

# ROSA PARKS BUS CRAFT

## YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Rectangular cardboard box (you can use an empty box from a toy or any box that is long and rectangular)
- ❖ Black paper
- ❖ **Paint.** You'll need white, yellow, orange, and green
- ❖ Two paintbrushes. One large and one small
- ❖ Glue stick, glue runner, hot glue, or tape
- ❖ Gel pen. This can be white, silver, or yellow. Anything that can write on black paper will do
- ❖ White card paper
- ❖ Crayons, pencils, felt tip pens or markers
- ❖ Scissors

## STEPS:

- 1- To create your own Montgomery bus using any rectangular box of your choice. Glue or tape shut any open flaps, so that you have a solid rectangular box.
- 2- Use a pencil to draw a horizontal line around the exact middle of your box. Now it's divided into two long sections. Take the top section, and draw another horizontal line dividing that in half. So you'll have two small sections on the top half, and one section on the bottom half. These are just marks to help you paint, so don't worry if they're not perfect.
- 3- For the bottom half of the box/bus, you need a bright macaroni and cheese colour. So, mix a bright orange with lemon yellow to get the right shade. You'll want to paint several thin layers so that the cardboard doesn't absorb too much paint. It takes about three layers per colour to paint this box. Look down in the tutorial and work on other parts of the bus, while waiting for the paint is dry.
- 4- Once all the orange paint is dry enough to touch, go ahead and add your middle stripe of green and then your top stripe of white. These are the same colours that the actual bus Rosa Parks rode on was painted.
- 5- Now let's work on the details! I can't give you exact measurements because it's going to depend on the size of your bus. So, you'll want to cut out two large rectangles for bus doors; a thin, long rectangle for the bus sign; a big wide rectangle for the front windshield, and a handful of small rectangles for the side windows. Adjust the size to match the size of your bus. Draw a line down the centre of your two door rectangles, and label the front bus sign 'Cleveland Ave'.
- 6- For wheels, use any circular object that works well for the size of your bus and draw and cut out as many wheels as you need. I used the bottom of a paint bottle.
- 7- Take your small paintbrush and paint white circles in the middle of the wheels to make hubcaps.
- 8- Glue your bus sign, and front windshield to the front of your bus.
- 9- Glue a window on either side with a wheel below it, then a front door and a back door. Fill in the middle with as many windows as you can fit.

You're all done! I hope you have fun making this Rosa Parks Bus Craft!



**Caution:** Adult supervision will be required when using scissors. Small parts can be a choking hazard. Do not leave children unattended during project.

