

Children's World's Fair



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In the Louisiana Children's Museum's Learning Framework, a comprehensive document that guides all our decision-making, we have identified "Essential Experiences" that "allow children to become strong adults who are healthy, caring, and responsible." One of the five key essential experiences is "experiences that Expand a Child's World," connecting with others of varied backgrounds, abilities, and interests and giving a child a sense of place in the community, Louisiana, and the world.

Our annual Children's World's Fair is an extraordinary opportunity to allow children to connect with others of varied backgrounds and build broader perspectives about the many, many people in our global community.

LCM was counting down the days for our Children's World's Fair when the Stay-at-Home orders were received, and will, sadly, be unable to deliver our plans to you in person this year.

BUT – we have lots of fun we'd like you to explore – virtually – that will expand your world!



Destination #5: Morocco



Capital: Rabat

Official Languages: Arabic,
Berber

Population: 34,314,130

Currency: Moroccan Dirham

Did you know?

- Morocco has one of the most diverse landscapes on Earth and some of the best national parks in all of Africa. These parks protect natural land like mountains and beaches, animals like hedgehogs and geckos, and plants like loquat trees.

Why do you think endangered animals and plants need to be protected? Learn more about the 3 national parks in New Orleans here: www.nps.gov/state/la

- Moroccans celebrate Amazigh New Year, which is the first farming day of the year. Children collect fruits and vegetables, then make healthy meals with the natural ingredients to celebrate local farms.

Visit a community garden or farmers market with your family to shop for ingredients and enjoy local food.



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Fun Facts

- Moroccan mosaics, called *zillij*, are world-renowned pieces of art made up of brightly colored tiles. They cover the walls, ceilings, and floors of buildings around Morocco, from Rabat to Marrakesh.
- Dromedary camels in Morocco have an amazing ability to store water in their hump, which helps them cross dry stretches of land.
- Preparing and drink tea with family and friends is an important part of Moroccan culture. When you visit a home in Morocco, you will usually be greeted with an invitation to sit down for a cup of tea.

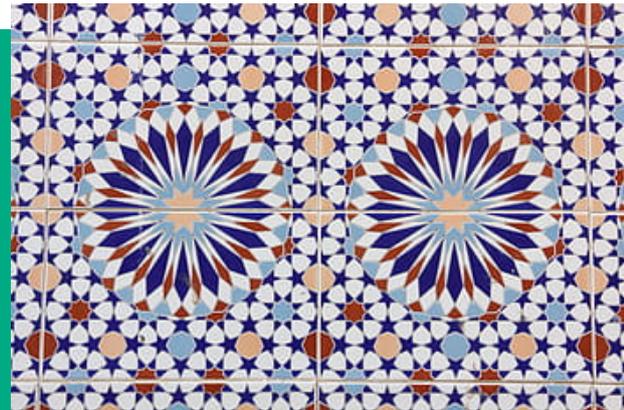
Home Activity

MAKE A MOROCCAN MOSAIC

Moroccan mosaic tiles, as known as *zillij*, are made up of colorful shapes of various sizes. This decorative art form dates back more than 700 years!

Design your own Moroccan *zillij* artwork!

- Gather your supplies: paper, pencil, different colored paper, glue, scissors.
- Draw a picture on a piece of paper. Create a very simple shape like a heart, a triangle, a circle, a sun, a moon, a house, or anything that is recognizable just by its outline. Your picture should take up most of the size of the paper.
- Choose different colors of paper to make your mosaic as colorful as possible. Cut the paper into small pieces. The pieces should be small enough so that you have plenty to use to decorate your mosaic, but you can always make more if you need to.
- Glue down the colorful pieces of paper over your sketch.
- Color in the empty spaces around your mosaic, or decorate the empty spaces with some of your small pieces of paper but in one color.



To learn more about Morocco, visit:

www.kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/morocco



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