
Activity Suggestions for *Claire's Gift*

1. Rug Hooking Designs

- think about what design you might create if you hooked a rug of your own
- draw the pattern in pencil on a piece of paper and colour neatly using markers
- work can be laminated and used as place mats

2. Maritime Fish

- fishing is an important part of life in the Maritimes
- use heavy, brown kraft paper to cut out two large fish shapes for each child
- colour or paint both fish shapes using markers or paint - make sure that the correct sides are decorated so that the two fish shapes can be put together with the colouring on the outside
- scales can be added by drawing semicircles and adding glue and glitter
- place the fish shapes together and begin to staple around the outside edges
- when about 2/3 of the way around, stuff the fish with a little bit of crumpled up tissue paper or newspaper
- continue stapling until edges are all secure

3. Rug Hooking

- if you have the resources, try rug hooking with your class
- use only small pieces of canvas or use a larger piece and allow children to take turns learning to hook
- the larger piece might be kept in the classroom for children to work away on during free time