yellow paper and glue it to the tip of the black triangle. This is your beak.
 4. Cut two small white circles and glue down to the top of the black triangle. Cut two smaller black circles and glue to the middle of the white circles. These are your eyes. If you have googly eyes, this is a great place to use them!
 5. Congratulations! Your cardinal is done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of artsymomma.com) for examples.



Did You Know? Milk is Virginia's state drink.

- Let's Make: Rainbow Milk Art
- What Do I Need: milk (the higher fat content the better), food coloring, dish soap, shallow tray, watercolor paper, q-tips
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Pour shallow layer of milk into the pan.
 2. Squirt food coloring into the milk. Observe how the colors swirl and move through the milk.
 3. Dip a q-tip into dish soap and touch the colored milk here OR carefully squeeze small drops of dish soap directly onto the colored milk. You can stop here, and keep playing with the colors! Use your q-tip to keep making different designs and colors.
 4. If you want to save a design, you can take a piece of paper and gently place it on top of the milk.
 5. Pick up the paper at both ends, and let the drips fall off the paper back into the pan.
 6. Let the paper dry overnight. You can hang up your artwork, or use it as paper for another art project!
 7. Congratulations! Your project is done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of sayyes.com) for examples.



Did You Know? The American Foxhound is the state dog of Virginia.

- Let's Make: Paper Bag Puppy
- What Do I Need: brown paper lunch bag, brown paper, white paper, paper in a color of your choice, scissors, markers or crayons, glue
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Draw and cut out your parts for the dog's body from the paper. This includes legs, tail, face, and ears from your brown paper; belly and eyes from your white construction paper; a collar in any color you want!
 2. Arrange the pieces where you want them on your paper bag, and glue them down.
 3. Draw your eyes and nose with a black marker.
 4. Finish decorating however you want! Does your dog have spots?
 5. Congratulations! Your dog is done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of crayonsandcollars.com, learncreatelove.com, funfamilycrafts.com, and 86lemons.com) for examples.



Did You Know? Virginia has two state fish – the brook trout (freshwater fish) and the striped bass (saltwater fish).

- Let’s Make: Fingerprint Fish
- What Do I Need: white paper, blue paper, scissors, glue, black marker, any color markers or ink pad or paint (or all three!)
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Draw and cut out fish shapes – you can do one or more than one, and experiment with sizes!
 2. Draw a mouth and eye with black marker (if you have googly eyes, this is a great place to use them).
 3. Use fingers to make fish scales by coloring your fingerpads with ink, or dipping them into paint, and then pressing them onto the paper.
 4. Experiment with the colors and amount of ink or paint. How do you make the prints bigger or smaller? Darker or lighter? What shapes do different fingers make?
 5. When you are done decorating your fish, let it dry.
 6. Finally, glue your fish to a blue background! You can stop here, or keep decorating with other things you might find in a river or ocean.
 7. Congratulations! Your fish is/are done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of whereimaginationgrows.com and notimeforflashcards.com) for examples.



Did You Know? Every state has its own flag. Virginia's is below.

- Let's Make: A Flag That Represents You
- What Do I Need: any color paper, markers, crayons, stickers, glue – any decorating materials you might like
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Virginia's flag has symbols that represent an important event in the history of Virginia. On this flag, a woman is standing over a man. His crown is on the ground. This represent Virginia (the woman) winning over the King of England (the man) in The Revolutionary War.
 2. The words *Sic Semper Tyrannis* means *Thus Always to Tyrants*, and represents the same thing. Virginia defeated England, who they considered a tyrant. A tyrant is an unfair ruler.
 3. The flag is also decorated with a type of plant that grows in Virginia, called the Virginia Creeper.
 4. Think about your favorite things, and make a flag that represents you! You can decorate your piece of paper however you want.
 5. Congratulations! Add your name at the top when you are done, so everyone knows this is YOUR flag.



Did You Know? The Dogwood is Virginia’s state tree and state flower.

- Let’s Make: Cardboard Dogwood Flowers
- What Do I Need: cardboard egg container, white paint, pink paint or marker, green paint or marker, paintbrush
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Cut out each individual egg carton cup.
 2. Cut four slits in the corners of each cup, forming four petals.
 3. Trim each petal so it is rounded. You can also cut small notches in the middle of each petal to give them a more “flowery” shape.
 4. Paint each cup white and let them dry.
 5. If you are using the same paintbrush for each color, make sure to wash it in-between.
 6. Once the cups are dry, paint or color the edges of each petal pink, and the center of each flower green.
 7. You can leave your flowers like this, or paste them together on a piece of paper to form a bouquet, or paste them together on a round piece of cardboard to form a wreath.
 8. Congratulations! Your flowers are done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of catholicicing.com) for examples.



Did You Know? Virginia's state insect is the Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly.

- Let's Make: Toilet Paper Tube Butterfly
- What Do I Need: any colors of paper you want (the Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly is yellow and black, so you can use those, or choose your own!), toilet paper cardboard tube, markers, pipe cleaners, glue or tape, any decorating materials
- How Do I Make It:
 1. Cut a piece of paper to wrap around the cardboard tube. Glue or tape it at the back of the tube.
 2. Cut two equal sized hearts out of another color of construction paper.
 3. Glue or tape the two hearts together by the point. Then, glue or tape along the back of the tube.
 4. Draw your face on the front of the tube! This is a great place to use googly eyes if you have them. If not, use a black marker.
 5. Fold your pipe cleaner in half and curl the tops to make an antennae. Tape to the inside of the top of the tube.
 6. No pipe cleaners? No problem! Use two strips of paper, q-tips, or tinfoil instead.
 7. Decorate the body and wings of the butterfly with any other craft materials you might have, like paint, stamps, washi tape, or stickers.
 8. Congratulations! Your butterfly is done. See the pictures below (images courtesy of preschoolactivities.us, joysofsharing.com, and cookiescoffesandcrafts.com) for examples.

