

El Salvador Cross

Instruction sheet



This colorful, lightweight, cardboard cross is in the La Palma style of art, named after the artists living near the village of La Palma, El Salvador. Painting bright-colored scenes on wooden crosses or plaques is a tradition. The crosses are powerful signs of God's love for God's creation.

Celebrate your membership in God's Global Family. Proclaim the faith you share with the people of El Salvador and millions of other people around the world by celebrating their expressions of faith. Create a cross to display in your sanctuary or another highly visible place. Special thanks to the ELCA Division for Global Mission for sharing this craft with us! If you'd like to share other information about El Salvador and its culture, check out http://www.elca.org/dgm/country_packet/index.html

Equipment and Supplies:

- 12 boxes – 12" x12"
- A pack of design templates
- Bright or neon markers
- Strapping tape
- Staple gun
- 50 sheets of 11" x 17" paper



Leaders Notes:

This is a project that you may want to begin and continue for a specified period of time. You may wish to introduce the activity and then give children, youth, adults and families an opportunity to take the designs home to complete them before returning them for display.

Use the following instructions to assemble the cross before you begin this project.

- Arrange the boxes to form a cross, 8 boxes x 5 boxes
- Adhere them with strapping tape. Loop the tape to double stick one side to another and seal all the seams.
- Stand the cross to check need for a stronger base or support

Prepare templates for coloring.

- Call Mia Cortez in the ELCA Division for Global Mission to receive a packet of design templates. (800) 638-3522, ext. 2642. There is no charge for this resource.
- Copy the design templates on 11x17 paper.
- Trim the sheets to 11" x 14"
- Color one or two templates to be a ready reference for participants

Decorate the cross with the design templates.

- Center the designs on each square of the cross, using the extra paper to round the corners of the cross.
- Staple the art to the cardboard boxes to create a beautiful cross