



## **Mini Culture Exploration Kits Available**

### **Ancient Egypt**

Pairs several books on Ancient Egypt with a portrait of King Tut, the boy king, painted on genuine papyrus-reed paper.

### **Ancient "Travel Writers"**

Books and articles by or about "Travel Writers" from ancient times such as Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta and Pausanias paired with laminated ancient mini-maps. Includes a selection of fun map-making and orienteering lesson plans and activities.

### **Arabic Tiles**

(Middle East) A selection of beautiful Arabic and Moroccan-style tiles is paired with design books and directions for kid's activities to create their own paper version of Arabic tiles.

### **Arpilleras Textile Art**

(Peru) Children's storybook plus real story cloth.

### **Bread Making**

English, Spanish & German-language recipe books & story books for kids & adults, plus an Eastern Orthodox bread stamp.

### **Breakfast around the World**

Cute kit includes 12 photographic "placemats" picturing children from a variety of countries, with their yummy, interesting and unfamiliar breakfasts. Also included is a traditional American donut cutter, and a comprehensive survey of donuts and donut-like pastries world-wide.

### **School Lunches Worldwide**

Cute kit has 21 photographic "placemats" picturing yummy, interesting and unfamiliar school lunches served to children all over the world (some home-made, some cafeteria-made) including two depicting healthy vs. not-so-healthy American school lunch offerings.

### **Children's Day**

(Japan) Includes Japanese-American children's story book, plus carp banners and Emperor & Empress dolls, plus information on "Boy's Day", historically celebrated May 5th, and "Girls Day" (or "Doll Day"), celebrated on March 3rd. Today both boys and girls are celebrated on "Children's Day" on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Also includes a simple recipe for the traditional sweet, *mochi*, which can be made using a microwave.



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### **Fighting Kites**

(India & Japan) Children's book on kite making & fighting, plus 2 (very delicate) real fighting kites from India, National Geographic Article on Japanese Kite-fighting. Additional materials you might like to provide: Kite-making materials.

### **Hmong Story Cloth**

(China, Laos, Thailand and Southeast Asia) Children's story book on Hmong embroidered story cloths, with 2 real handmade examples.

### **International Women's Day (IWD) March 8<sup>th</sup>**

(U.S.A., worldwide) Celebrate the history of women's activism for voting rights. Includes a wall map marked by country with the date of Universal Suffrage (right to vote regardless of gender, age, race, class, literacy), a binder of articles & activities, vintage and contemporary mini-posters, the strange history of cat iconography in anti-suffragette propaganda, a pink "pussyhat" knit locally for the Women's March.

### **Molas Textile Art**

(Panama) Picture book plus articles on Molas, instructions for making Molas, several examples of this beautiful textile art form. Additional materials you might like to provide: felt or colored paper, glue and scissors for constructing simpler molas.

### **Navajo Weaving**

(U.S.A., Native American) Educational book plus tiny framed hand-woven Navajo rug.

### **Pysanka Easter Eggs**

(Ukraine) Easter eggs. Includes a children's story book, a comprehensive article on Pysanka lore, symbolism and techniques, a real decorated eggshell in a "kid-proof" case and one decorated wooden egg for handling. Additional materials you might like to provide: Pysanka Easter Eggs take days to make, but regular Easter-egg decorating materials might be enjoyed in a classroom after seeing these spectacular examples.

### **Respectful Head Coverings**

Children (and adults) are often curious about other people's religiously mandated head-coverings – especially when they see them being worn here in Oregon. What is the meaning behind the head-scarves worn by Muslim women? Is there a difference between the burqa and the hijab? What traditions do Sikh men honor when they wear a turban? Break the ice with this binder of concise, illustrated histories of the religiously mandated hats, scarves, caps, wraps, wigs and hairstyles worn by average people (does not include clerical garments). Covers Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Sikh and Native American traditions, and sensitively addresses issues of social pressure and cultural misunderstanding.

### **Warli Art**

(India) White-on-black Artwork from India - includes instruction book and examples. Additional materials you might like to provide: Black construction paper & white "china marker" wax pencils for making your own Warli-style art.