



Making A School Bus

LET'S PAINT AND CREATE: BOX ART

Children learn together through art and creative play in this cooperative art project when they transform a cardboard box into a school bus. Children use a variety of painting tools to decorate the bus and listen to "The Wheels on the Bus" when they activate the Step-by-Step™ communicator.

Here's What You'll Need

- Large cardboard box
- Primary colored chips and potato chip canister (for bus tokens)
- Connecting accordion tubes
- Painting and drawing tools: adapted stamps, small crayons, markers, small paint rollers, paint trays, white chalk or crayon
- Construction paper (black)
- Paint (orange)
- Purple glue sticks
- Scissors
- Two Step-by-Step™ communicators

Getting Ready

Over Several Days:

1. Cut box to simulate a school bus, making sure at least 2 children can ride inside.
2. Cut slit in the lid of the canister and cover with orange construction paper for collecting tokens.
3. Put orange paint in paint trays.
4. Draw big circles for wheels on black construction paper with white chalk or crayon.
5. Record song and/or messages into Step-by-Step™ communicator(s) as needed.

Activity

Over Several Days Children Will:

1. **Paint** cardboard bus orange.
2. **Draw** windows on the bus with markers.
3. **Create** steering wheels with accordion tubes.
4. **Cut** out wheels from black construction paper and **glue** them to the bus.
5. **Talk** and **play** inside and around the bus:
 - **Collect** bus tokens from the passengers.
 - **Count** the tokens and **say** the colors.
6. **Sing** "The Wheels on the Bus" song.

Tips!

- Program Step-by-Step™ communicator with phrases like "One token, please," "Three yellow tokens, please," or "Have a fun bus ride!"

