

play
day

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

1'x1' SQUARES



Play
matters

Playgrounds are a neighborhood hub for diverse communities to come together around a common cause.

Take
action

By creating a mural of 1'x1' squares at your playground, you'll have a great visual representation of the diversity of your community.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Number of Participants:
10 - 20 people

Materials:
One square of plywood for each participant, tarp, 4-8 pints of paint in assorted colors, paintbrushes, plastic cups, water, drill and zip ties (optional)

Steps:

Before your Play Day, take your plywood and cut it into 1'x1' squares. If you want to attach the mini-murals to a fence after they're painted, you can drill a hole in the corners so that they can be easily attached with zip ties or wire.

On your Play Day, have the children sit around the tarp and place a blank 1'x1' square in front of each child. Give each child a paintbrush and a cup of clear water to rinse it between colors, and put the paint cans in the middle. Be sure to supervise the kids if you don't want them covered in paint! For young kids, have the supervisors keep the paint cans and bring them around to the kids as requested.

Let the kids each draw their own original design on their 1'x1' square. When you put them all together, you'll have a mosaic of interesting and individual designs. Remember to let the 1'x1' squares dry before trying to attach them to a fence!

