

FUN FACTS



Pencils are so cool. They can even write under water! Before rubber erasers were invented, writers would often use stale bread crumbs to remove their mistakes. Bread for dinner and your homework too!! Now that's funny!!!



Paint brushes actually have six parts!! A handle, a ferrule (it holds the bristles to the handle), the bristles, the toe (tip of the brush), the belly (middle of the brush), and the heel (where the bristles go into the ferrule).



Beads are small objects, designed with a hole for stringing. Made from sources such as wood, clay, and stone, they have been a part of our society for thousands of years. Visually pleasing, but often meaningful as well!



Clay is made from minerals, plant life, and animals; ingredients found in soil. It's an essential component in architecture, industry, and agriculture. It can be used to create a colorful vase for flowers or a useful cup for soup.



Wooden dolls of the 1700's, carved by professionals, had faces and hair painted directly onto the wood. In the late 1800's, wigs and other amusing embellishments were incorporated to create a more realistic look. Wow!



Ribbon was originally used to lace garments together, and later used as decorative trims and worn in the hair. Peddlers often sold exotic ribbons woven with gold and silver thread, made from silk and other rare fabrics.



Crayons are often described as sticks of colored wax. The first box, sold in 1903, had 8 colors. Now there are 120! Some have silly names like Fuzzy Wuzzy Brown, Tickle Me Pink, and Macaroni and Cheese. HA!!!



Buttons come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. They most often can be purchased for as little as a dollar or less, however, some rare buttons may cost you many hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Sew interesting!



Cuckoo clocks have delighted us for centuries. Traditionally carved from wood, they strike on the hour with the sound of a common cuckoo's call, and an automated bird that moves with each note. Cuckoo Craaaazzy!!!