The base 10 has markings 11 thereon forming an outline to indicate the design or picture to be made. These markings may also indicate color, either in the outlines themselves, or by words directing the color to be used.

Glue is applied to the areas on the base to be used, and while the glue is wet, a plurality of beans 12 of desired colors to meet the color requested on the areas are placed on top of the glue, moved into desired position and held in place by said glue.

The article is allowed to dry and in final form may be hung on the wall, or otherwise used as a decoration.

While I have specified beans, I prefer to use navy beans. Their shape is small enough for use in delicate work and yet large enough for easy handling. In the event a large element is desired, I may use lima beans or kidney beans. They are particularly desirable when a large area is to be covered and where their natural green and red colors respectively are needed. They may be used in all or part of a display without coloring.

I ordinarily provide my beans with color so as to have beans of all desired colors. They may be waterproofed with plastic or lacquer spray or any other suitable means.

While I prefer to use actual, natural navy beans, I may use normal lima beans, kidney beans or other beans.

However, my invention includes the use of simulations of such beans.

The navy beans may be used with their eyes up or down. They may be placed in even rows or just haphazard. Their positioning provides a great variety of effects to be obtained in the finished visual display.

Because my navy beans are rounded and substantially oval, they provide a third dimensional effect which greatly increases the visibility and attractiveness of the visual display. In some instances, such as sea scenes, the navy beans create a rippling effect that is very pleasing.

At any event, because of the third dimensional characteristics of my navy beans, the monotony of a flat picture is avoided. This third dimensional effect stimulates interest and attracts attention.

My method is particularly pleasing to children. In using my method they learn color, design and neatness.

In hospitals for those recovering from serious illness who need to be taught to move, my method is of great therapeutic value. It teaches the convalescent to move and by its simplicity provides successful accomplishment resulting in encouragement to the weak and depressed at a time when it is vital to their recovery.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A visual display comprising a base formed of a sheet of cardboard, said base having a sketch with color indications for certain areas of the sketch, glue on said areas, and a plurality of dry, hard, opaque beans held on said areas by said glue, said beans each having applied thereon to a harmless vegetable color, and a color fastening and water proof coating over said color, the color of said beans following the color indications of said sketch, said beans each having eyes, and being rounded and oval in contour, said beans being so positioned with their eyes up or down, or placed in even rows or haphazard so as to provide a third dimensional effect and avoid the monotony of a flat display.

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