



# Children's WEEK

## 2024 Celebration of the Hands Tips & Instructions



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Please contact the Children's Week Florida™ Team at [info@childrensweek.org](mailto:info@childrensweek.org) or 850-487-6300 if you have questions or need additional information.  
Si necesita una traducción o explicación en español, por favor llámenos.

# Children's Week Florida™ 2024 Celebration of the Hands

Each year, Children's Week Florida™ statewide partners and volunteers come together to create a larger than life visual inside the Capitol Rotunda. The Celebration of the Hands display is constructed from thousands of pieces of beautiful artwork from young children, youth, teens, teachers, parents, legislators, families and advocates across the state. This incredible and unique piece of art serves as a daily reminder to all Capitol visitors that the future of our children rests in our hands.



The Children's Week Florida™ Team would love to include your creative hand artwork pieces in the upcoming 2024 Celebration of the Hands display! This packet will provide tips and instructions on how you can participate in this annual tradition. We encourage you to share snapshots of your original masterpieces on social media and use the hashtag **#InOurHands**.

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**Below are some helpful tips for creating your masterpieces 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 hand 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 pieces of hand artwork, please divide them into multiple strings and package the strings individually for mailing (*no more than 8 feet per string of hands*).
- Please include a count of the total number of hand artwork pieces in your package.
- We encourage you to include a header page at the top of your string of hand artwork. This page can include your county, name of your program or school, and your classroom or student age group (i.e., Infant/Toddlers, VPK Classroom, 2nd Grade, etc.)
- 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 to ensure the pieces remain intact.
- Artwork must be postmarked by **Monday, February 12, 2024** to be included in the large display at the Capitol Rotunda.



**Please mail hand artwork to  
our 2024 Local Activities Partner  
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



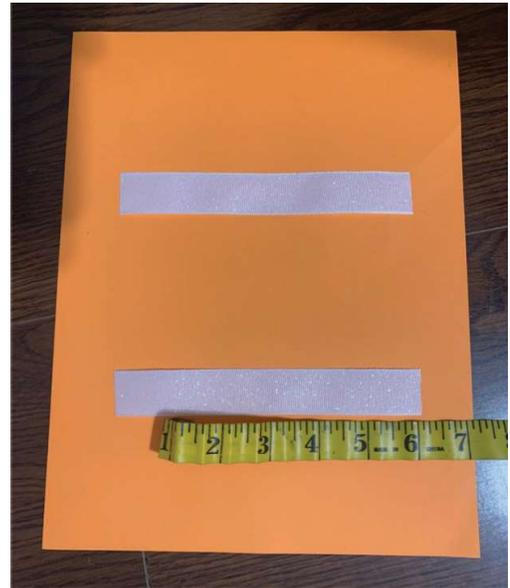
## How to create the "hanging" effect with your hand artwork:

Step 1



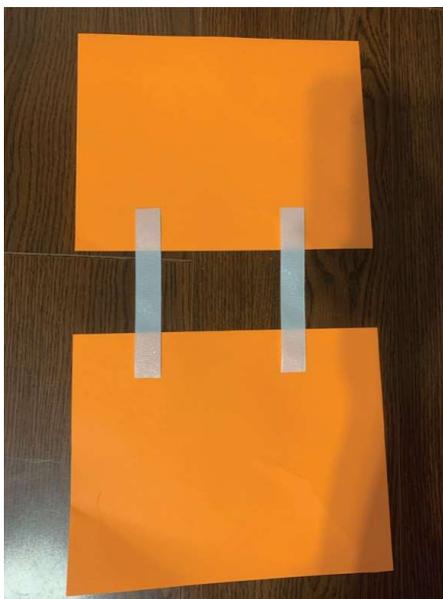
Create your magnificent hand artwork. You can draw and decorate hands on construction paper, use fingerpaints on printing paper, trace and cut out your own hand designs to make shapes or animals, or use the templates provided on the next page.

Step 2



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

Step 3



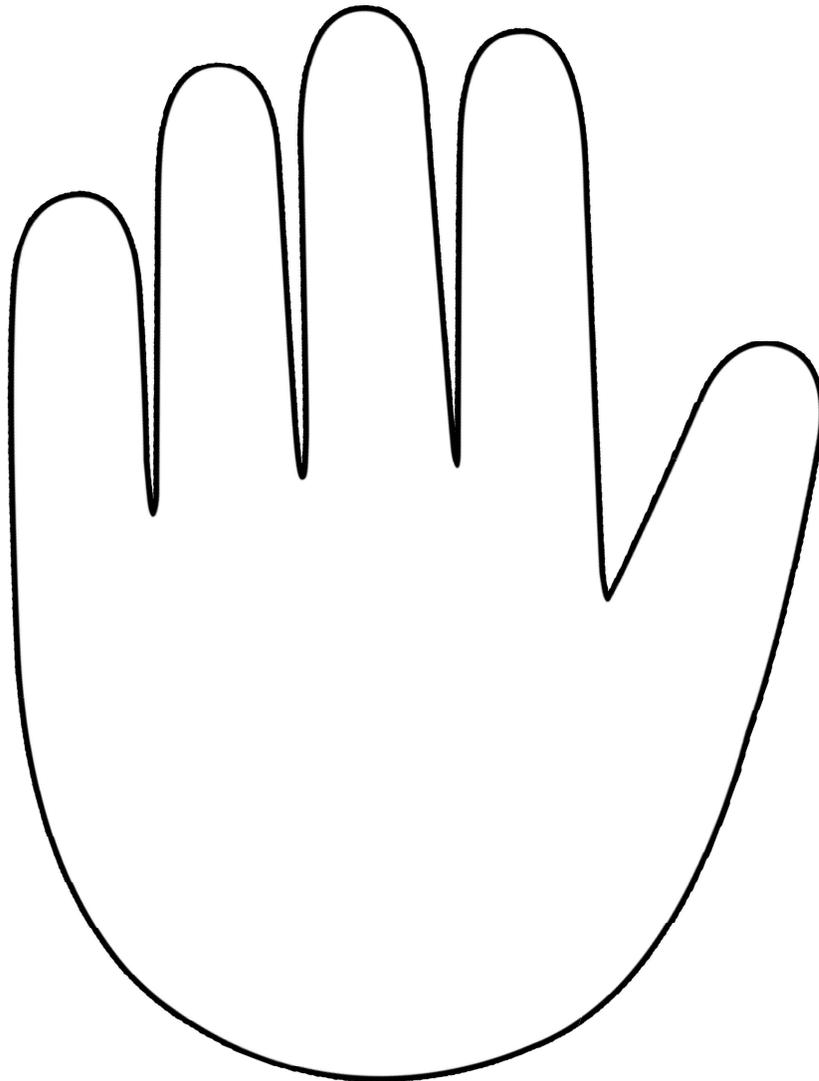
Secure string or ribbon to your paper using staples or tape. The example above is approximately 2.5 inches from the side.

Step 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: Child/Youth



## Hand Template: Teen/Adult

