

# Great Seal of Ohio



## History of the Great Seal

The Great Seal of the State of Ohio features Ohio's coat of arms surrounded by the words, "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO". The coat of arms features a full sheaf of wheat, symbolizing agriculture and bounty; a cluster of seventeen arrows, symbolizing Ohio's admittance as the seventeenth state into the Union, Mount Logan, Ross County, as viewed from the Adena Mansion; a rising sun three-quarters exposed and radiating thirteen rays to represent the original thirteen colonies shining over the first state of the Northwest Territory; and a representation of the Scioto River and cultivated fields.



The design is said to have been the cooperative inspiration of Thomas Worthington, "Father of Ohio Statehood;" Edward Tiffin, the first governor; and William Creighton, first secretary of state. The seal was adopted on March 28, 1803, for official use by the governor and has changed at least ten times in the state's history. The Ohio General Assembly adopted the current coat of arms in 1967.

## Activity

Teach Cloverbuds about Ohio's Great Seal and help them create their own piece of history. This activity utilizes natural ingredients and teaches youth about Ohio's agricultural heritage.



## You will need:

- Dried bean soup mix with a variety of colors
- Bowls to sort beans
- Blue acrylic craft paint
- Sealable plastic bag
- Waxed paper
- Tacky glue
- Blue crayon
- Tan card stock
- Spaghetti
- Raffia

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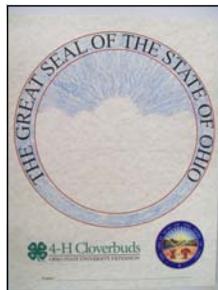
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## Instructions

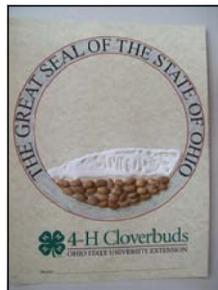
1. This activity could be expanded into two meetings—sorting and gluing. Cloverbuds will enjoy separating the various types of beans into bowls. This is a good exercise in sorting, teamwork and motor skill development. The second meeting would include making the craft.
2. After sorting the beans, choose the lightest colored beans and place them in a sealable bag with a couple drops of blue acrylic craft paint. Coat the beans with paint and place them on waxed paper to dry.
3. Print the activity sheet onto tan card stock.
4. Using a blue crayon, color the outer ring of the seal and sky.
5. From your inventory of dried beans, decide where various colors and shapes might look the best.
6. Using the pre-printed lines on the activity sheet, have Cloverbuds begin by placing a thin layer of glue on the first section at the bottom of the seal.
7. Continue arranging and gluing the dried beans into each section until the sun and its rays are complete.
8. Break dry spaghetti noodles into 1 1/2 inch pieces and tie together with raffia. Arrange noodles and place a few drops of glue on them to hold in place and also glue onto the bean background representing seventeen arrows.
9. Cut raffia into 2 inch strips and tie bundle together with another strip of raffia. Trim and glue onto the bean background representing a full sheaf of wheat.



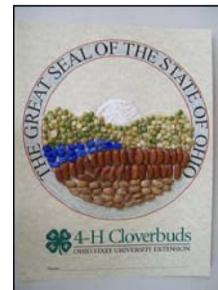
**Step #2**



**Step #4**



**Step #6**



**Step #7**



**Step #9**



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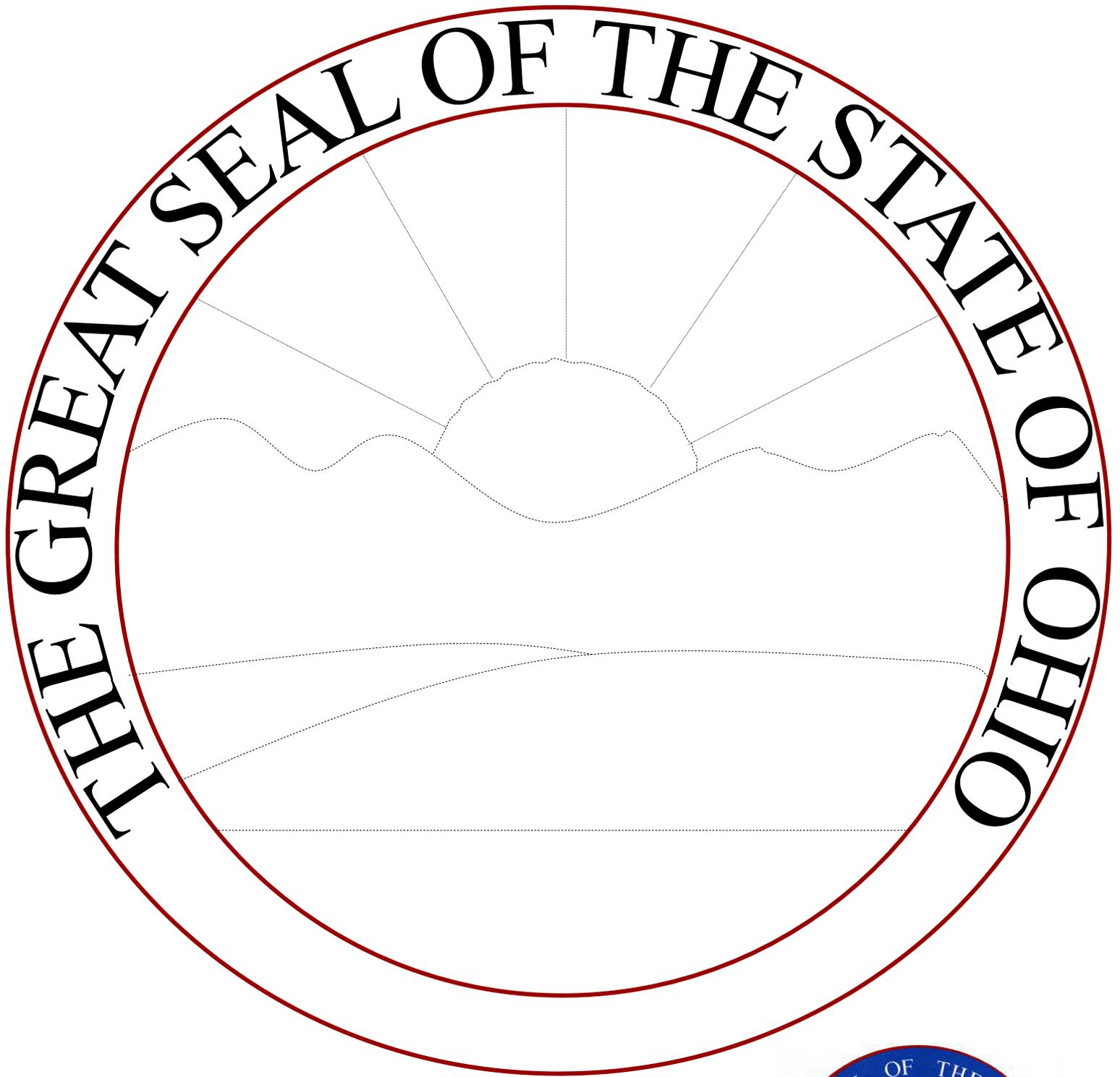


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