



Passion Project #03: Multicultural Arts & Crafts Project

This project invites students to explore traditional art forms from diverse cultures, from their own heritage or one they're interested in, and reimagine them through creative practice. By researching cultural symbols, techniques, and materials, then using them to produce a personal artwork, students will deepen their understanding of identity, heritage, and global creativity. The final goal is to share their process and cultural insights with others through a collaborative exhibition, workshop, or publication.

CAS Learning Outcome

How It's Met Through This Project

1. Identify own strengths and develop areas for growth

Students reflect on their artistic skills and cultural knowledge, identifying new materials or techniques to learn.

2. Demonstrate that challenges have been undertaken, developing new skills

Students face technical or conceptual challenges while interpreting traditional art in new ways.

3. Initiate and plan a CAS experience

Students choose the tradition, plan their artwork, and organize the exhibit or presentation.

4. Show commitment and perseverance

The creative process and event organization require consistent effort over several weeks.

5. Demonstrate skills and recognize the benefits of working collaboratively

In group exhibits or workshops, students collaborate with peers to curate and deliver a cohesive experience.

6. Engage with issues of global significance

Students explore heritage, cultural appropriation vs. appreciation, and the preservation of traditional arts.

7. Recognize and consider the ethics of choices and actions

The project requires respect for cultural practices, including how students represent stories and symbols.

Step	What to Do	Details & Examples	CAS Link
1. Choose a Cultural Tradition	Select a traditional art form that reflects your heritage or sparks your curiosity.	Examples: Japanese Kintsugi, Moroccan zellige tiles, Brazilian cordel woodcuts, Emirati Sadu weaving.	Identity, Global Engagement
2. Investigate Its Cultural Meaning	Research the origin, use, and symbolism. If possible, interview someone connected to the tradition.	Present your findings in a sketchbook, poster, or voice memo.	Research, Cultural Appreciation
3. Create an Original Artwork Inspired by It	Reimagine the art form in a personal way — blend it with your story, techniques, or modern issues.	Example: A recycled textile collage inspired by African Adinkra symbols reflecting your values.	Creativity, Technical Skills
4. Document the Process	Take progress photos, write short reflections, and sketch ideas. Note how your thinking evolves.	Format: Sketchbook pages, slides, short journal entries.	Reflection, Growth
5. Share the Story with Others	Teach your classmates the technique, host a cultural arts day station, or film a tutorial or interview.	Option: Run a mini workshop for younger students or families.	Service, Communication
6. Collaborate for a Group Exhibit	As a group, design and set up an exhibit called "Cultural Roots, Creative Hands."	Add quotes, flags, or QR codes linking to artist reflections.	Collaboration, Celebration
7. Reflect and Connect	Reflect on your learning and impact. What changed in how you see yourself, your culture, or others?	Share your reflection in a journal, blog post, or video.	Final Reflection, Cultural Literacy