

Educator Lesson Plan Social Justice Buttons



Recommended Grades: All Ages Estimated Teacher Prep Time: 5 Mins Estimated Project Time: 25-30 Mins

### Overview

What do you stand for? Support your favorite social causes using our template designs or make your own. Use various art materials to color the paper rounds, then affix them on to an aluminum button with a clear sealant (we used Mod Podge).

## **Copmlimentary Topics**

- Sustainability
- Inclusivity
- Equality

## Prep

#### From M.E.C.C.A Teacher Resource Center

- Cardstock (to print template)
- Aluminum buttons with backs (prepackaged in the jewelry-making area), 12 count
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils/gel pens or other drawing materials

#### **Tools & Workspace Requirements**

- Scissors
- Clear sealant (like Mod Podge)
- Paintbrush
- Glue dots

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## **Project Directions**

1. Start with the printed button designs or draw your own circle on plain paper with a 2.5- inch diameter. Color in the designs anyway you choose!

Cut out the paper circles inside the black circle outline.
(You may need to trim the paper more to fit the button.
There should not be paper hanging over the edge).

3. With your paintbrush and Mod Podge, apply a base layer of sealant to the top button. Center the paper over the top button, then place it down over the sealant. Let dry.

4. Add a layer of sealant on top of the paper, being careful not to use too much sealant or press too hard that the paper tears. Let dry and add one more coat.

5. Use glue dots to affix the top and bottom pieces of the buttons together, making sure that the pin and clasp are on the outside of the bottom button piece.

6. Wear your new button on your favorite jacket, place it on your backpack or give it to a friend!



