

5 Easy Art-Based Employee Engagement Ideas

1. Team Mural



Bring your team together.
Boost employee morale.
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT is an ART!
So why not start with ART?
The universal language that will ultimately increase productivity, reduce STRESS, and release HAPPY endorphins for you and your TEAM!

Objective: Produce a wall of art made of smaller canvases. Display as a collaborative team effort. Do one each year!

Materials:

Canvases (1 canvas per/person)
Sizes: Up to you! (4x4 to 8x8 and UP)
OR (1 canvas per/team of 2)
(10x10 or 12x12 and UP)
Acrylic paint: In desired colors



1 flat brush for each team member
1 round brush for reach team member

Instructions:

1. Decide on a theme (abstract, patterns, colors, nature, joy, winning, etc),
2. Group decides on a final drawing/idea to put on canvas
3. Create 8.5x11 prototype



- Lay all canvases together on large table
- Draw image lines across all canvases
- Each team (or team member) paints a section of the whole drawing on their canvas.
- Paint.
- Enjoy and display!

Benefits:

Team members use problem-solving, collaboration, project management and leadership skills while working together to create a lasting memory and work of art.

Time for Art: 2.5 - 3 hours

These projects can be modified to suit the team vibe, time and space available.

Hashtag #STUDIO928 and SHOW OFF your work!

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2. Paper Mache Mascot or Brand Icon



Objective: Use recycled materials to create a company mascot or brand icon with paper maché technique.

Materials:

- Old newspaper - lots
- Elmer's Paper maché paste
- Old bleach containers, 2 liter bottles, soda tabs, bottle tops, tires, rain barrel, (any materials that will support the underlying "structure or bones" of your icon/mascot.
- Old hangers or medium weight wire for shape
- Sealant like Modge-Podge
- Acrylic paint colors

Instructions:

- Decide on a theme or character
- Decide on how to build infrastructure - what geometric shapes can be found in recycled materials to create the necessary circles, triangles, ellipses needed to create your shape?
- Connect infrastructure by laying down strips of torn newspaper that is wet with paper mache paste in thin layers.
- Allow to dry.
- Paint with acrylic paints.
- Allow to dry
- Apply sealant to preserve color and add shine.

Benefits:

Planning, problem-solving, collaboration, project management and leadership skills are used.

Time for Art: 4-6 hours + drying time + painting or on-going project over several days

Team size: Max 4 people per team

3. Chalk Window Drawing



Objective: Create a themed collaborative art project on your office windows. Great for holidays, brainstorming, goal setting.

Materials (vary):

Various colors of liquid chalk

Your imaginations

Instructions:

1. Decide on a theme or idea. Optionally let the activity be free, random and willy-nilly.
2. Create a grid so that each team member can own a section if you are short on window space.
3. Use liquid chalk or erasable markers to fill in areas.
4. Allow to dry.
5. Celebrate! Take photos!

Benefits:

Team members get creative, collaborate, bond, while they create a flexible and ever evolving work of art.

Time for Art: 1 hr or more, up to you.

Team size: 3-100 (Depending on how many windows you have to decorate).



4. Painters Tape Mosaics

Objective: Create on individual canvases, sidewalks, doors or windows. Big teams can be broken down into smaller groups.

Materials (vary):

- Various colors of liquid chalk
- Traditional colored chalk
- Acrylic paint
- Stretched canvas
- Painter's tape
- Imagination

Instructions:

1. Decide on a theme or idea.
2. Create pattern or design with painter's tape.
3. Use liquid or traditional chalk, acrylic paint or erasable markers to color in areas.
4. Ceremoniously remove tape!

Optional: Plan it out beforehand on paper.

Benefits:

It's like collaborative playtime for adults. Allows the imagination to run wild. Careful, they might start playing hopscotch!

Time for Art: 2hrs.

Team size: 3-100

Please note: Acrylic paint on surfaces should be considered permanent.



5. Team Graffiti

Objective: Create acrylic paint graffiti designed by the team.

Materials (vary):

- Acrylic paint
- Spray paint (best if used outdoors)
- Stretched canvas - (for example 24"x48")
- Blank wall
- Flat brushes and round brushes
- Painter's tape
- Your imaginations

Instructions:

Try using words like Imagine, Create, Passion, Achieve, etc., as a starting point.

Or a word/phrase that lies at the core of your team mission or overarching vibe.

Maybe you're beautifying an external or internal wall. Your graffiti can also be done on a very large canvas.

1. Decide on a theme or idea.
2. Create pattern or design - draw a small prototype on paper.
3. Use acrylic paint to complete design or take outside for a spray paint experience. (If internal wall, be sure to allow for ventilation and protection of clothing and surfaces.
4. Allow to dry.
5. Host celebration and unveiling!

Benefits:

Collaborative planning, decision making, connecting .

Time for Art: 4 hrs. Can be split into 2 sessions

