



# The Akanksha Art Workshops

**The Art for Akanksha believes that art is a special way of bringing children and adults from different backgrounds onto a common platform.**

Akanksha has been running an art program since 1995 and has students who are extremely talented. Art has become their source of income.

In our city, there exists a lack of sensitivity towards children from lower income backgrounds. Akanksha has been trying to showcase the incredible talent and potential in every child irrespective of background.

There are very few truly creative outlets for children and adults.

Akanksha needs to reach out to new segments of the city to spread awareness of their work to attract potential teachers and volunteers.

The Akanksha Art Workshops address each of these points with a fair degree of success and with high impact.

Akanksha alumni experienced the non formal methodology that was used to teach them when they were in centres. It has given them the training and skills they require to teach art to children as well as adults.

The workshops have brought together children and adults from different sections of society, empowering each with the knowledge that no matter how different they are, they still have the same potential. Opportunity is all that sets them apart.

By getting children to teach children, we have found that the hardest messages make their mark effortlessly.

Every activity in the workshop has many objectives - teaching a new art technique, teaching a value, having lots of fun & getting each participant to open up.

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Ambar's Room



The Akanksha Office

The Akanksha Workshops work well for group activities which have a very specific objective –

- Team building through the jigsaw painting or art workshop with an auction
- Getting to know each other through specific activities that push each person to share
- Having fun with art by working with a little Akanksha artist!!
- Giving your room / office space a makeover by either painting on canvases or painting a mural

The minimum cost of such a workshop is Rs. 500

Minimum number of participants – approx 25 based on the activity chosen

Duration can range from 2 hours to half a day

Art Workshops Ideas

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Muglee Art workshop



Jigsaw Painting



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## Art Workshops Ideas



### Painting Furniture

Cost: Rs. 650

Min Age: 10 years

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours

Material: wooden stool / table, acrylic paints and sequins / mirrors

Create your very own bedside table or fun stool!



### Canvas Bags

Cost: Rs. 450

Min Age: 10 years

Duration: 1 to 2 hours

Material: pre-stitched canvas bags painted with acrylic paints

Funky canvas bags that are designed and painted by you!



### 'I can shine' Lamp

Cost: Rs. 400

Min Age: 10 years

Duration: 1 to 2 hours

Material: Box, paints, sequins, akanksha wrapping paper, bulb with holder and wire

The 'I can Shine' Lamp encourages participants to talk about someone who has been special in their lives and has made them shine.

A simple box is converted into a piece of art using stain glass as a technique and illuminated with a bulb. Its perfect for a desk top or bed side table.

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### Cardboard Vehicle!

Cost: Rs. 400

Min Age: 8 years

Duration: 1 to 2 hours

Material: cardboard cartons, paints, ribbons and decorative material

**Create your own fun dream vehicle - a car, plane or even a creature with a cardboard box!**

**Real fun to create and great mode of transport.**

### Decoupage Stools

Cost: Rs. 300

Min Age: 8 years

Duration: 30 mins to an hour

Material: wooden tiny stool, decoupage glue and kite paper

**Learn the art of Decoupage on a tiny little stool using the mosaic technique.**



### Penstands

Cost: Rs. 300

Min Age: 5 years

Duration: 30 mins to an hour

Material: Wooden penstands, painted with acrylics and decorated with sequins

**Colourful table penstands with are functional and carry your unique style in art!**

### Box Puppets

Cost: Rs. 300

Min Age: 5 years

Duration: 30mins to an hour

Material: boxes, sticks, fabrics, paints and decorative material

**Create puppets out of boxes and tell their stories!**



### Paper Weights

Cost: Rs.200

Min Age: 8 years

Duration: 30 mins to an hour

Material: pebbles, paints, gemseal

**Simple pebbles converted into stunning paper weights using just paints and a good idea!**

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### Stain Glass Paintings

Cost: Rs. 200  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 1 hour  
Material: plastic sheets, kite paper and mounts

**Absolutely beautiful pieces of art for windows!**

### Potted Plants

Cost: Rs. 200  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 30mins to an hour  
Material: pot, sapling, paints and decorative sequins and pompoms

**The act of decorating a terracotta pot and learning how to plant and look after the sapling is one step to understanding the importance of plants for our survival. This combined with a pledge to look after our environment, makes for a powerful, education and fun session.**

### Mask Making

Cost: Rs. 200  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 40 mins  
Material: Corrugated paper, paints, feathers and sequins

**Design masks and take on the personality of the creature / person you create!**

### Art using Masking Technique to create Table Mats

Cost: Rs. 200 with lamination  
Rs. 150 for mounting and no lamination  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 30 to 45 mins  
Material: cartridge paper, paint, masking tape



### Key Holders

Cost: Rs. 150  
Min Age: 8 years  
Duration: 30 mins to an hour  
Material: wooden pieces with clasp and hooks, acrylic paints

**Wooden pieces that are painted and designed to be hung on a wall and can hold your keys!**

### Indian Folk Art Photoframes

Cost: Rs. 150  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 30mins to an hour  
Material: Plain cardboard photoframes and paints

**A simple frame can be turned into a piece of art using India's rich folk culture. Learn the basics of Madhubani, Ghond or Warli.**

### Mad Magnet

Cost: Rs. 150  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 30 mins  
Material: magnets made out of Gemseal, painted with acrylics and decorated with glitter

**Paint and decorate fun magnets!**

### Macaroni and Beaded Jewelry

Cost: Rs. 150  
Min Age: 5 years  
Duration: 30 mins  
Material: beads, macaroni, string / elastic with paints

**Crazy necklaces and bracelets using painted macaroni and beads in an innovative style.**