

***This set of sample pages is for the Southwest, Josefina Unit. All links to the resources have been removed – as this is a sample. All of the resource information will be available on the purchased product. Remember that this curriculum is meant to fit your family. Do as little or as much of the projects and field trips as you like.

Craft Resources: Below is a list of crafts and resources for these crafts. This is not an exhaustive list. I encourage you to review the books above, including *Welcome to Josefina's World*, consider the ages and interests of your children, and search out other crafts or resources for yourself as well. It is not necessary to do all of the crafts listed below—pick and choose what works best for you. While doing these crafts, keep in mind that you may want to display them at the party at the end of your unit to share with dads or anyone else you may invite.

- **Fringed shawl, sash, or serape:** This was a great craft for our homeschool group. We had 2nd–6th graders, both boys and girls. Each one was unique. We chose to make the serape. If you are interested in the shawl or sash, directions for these can be found in the craft book for Josefina. To make the serape, simply have your child hold their arms out straight. Measure the length from one wrist to the other. This is how big your cut of fabric will be. Choose a fleece fabric and purchase in the length measured. When home, fold the fleece in half with right sides together. The fold will be where you eventually cut the hole for the head. Pin the sides, leaving approximately ten inches near the fold on both sides—these will become the arm holes—don't pin or sew these spaces. Next, stitch up both sides with a simple stitch, leaving about 5/8 inch margin. Last, cut a boat neck hole at the fold; make sure to measure well so your hole is in the center of your serape. Our kids wore theirs all the time—a great project!
- **Stamped leather kit:** This is another fun project. With a few pieces of prepared leather, some leather stamps, and a mallet, your child can make a unique and personal piece of art. Below are links to some kits, both for a class and for individuals. Be sure to check out the link for Cub Scout leather stamps. Also, ebay is a great place to find unique stamps.



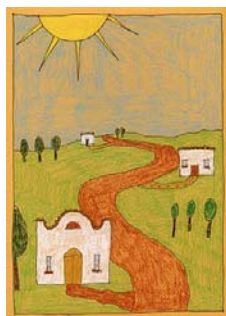
- **Moccasins and corn husk dolls:** Information for making the moccasins with felt and the corn husk dolls with real husks can be found in the craft book for Josefina. For something a little more authentic, you can purchase a moccasin kit. Also, we were unable to find real corn husks but instead used a raffia paper product. This worked out even better, as the price was great and I was able to select different colors to better represent my children. I found ours at Hobby Lobby, although they do not carry it on their website.



- **Coil pot, weaving loom, knitting loom:** Information for making the coil pot can be found in the craft book for Josefina. My older children were able to do the weaving loom much easier than my younger children, however, all of them preferred the knitting hoop. Links for both can be found below.



- **Mexican landscape:** If you have not discovered the art projects for kids website, then I highly recommend it. This has been a wonderful website full of art projects for different subjects, using a variety of media.



Field Trips: This is by no means an exhaustive list. Please take the time to search your area for places that fit the study and would appeal to your children. The list below indicates field trip suggestions that can be done in any part of our country (some longer driving may be required), as well as field trips listed by area, if I have first-hand knowledge of great field trip locations. Many people are unaware of the free entrance into national parks for homeschoolers. Tours and educational activities are not waived, but general admittance into the park is. Be sure to print this off before you go; you may want to call them first too. Most places are really good about it, but some aren't.

Anywhere in the US:

- Horseback riding
- Make your own pottery store

Southwest:

Visit the Alamo -
Rio Grande Nature Center -
Old Town Albuquerque -
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center -
El Rancho de Las Golondrinas living museum -

If you don't live in the southwest, you might consider an education vacation. The above attractions are only a handful of what is available.

Mexican Fiesta: Try to include the children in cooking whenever possible. Each family participating can bring their favorite Mexican dish. Some recipes can be found in the Josefina Cook Book, although you could create an alternative menu.

Set up a display for each child with their crafts and projects for the dads to see, and make it a show-and-tell night, allowing the children to talk in front of everyone who comes to the party.

Also, this would be a great time to for the kids to have a piñata. Another great game is "Hot Seat." My kids love this. Each child thinks of one character they want to act out and all the other people at the party take turns guessing who the child is portraying—a favorite at our house.

Before Week 1:

- Order craft supplies. **The weaving project will take a little longer to make. Plan ahead, go over directions, and leave plenty of time to work on them.
- Research living history museums and other possible field trips in your area and choose the best week for this field trip.
- If you live within driving distance to the Santa Fe or Albuquerque areas, plan the best week for that field trip as well. Field trips are not planned into the grid on the previous page, as that is best determined by you.

Week 1—*Meet Josefina:*

- Begin to assemble the lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Start weaving project.

Week 2—*Josefina Learns a Lesson:*

- Work on lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Work on weaving project.
- Make serape, sash, or shawl.

Week 3—*Josefina's Surprise:*

- Work on lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Work on weaving project.
- Make stamped leather project

Week 4: *Happy Birthday Josefina:*

- Work on lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Finish weaving project.
- Create moccasins and corn husk dolls.
- This would be the week to start working on the essay if you choose to.

Week 5: *Josefina Saves the Day:*

- Work on lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Make coil pot.
- Complete rough draft of essay, if you chose to do it.
- Plan food and activities for the party at the end of week 6.

Week 6: *Changes for Josefina:*

- Complete lapbook.
- Select a picture to draw that pertains to the reading.
- Create Mexican landscape.
- Finish any crafts that still need to be completed.
- Finish all essays and projects and present at the family party.