

Wondering About ...

# Multicultural Art & Music

Introducing children to music, dance and art from diverse cultures is a great way to broaden their awareness and appreciation of other cultures. Art, a universal language for children, exposes children to a variety of techniques and materials used around the world. Choosing those from other cultures or from your own culture will enrich your child's appreciation for the uniqueness of their own special family heritage.

## Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

[www.heartland.edu/heip](http://www.heartland.edu/heip)

**The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.**

### **Sharing Diversity Through the Arts: Making Multicultural Music.**

[http://  
makingmulticulturalmusic.wordpress.  
com/](http://makingmulticulturalmusic.wordpress.com/)

Daria Marmaluk-Hajjoannou, who records and performs children's music from around the world, focuses on children making music on this website. She introduces numerous instruments and provides directions on how these instruments can be made at home.

### **Multicultural Songs Kids Love to Sing.** The Songs We Sing.

[http://  
thesongswesing.wordpress.com/  
2009/03/16/multicultural-songs-kids-  
love-to-sing-lyrics/](http://thesongswesing.wordpress.com/2009/03/16/multicultural-songs-kids-love-to-sing-lyrics/)

This is a collection of action songs from around the world to sing with your children. It includes the best and biggest websites for children's song lyrics, including [kididdles.com](http://kididdles.com), [MakingMusicFun.net](http://MakingMusicFun.net), [BusSongs.com](http://BusSongs.com) and [MamaLisa.com](http://MamaLisa.com).

### **Kinderart: Free art lesson plans for toddlers to teenagers.**

<http://www.kinderart.com/multic/>

Though the site is intended for teachers, it provides many ideas for home so that your children can learn about cultural diversity while having fun with art. Included are numerous ideas of traditional folk art techniques from Africa, South America, North America, Australia, and more.

### **Kids - Multicultural Arts & Crafts.** Pinterest.

[http://www.pinterest.com/  
4thrprogram/kids-multicultural-arts-  
crafts/](http://www.pinterest.com/4thrprogram/kids-multicultural-arts-crafts/)

This portion of the Pinterest site provides kids crafts and other activities from all over the world. Though there are no quality controls on a list like this, it can generate many quality ideas to try with children.

Funded by OSEP

