

SHAMROCK CHARACTERS

This is a really simple and easy art lesson to do in March around St. Patrick's Day which pupils will enjoy.

1. Give a sheet of art paper to each pupil and place it in landscape orientation.
2. Trace a shamrock shape onto the art paper. (I "acquired" the shape from a supermarket at the end of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations one year) Ensure that the shamrock shape takes up most of the art page.
3. Divide the shape vertically into three sections and paint these sections green, white and orange.
4. Facial features can be painted on or, alternatively, when the paint is dry, these can be added on using a thick permanent black marker. Googly eyes could be glued on at this stage. Pupils can be as creative as they wish with this step, adding in any features that they wish.
5. When the paint is dry, cut out the shamrock shape.
6. On a separate sheet draw out and paint a hat, hands/gloves and some shoes/boots. Allow all these to dry and then cut them out.
7. Staple the hat onto the head of the shamrock character.
8. Staple a green, white or orange length of crepe paper on for legs and arms. Staple the boots onto the ends of the legs and staple the hands/gloves onto the ends of the arms.



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Variation

1. Instead of using crepe paper for the arms/legs, you could use a length of painted art paper and "concertina" the paper before stapling it onto the shamrock character.
2. Cut out a second blank shamrock shape of exactly the same size. Staple three quarters of the two shamrock shapes together, stuff some tissue paper into the opening and then staple the rest of the shape. In this way, you get a 3-D shamrock character.



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