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To my family for putting up with me during the weekends spent at the desk and computer preparing this book. Thank you. I dedicate this book to you.

Preface

Life is art! Be present in the moment as you do these simple art activities with your children, whether you are a teacher or parent. You are creating the conditions for a joyful learning experience for both of you. I hope you find the experience a joy. We have summarised our favorite art activities in this publication so that you can have some ideas readily at hand. We aim to take a little of the frustration and fear out of getting started with doing art with children. The key is to take action with some simple projects to get some early success that will snowball for both you and your child.

This is why we have chosen the tag line “Make Joy Simple” and the Ladybug for our logo.

We produce a weekly newsletter with simple instructions for art projects you can do with your kids. You can sign up to receive these emails at myartfulself.com

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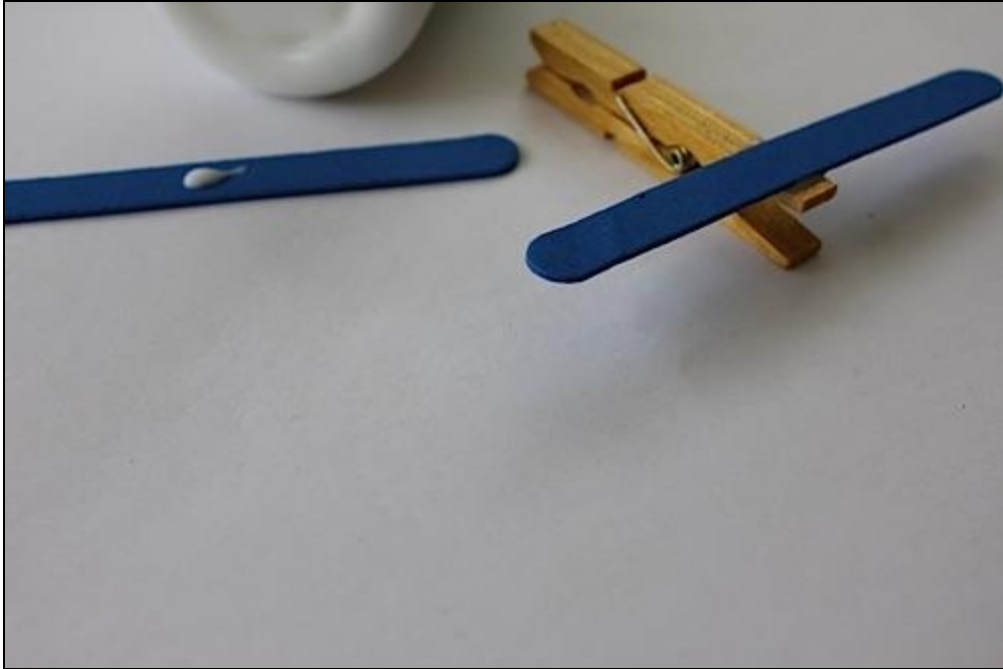
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Aeroplane

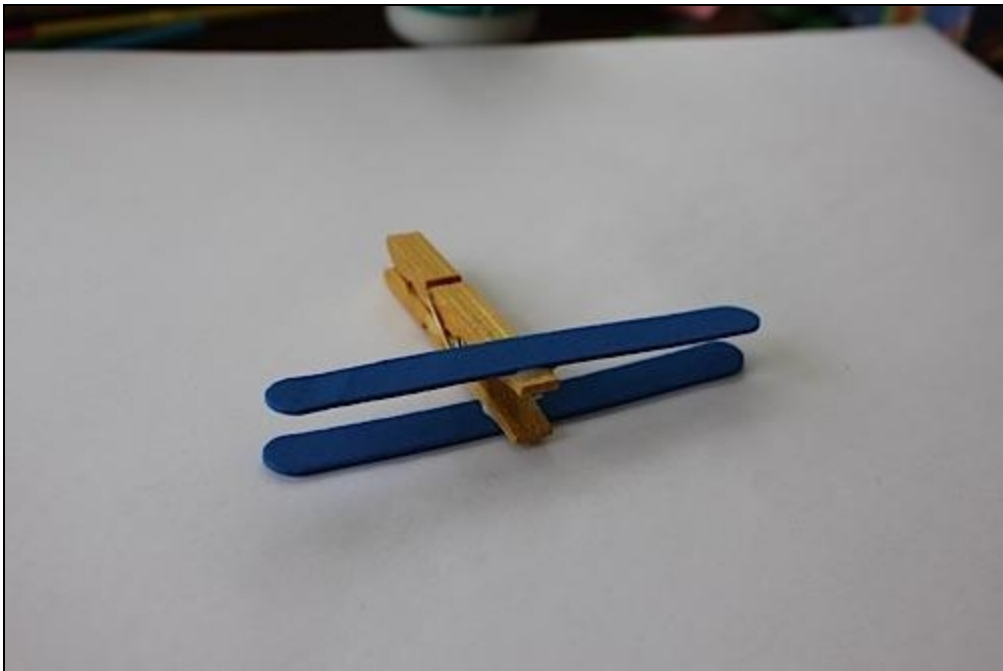
This step by step aeroplane art project is suitable for toddlers aged 3 to 5yrs. Here we are making some aeroplanes using felt strips, pegs and glue. Make several planes, paint them in different colours and hang them up as a mobile! Give yourself the gift of creating moments of joy with your child on a daily basis.

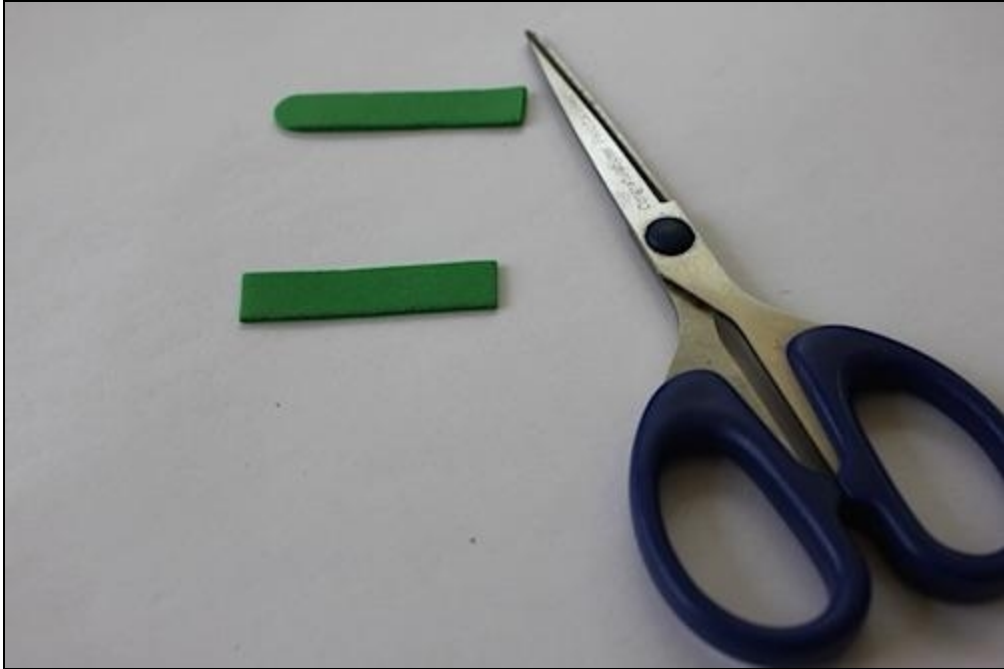


Materials: 1 peg, 3 foam strips, PVA glue, scissors

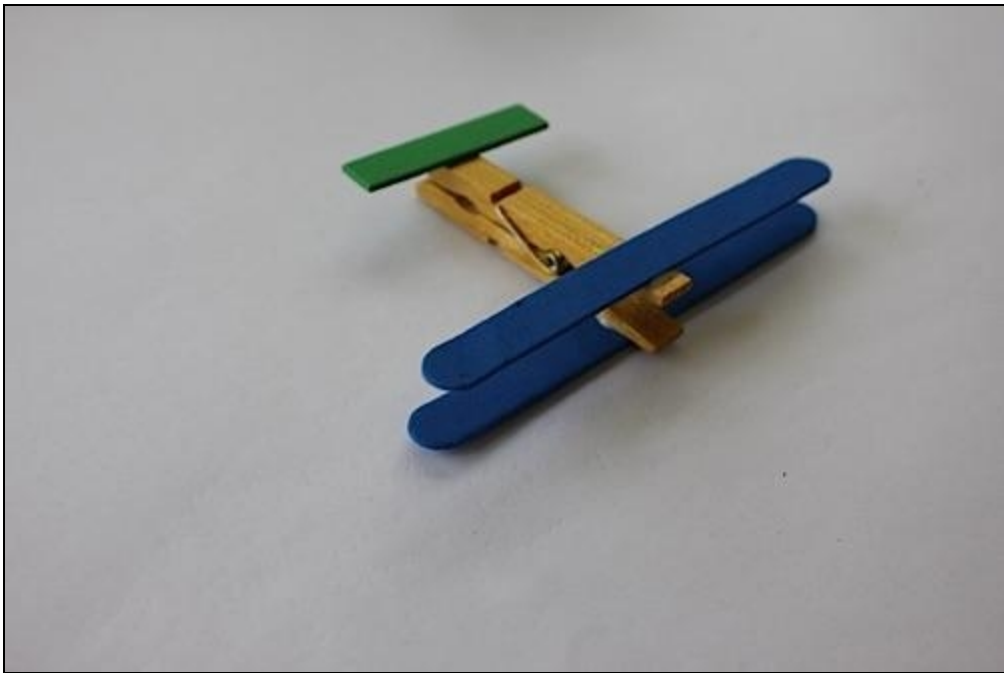


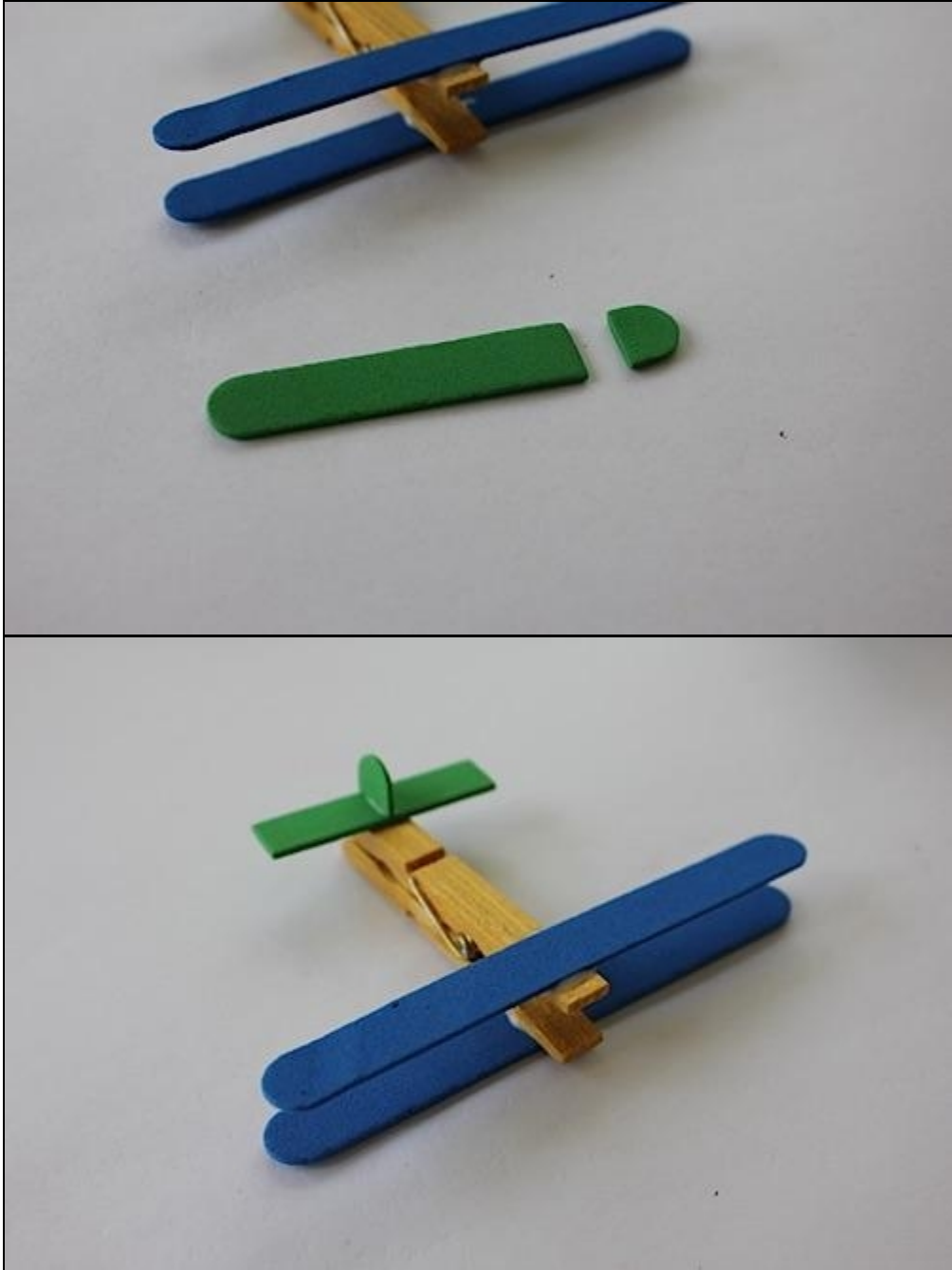
Step 1. Paint or colour the peg if desired. Glue two felt strips onto either side of the peg for a biplane wing effect.





Step 2: Cut another foam strip in half and cut off the rounded ends.





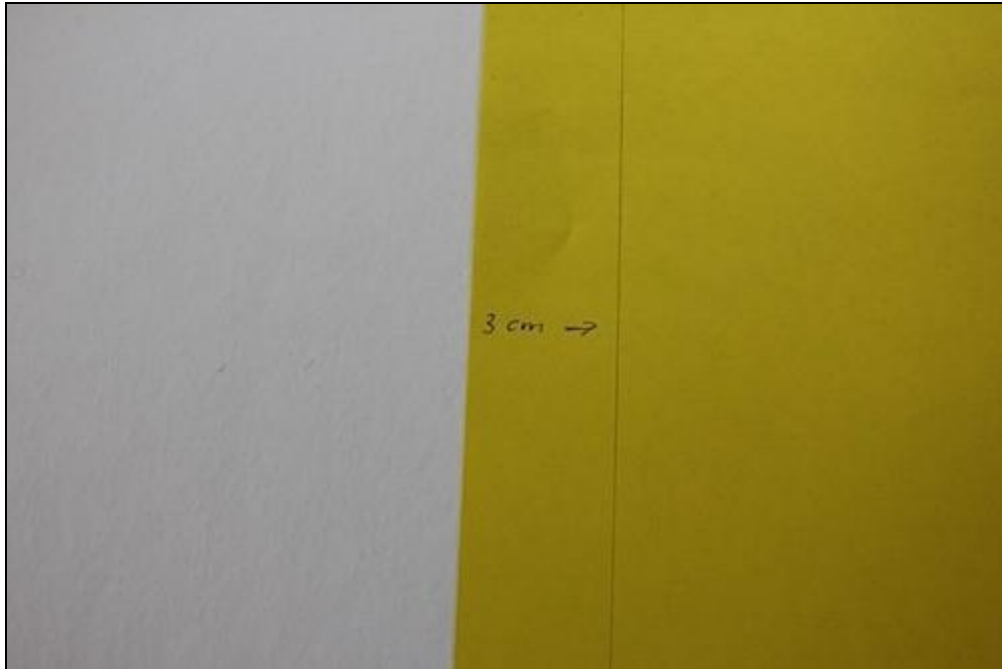
Step 3: Glue on the tail piece then use a short rounded piece to form the rudder.

Bee

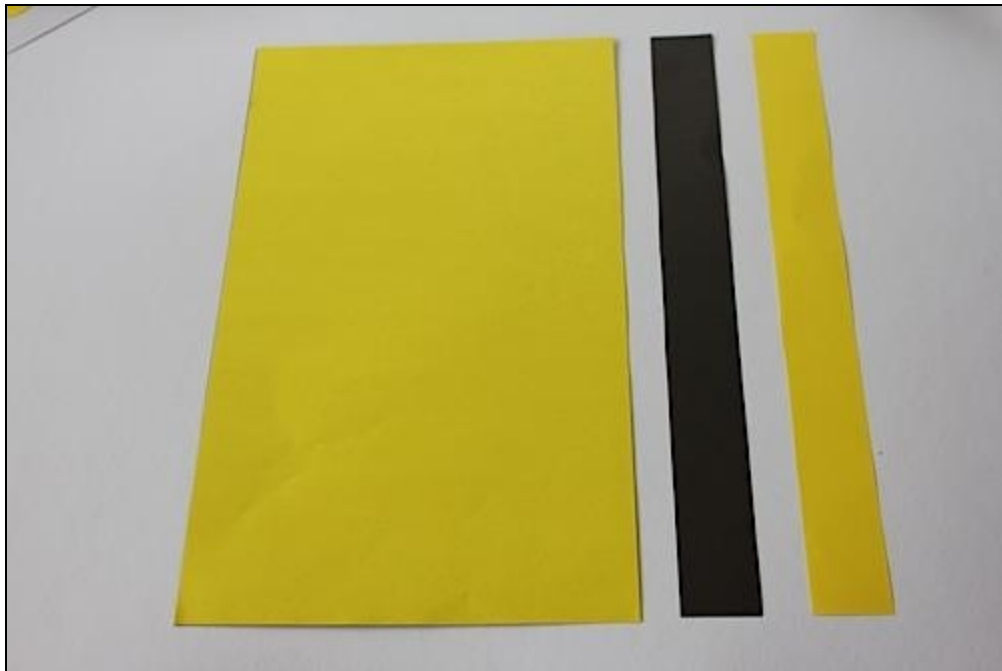
Feel like you're too busy? Take some time out with your kids to create a Busy Bee! Teach your young ones how to concertina fold. Watch their faces light up after they see the results of their creations. They won't be able to wait for the next celebration to help decorate the house with these easy streamers.



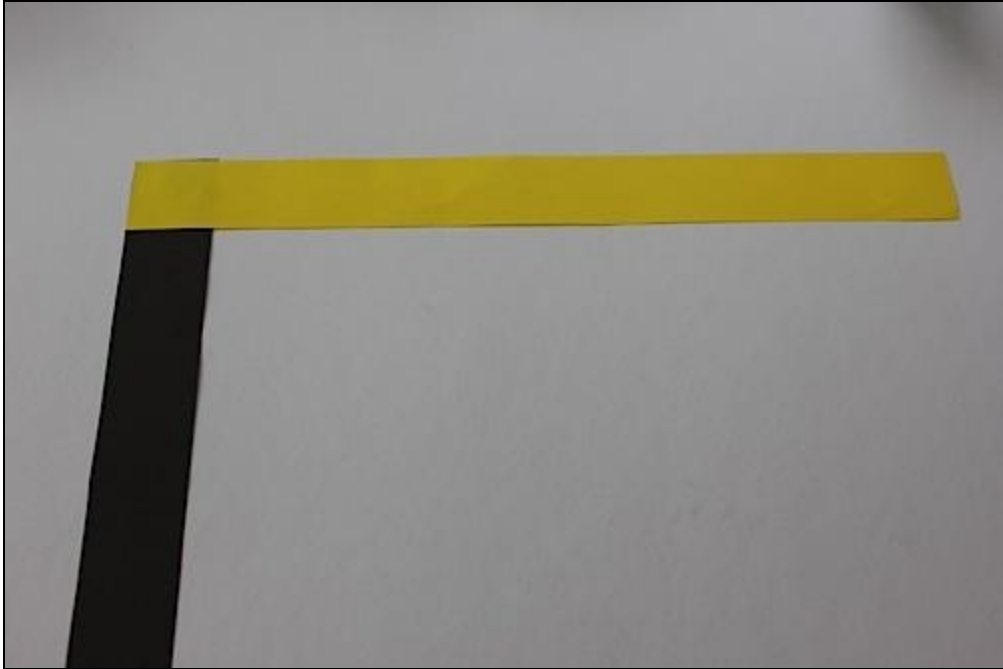
Materials: Yellow and black paper, small circle of yellow card, one small piece of white paper, two joggle eyes, small piece of glitter pipe cleaner, scissors, PVA glue.



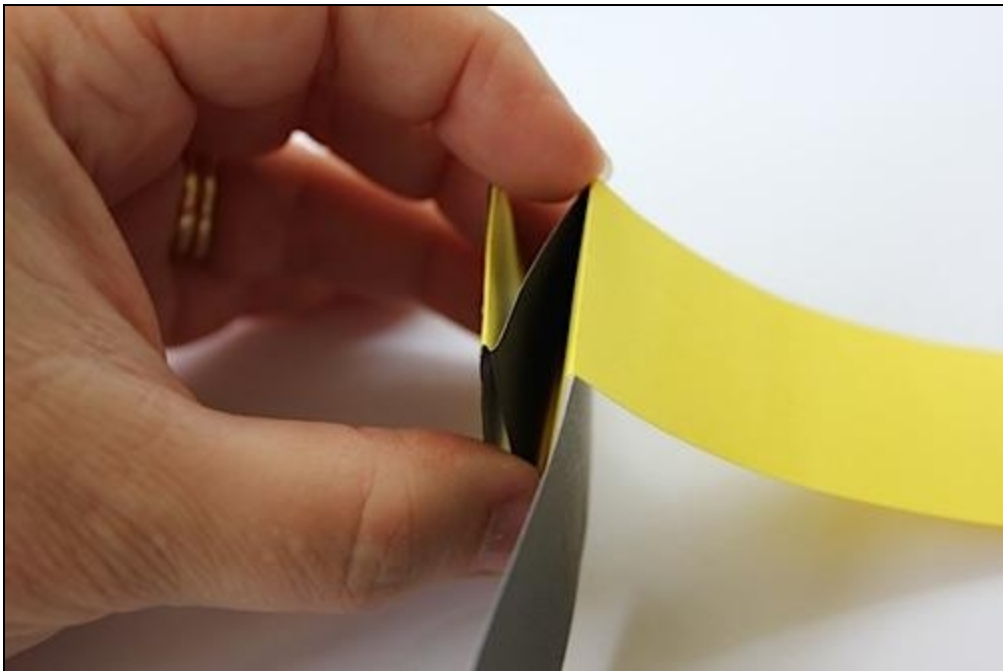
Step 1: Measure 2 strips of yellow and black A4 paper (approx 3cm wide)



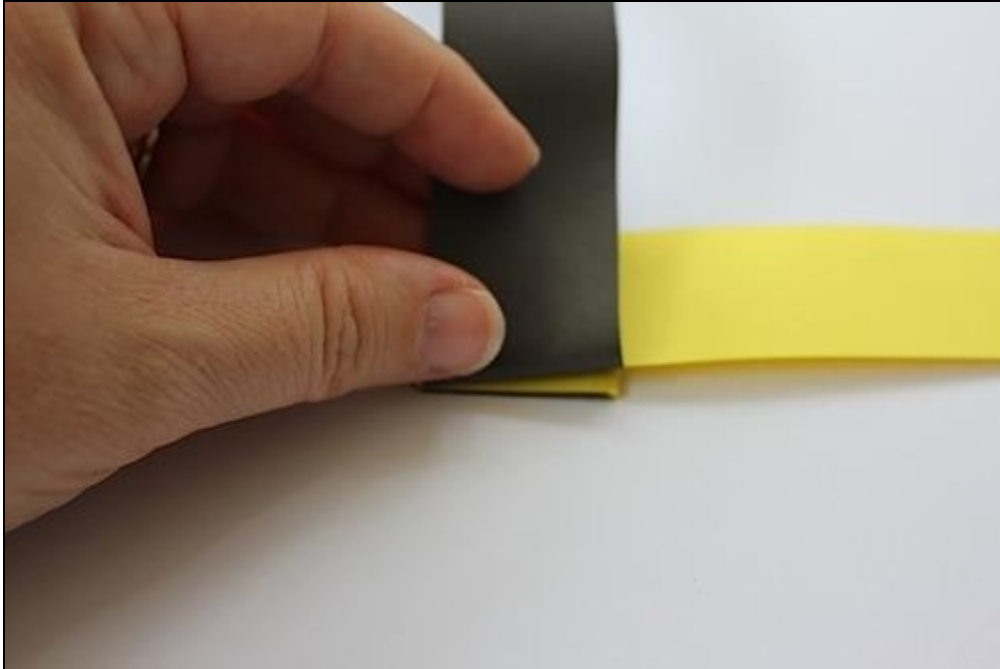
Step 2: Cut out a strip of black and yellow paper 3cm wide.



Step 3: Place the two strips in an upside down L shape and glue the ends together.



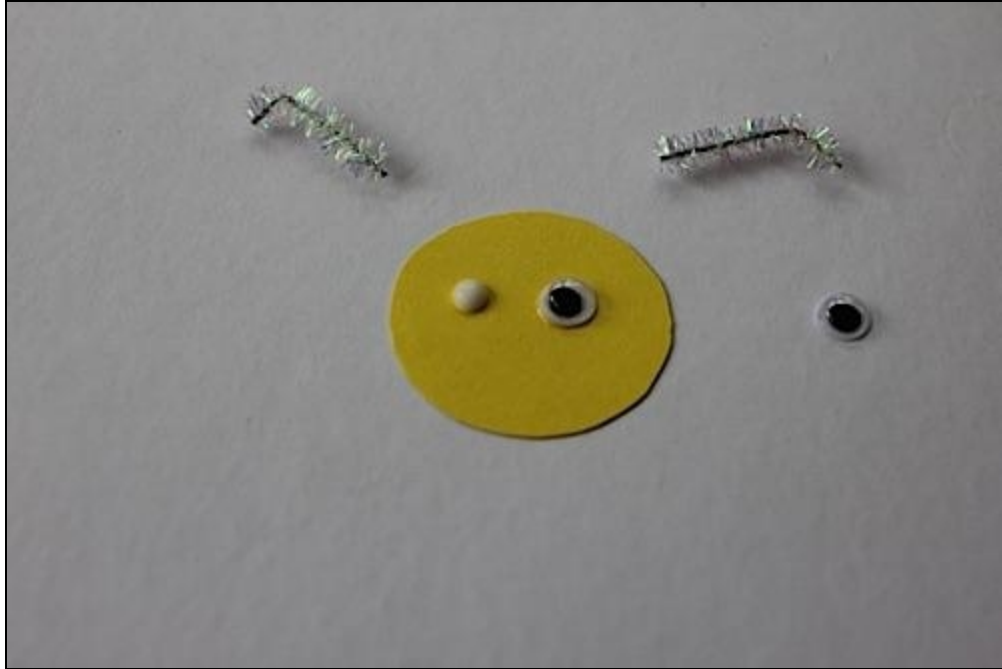
Step 4: Concertina fold the yellow and black paper until all paper is used.



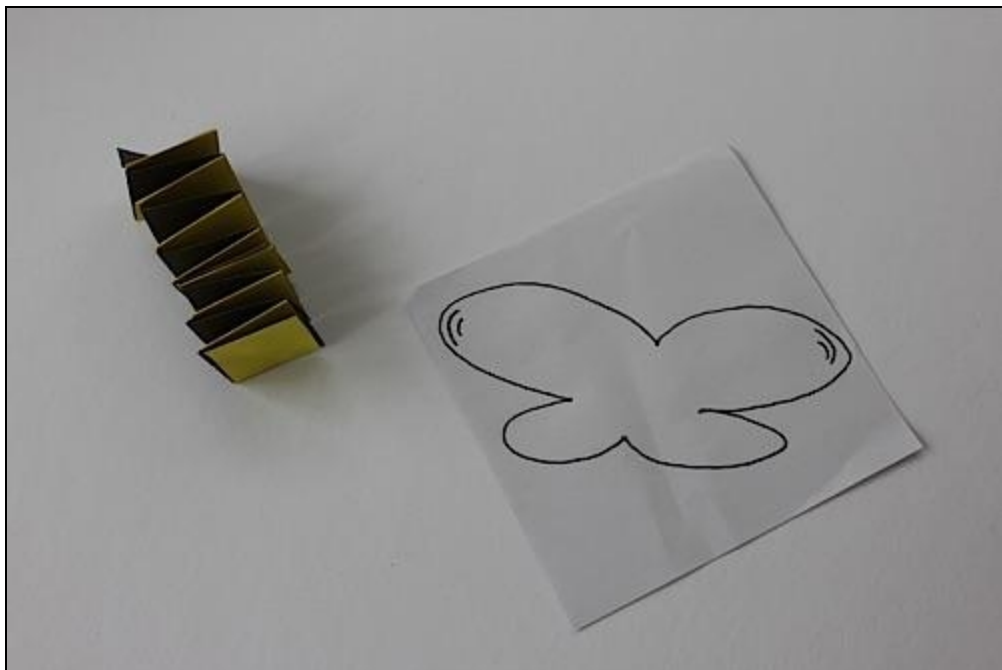
Step 5: Keep folding to the end of the strips.



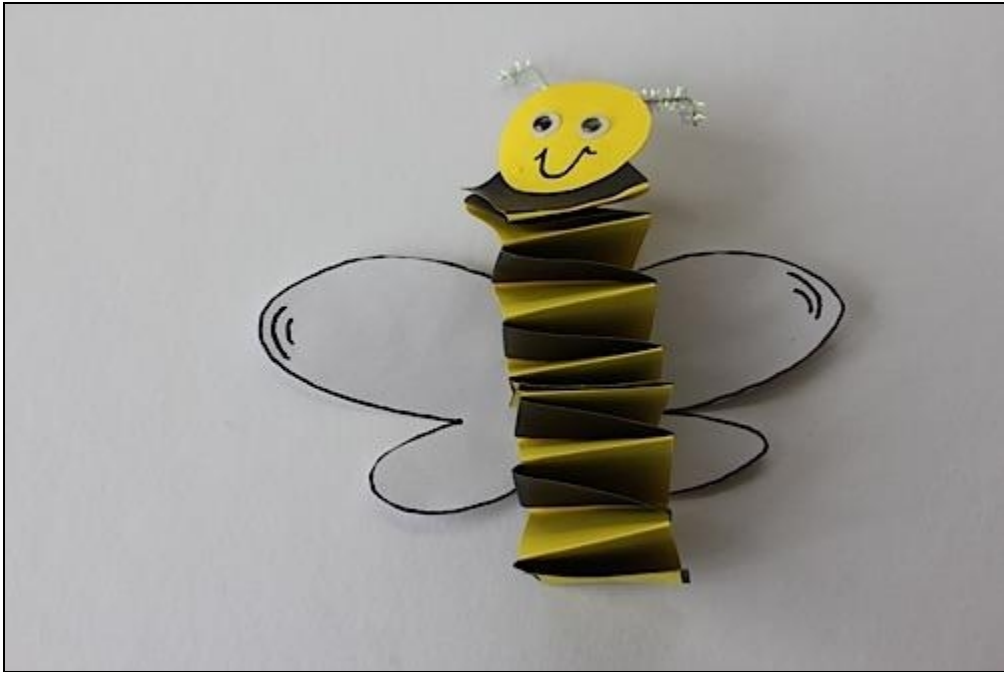
Step 6: Glue the ends of strips together. Add more paper if you want a longer body. Trim off any excess paper.



Step 7: Create the head of the bee using a round piece of yellow card, glue on joggle eyes and pieces of pipe cleaner for antennae. Take the yellow circle of card and glue eyes. After eyes have dried turn head over, cut pipe cleaner into 2 small pieces. Slightly bend the top of each pipe cleaner and glue on to the back of the head.



Step 8: Draw a set of wings on the white paper and glue them on to the body of the bee.



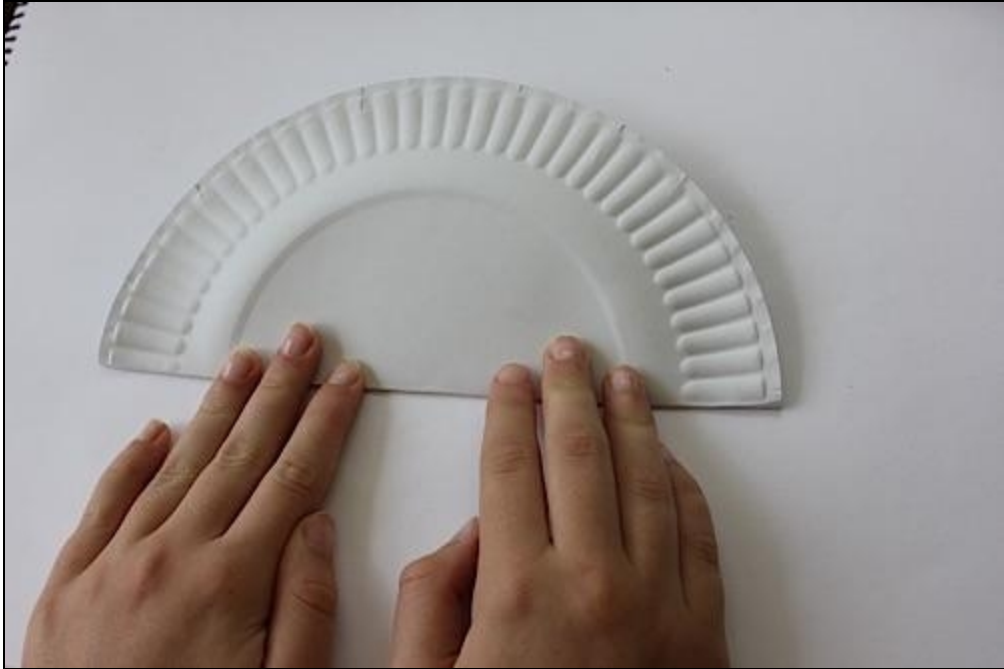
Step 9: Glue on the head and leave to dry.

Bird

Feathers are great to play with. Use them to tickle your toddler and let them tickle you back. Have you heard your child giggle recently? I love it! This art activity is suitable for children from 18 months to 7 years.



Materials: Paper plate, glue, scissors, A4 coloured paper, various coloured feathers, 2 goggle eyes, paint and brush or various coloured markers.



Step 1: Fold plate in half



Step 2: Paint or colour the plate. Leave to dry.



Step 3: Cut 1cm strips of approximately 5 different pieces of coloured paper.



Step 4: Glue or tape tail paper on one end of the bird.



Step 5: Apply glue to the body of the bird and stick on feathers.



Step 6: Glue on goggle eyes and cut a triangle piece out of paper and glue on under the eyes for the beak.

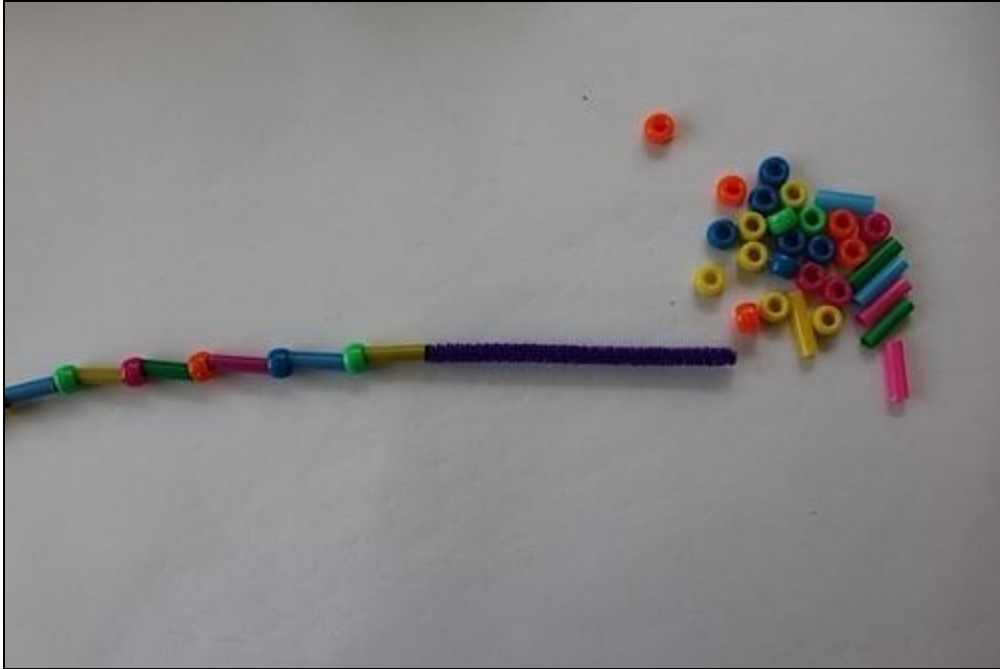
Bracelet

Add some colour to your life with these bracelet creations. This art activity involves threading and is a great challenge for little toddlers. It is a joy to watch your children's face as they concentrate. Sort your beads and straws into groups by colour as an initial activity. My eldest son would stick his tongue out in concentration as he threaded his beads!! This project is suitable for kids aged 2 – 6 years. You will love seeing your son or daughter wearing their bracelet with pride!!



Materials: Pipe cleaner, various coloured beads, straws, scissors.

Step 1: Bend one end of the pipe cleaner into a little circle.



Step 2: Cut straws into smaller pieces then thread alternate straw pieces and beads onto the pipe cleaner until it fits around the wrist.



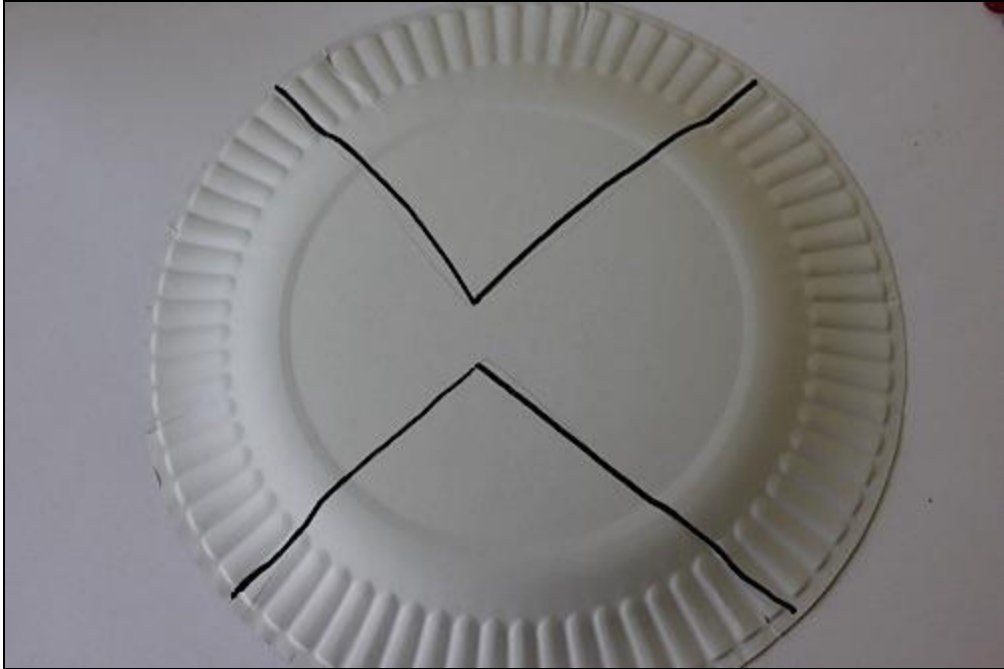
Step 3: Thread the end of the pipe cleaner through the first loop made and cut off any remainder pipe cleaner.

Butterfly

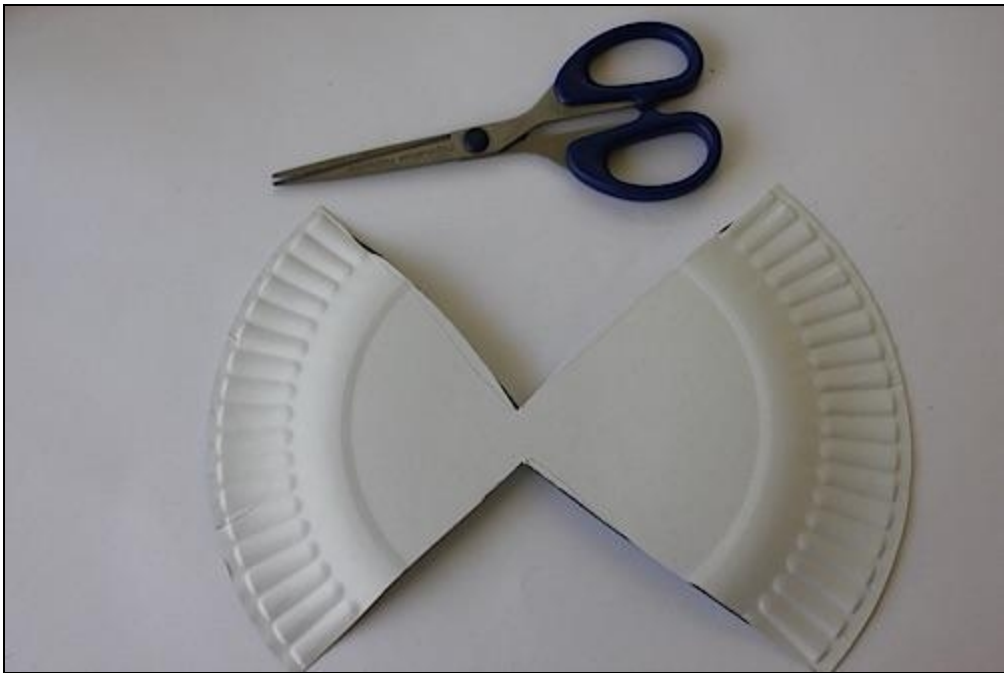
Butterflies come in all colours, shapes and sizes. Help your child to create their own magical work of art. Does the thought of using glitter stress you out? Too much mess? Go outside, put newspaper or a plate down before you start and let them go for it. Kids love sparkle! Tell me you don't enjoy it too after trying this activity. Fun for kids aged 2 – 5 yrs.



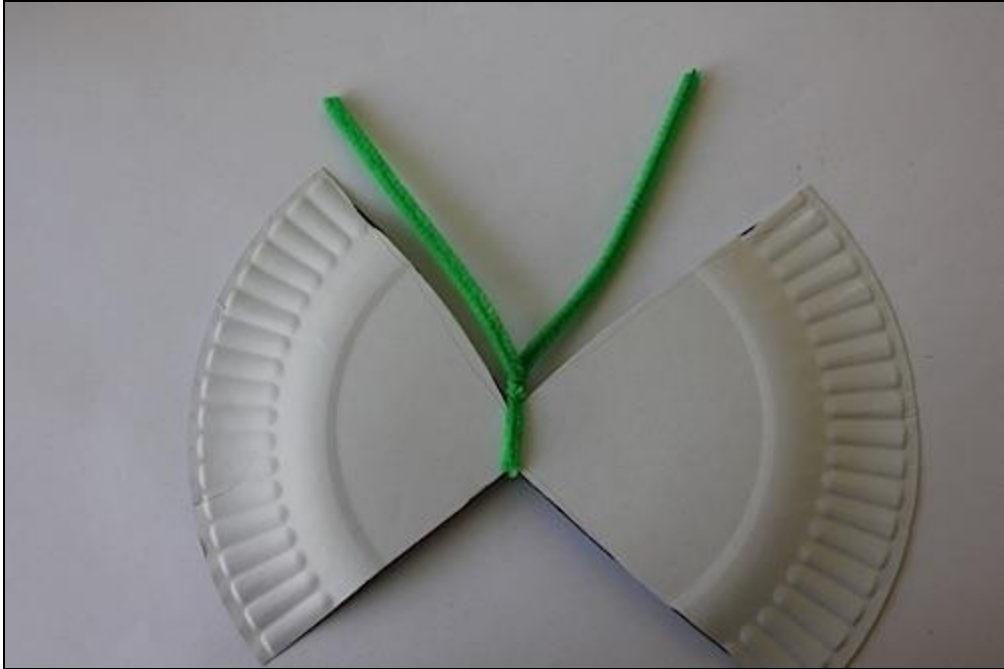
Materials: Paper plate, felt pen, pipe cleaner, buttons, glitter, sequins (or any other things to decorate), PVA glue and scissors.



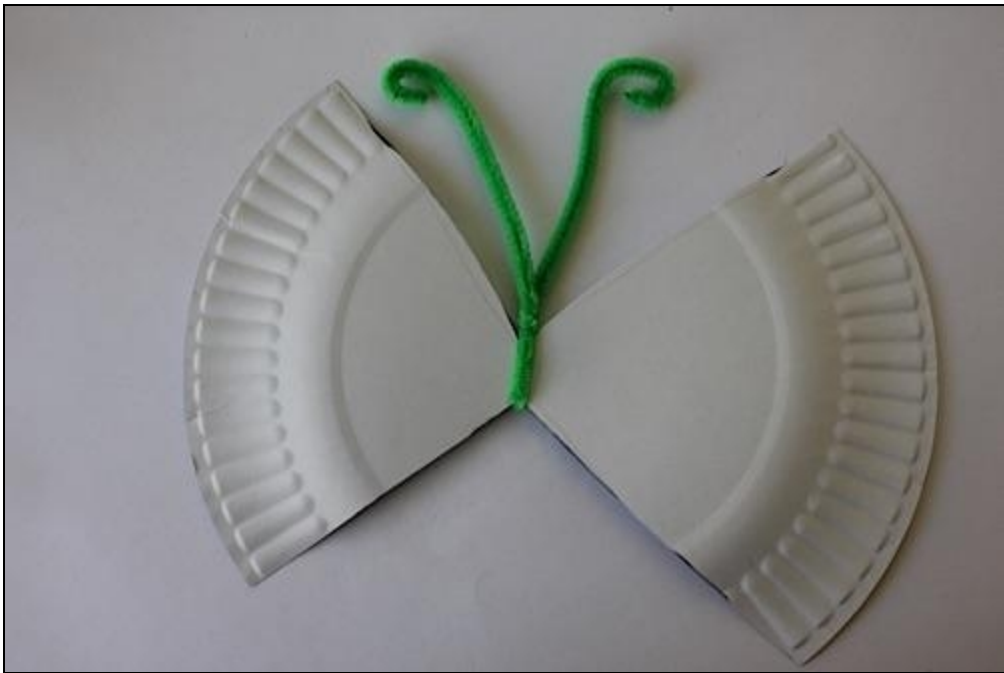
Step 1: Draw two large wedges on either side of the paper plate.



Step 2: Cut two large wedges out on either side to form wings.



Step 3: Tie pipe cleaners around the middle so it is halved.



Step 4: Twist the pipe cleaner at the base then curl the tops to form antennae.



Step 5: Glue on buttons, sequins and decorate any way else you like.



Step 6: You may want to do this bit outside. Spread glue around the wings and then sprinkle over your glitter and then tap off the unstuck glitter to reveal your beautiful butterfly.

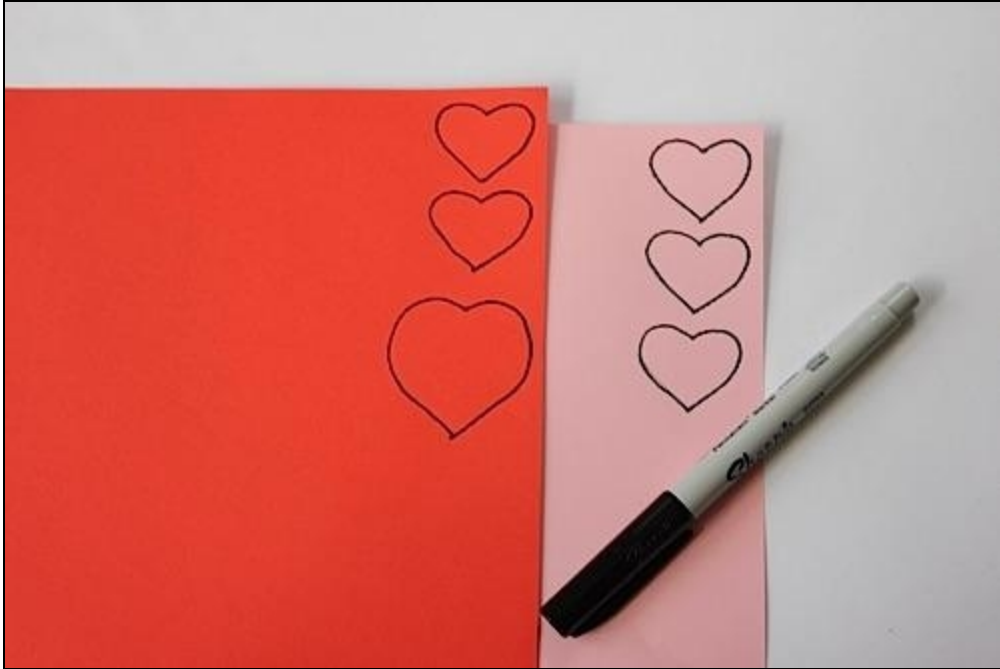


Caterpillar Card

Let those crafty kids get excited and make special friends caterpillar cards. Allow them to explore their thoughts and share their creative side with those they love. Enjoy being a love bug!!!! This art project is suitable for 4 – 10 year olds.



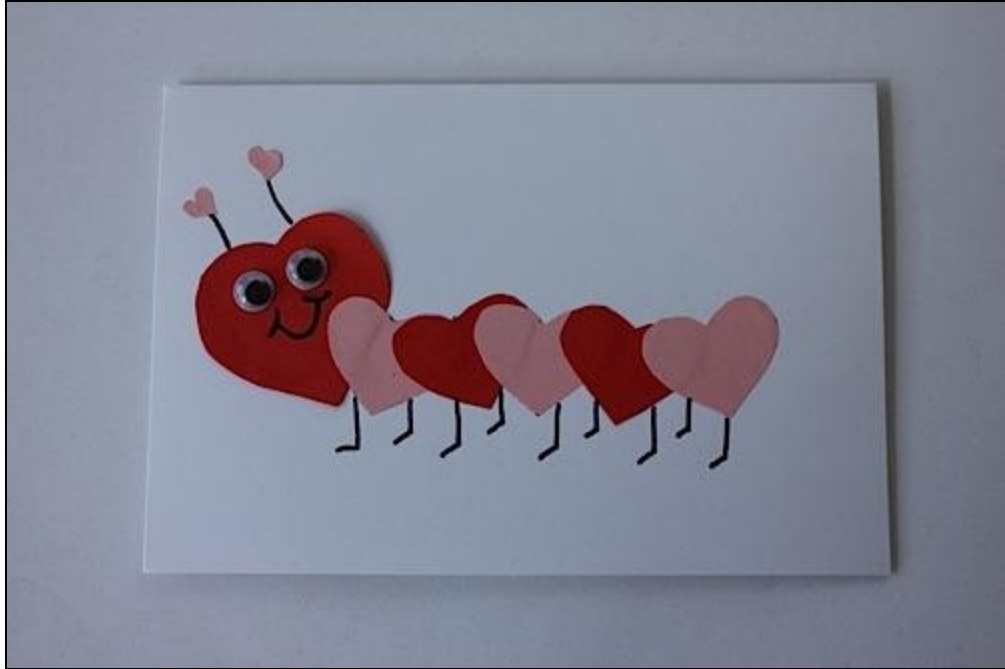
Materials: Blank card, two joggle eyes, red and pink paper, glue and black marker.



Step 1: Draw three pink and two red love heart shapes all the same size (approx. 2.5cm width). Draw one larger heart shape in red (approx. 4cm) for the head.



Step 2: Glue large heart shape down first at one end and on a slight angle. Glue alternate colours in a row overlapping each other.



Step 3: Glue on eyes and draw on legs and antenna. Draw a cute smile. Allow to dry before writing a lovely message inside.

Caterpillar Pom Pom

Wooden pegs are so versatile and generally you will already have some laying around.

Take 5 minutes every day to just sit down with your toddler to create something together. It will do wonders for you and your child. Make Joy Simple – when you create



Materials: One wooden peg, 4 mini pom poms, two joggle eyes, PVA glue.



Step 1: Apply a strip of PVA glue to one side of the peg.



Step 2: Lightly press your pom poms onto the peg starting from one end.



Step 3: Completed pom poms.



Step 4: Carefully apply two small dots of glue to the end pom pom.



Step 5: Lightly press on joggle eyes.



These are so easy to make you can quickly make a second!

Clown

The clown can really be anything you want. A happy elf or princess would suit just as well. The best part about it is that it is so simple with very little mess and yet young children will still love it.

Encourage your child to try as much as they can by themselves. You can help your kids make their own decisions from a very early age. Decision making is a lifelong skill that is essential to learn and practice for every human being.



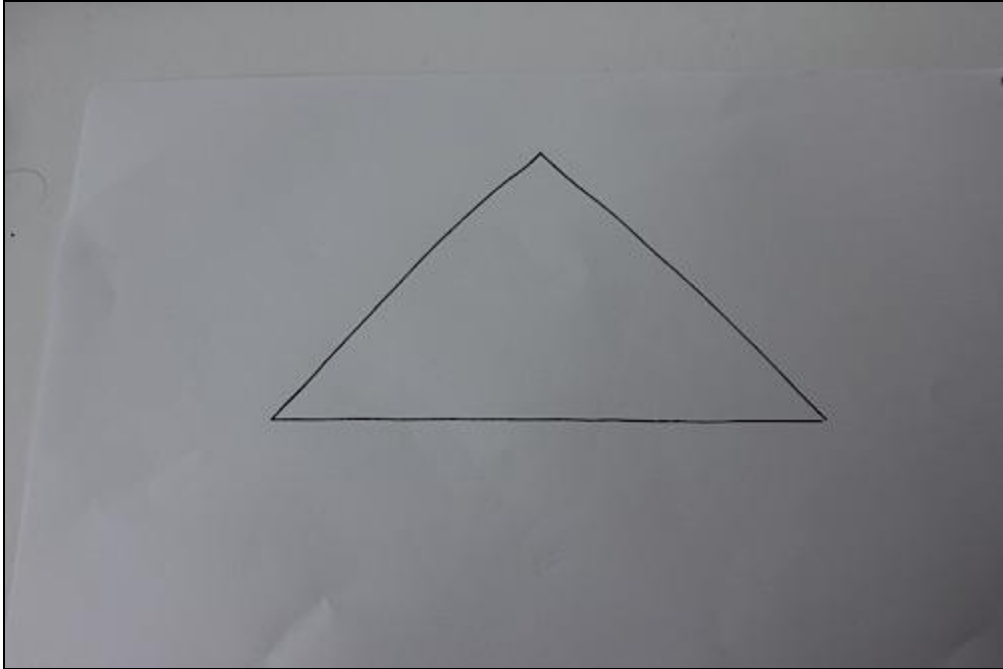
Materials: Marker pens, paper plates, assorted pom poms, two joggle eyes, thick paper or card, scissors and PVA glue.



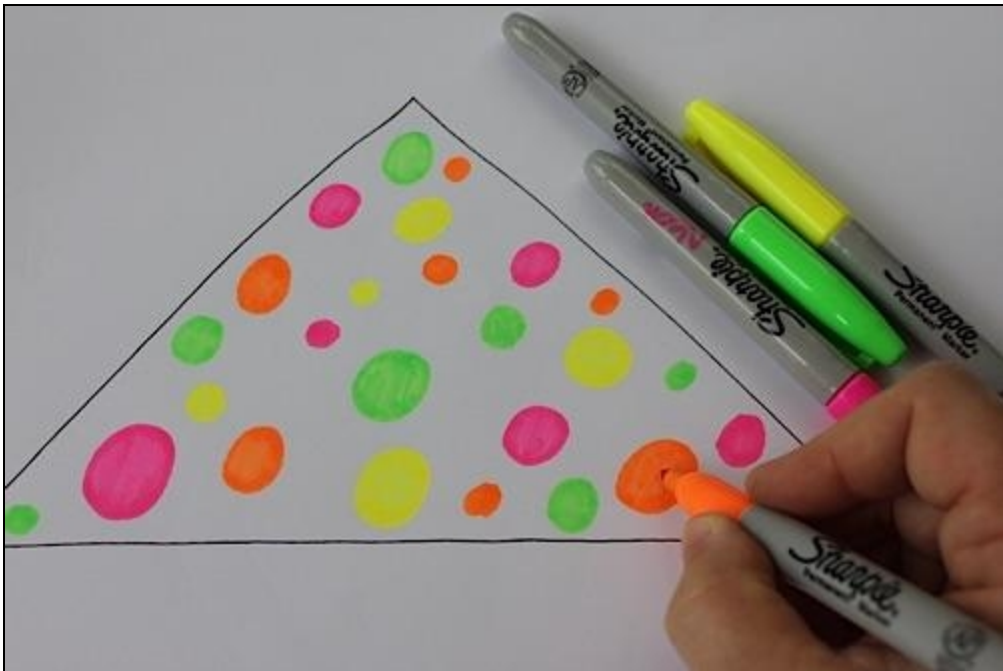
Step 1: Draw a line across the top third of the paper plate.



Step 2: Cut along this line.



Step 3: Draw a triangle on the paper or card that will fit on the paper plate head as a hat.



Step 4: Decorate your hat. Kids love the bright colours of fluorescent markers.



Step 5: Glue the hat to the paper plate.



Step 6: Trim the paper plate to make a smooth transition and glue on the two joggle eyes.



Step 7: Glue on your pom poms for colourful hair.



Step 8: Draw a happy smile and your clown (or happy elf).



Step 9: Glue on a nose and it is complete. Encourage your child to add more decorations and colour to make it their own.

Dinosaur

Let the imagination of your children run wild by creating their own dinosaur. This is a super simple activity but yet every creation can be greatly different. I have used pom poms and paint, your kids might like to explore using a variety of other things to decorate. This art activity is suitable for children aged 3 – 8 years. Enjoy this little journey!



Materials: Paper plate, 2 pom poms, 2 pegs, coloured card, scissors, glue, joggle eye, various coloured paint.



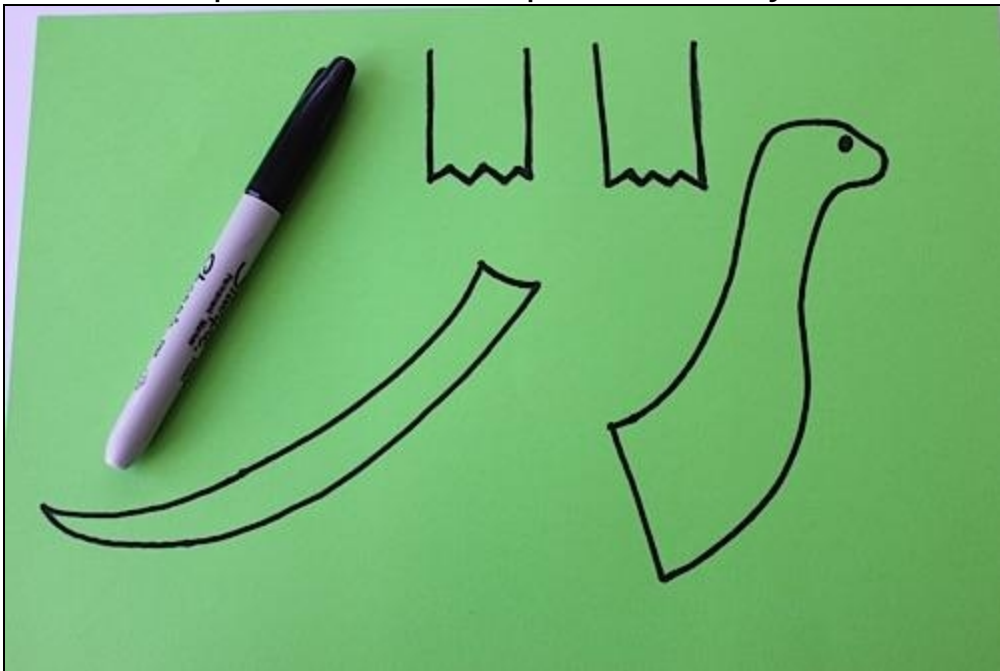
Step 1: Cut plate in half.



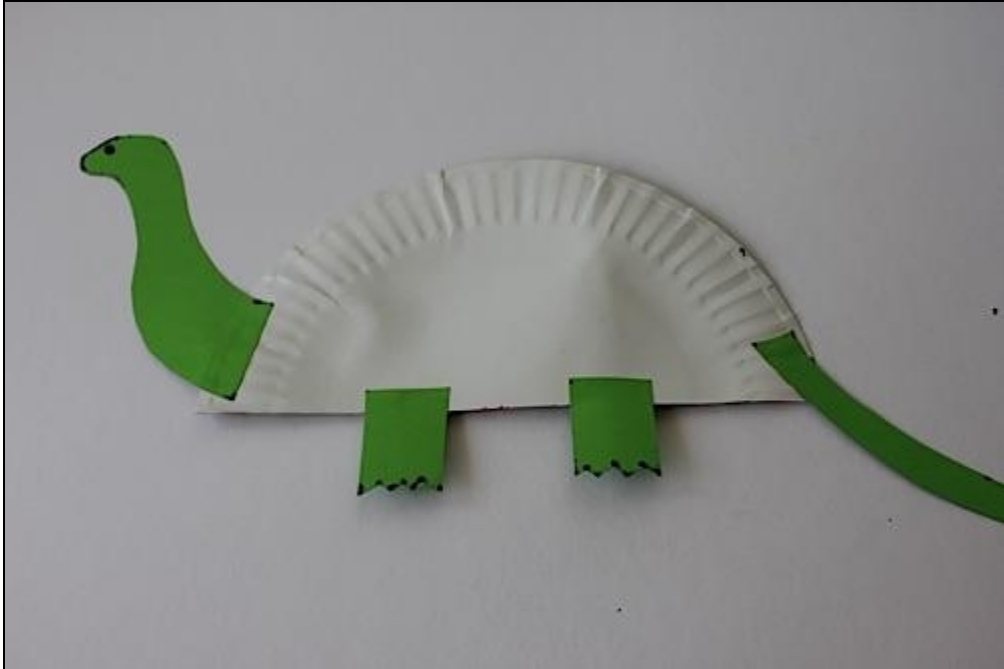
Step 2: Use one half of plate for the dinosaur back and one half for a simple, throw away paint plate.



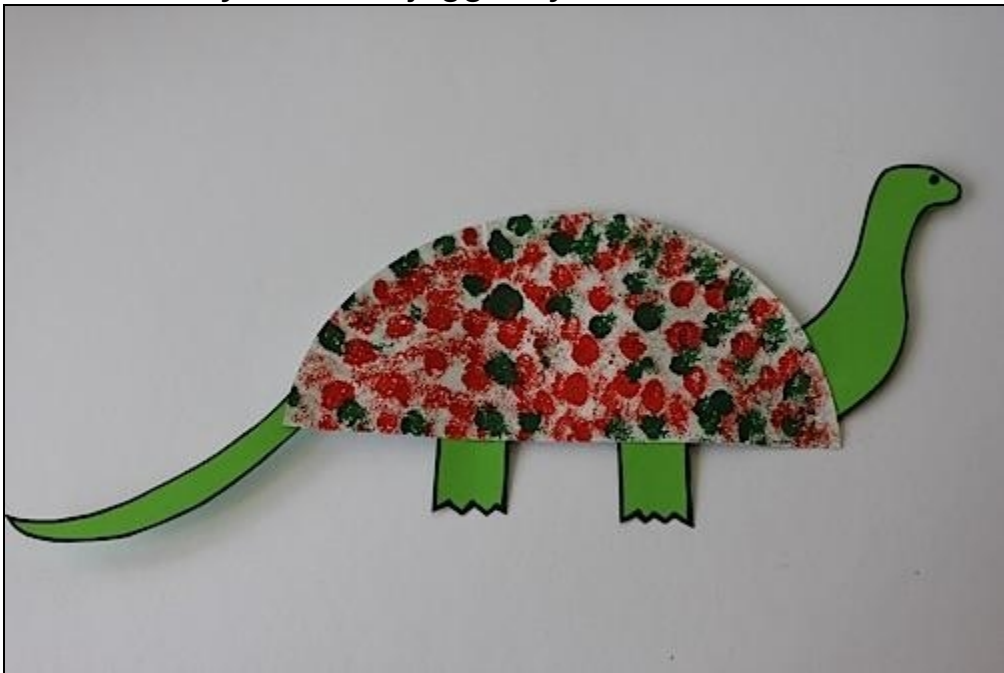
Step 3: Attach the pegs to the pom poms and dip them into different coloured paint. Take it in turns to create dot marks over the half plate. Cover the space. Let it dry.



Step 4: Draw two legs, a long neck and head and a long slim tail on separate coloured card/ paper. Cut these out.



Step 5: Glue head and legs on the underside of the plate and let it dry. Add the joggle eye on the head.



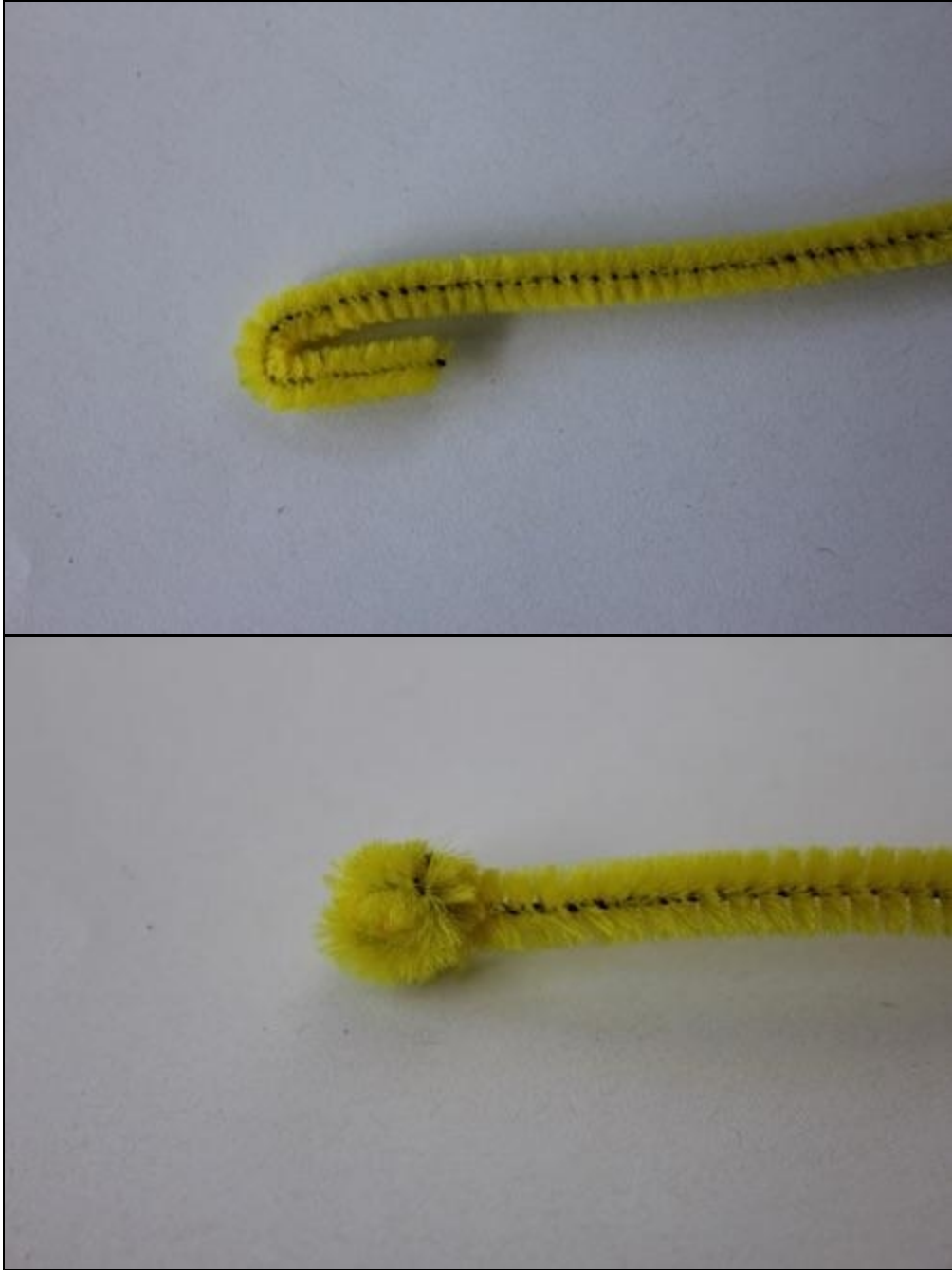
Enjoy your Plate-o-saurus!

Dragonfly

This dragonfly is so cute and threading is an excellent fine motor control exercise for pre-schoolers but just as fun for your tween. Making dragonfly's is best for pre-schoolers and older. If you do attempt this with your toddler be present in the moment and very watchful. Use your own common sense and judgement. If you are not sure wait until they are at least three years old and then supervise closely.



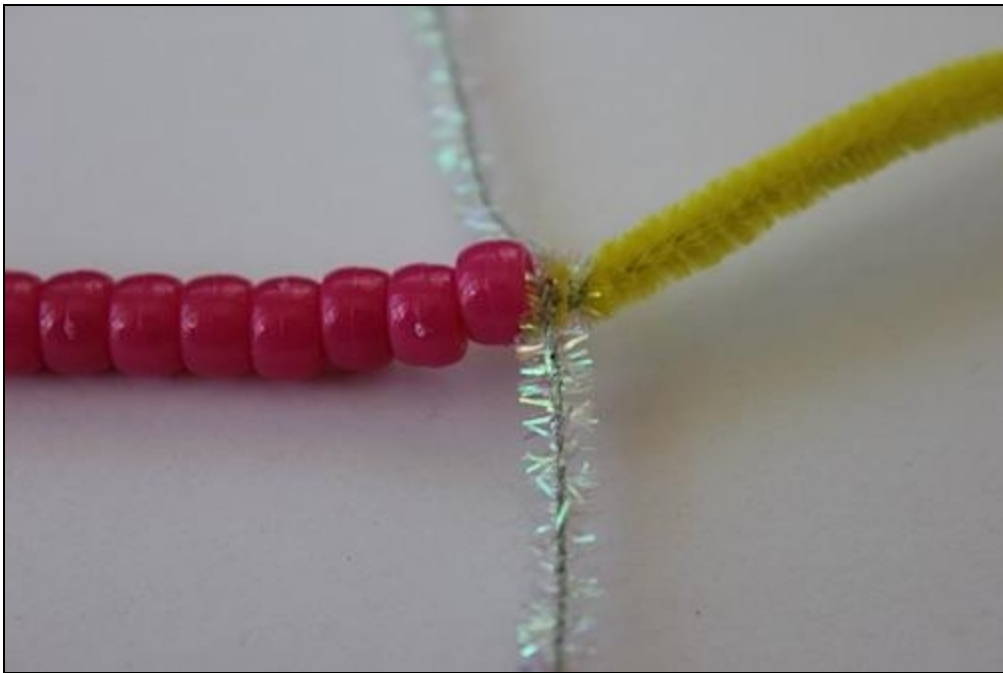
Materials: You will need two standard length pipe cleaners, 14 threading beads, two joggle eyes, PVA glue.



Step 1: Make a small hook and twist into a knot at one end of the pipe cleaner that will be the dragonfly's body.



Step 2: Thread 12 beads through to the knot.



Step 3: To make the wings, twist tie the other pipe cleaner in half to hold the beads in position on the body.



Step 4. Bend each end of the wing around and twist tie the to the body.



Step 5. Thread the remaining 2 beads on the body pipe cleaner, loop the end and twist tie to hold the beads firmly. Cut off any excess pipe cleaner.



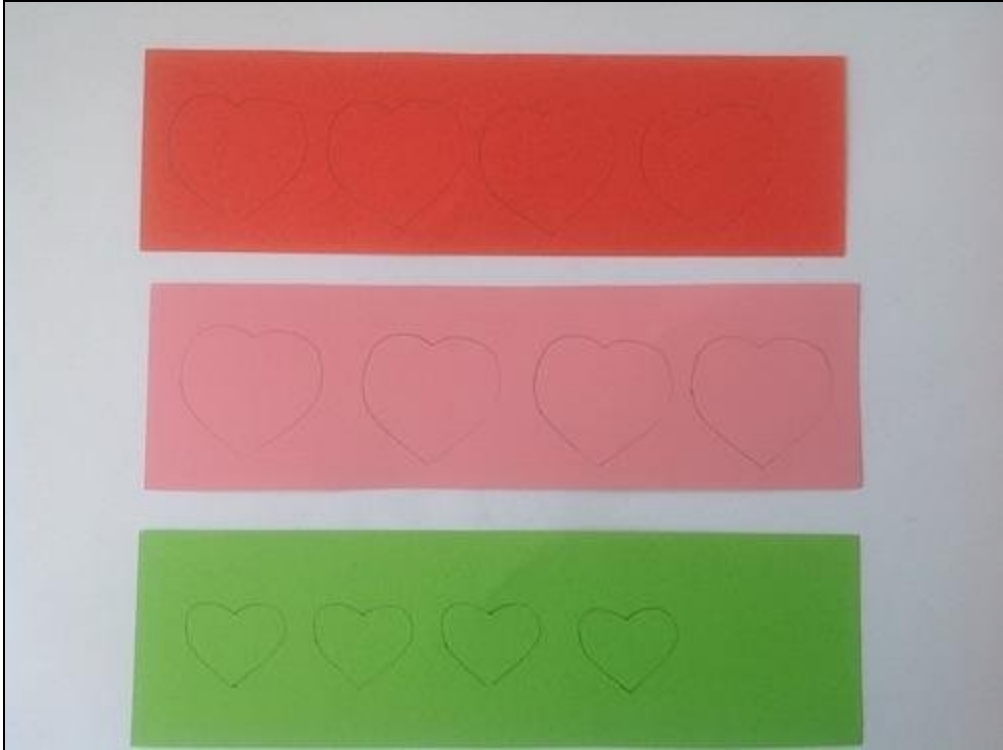
Step 6: Apply two very small dots of glue on the final bead. Lightly press each goggle eye onto the glue and leave to dry. Shape the wings for the effect you want. That's it.

Flower Bookmarks

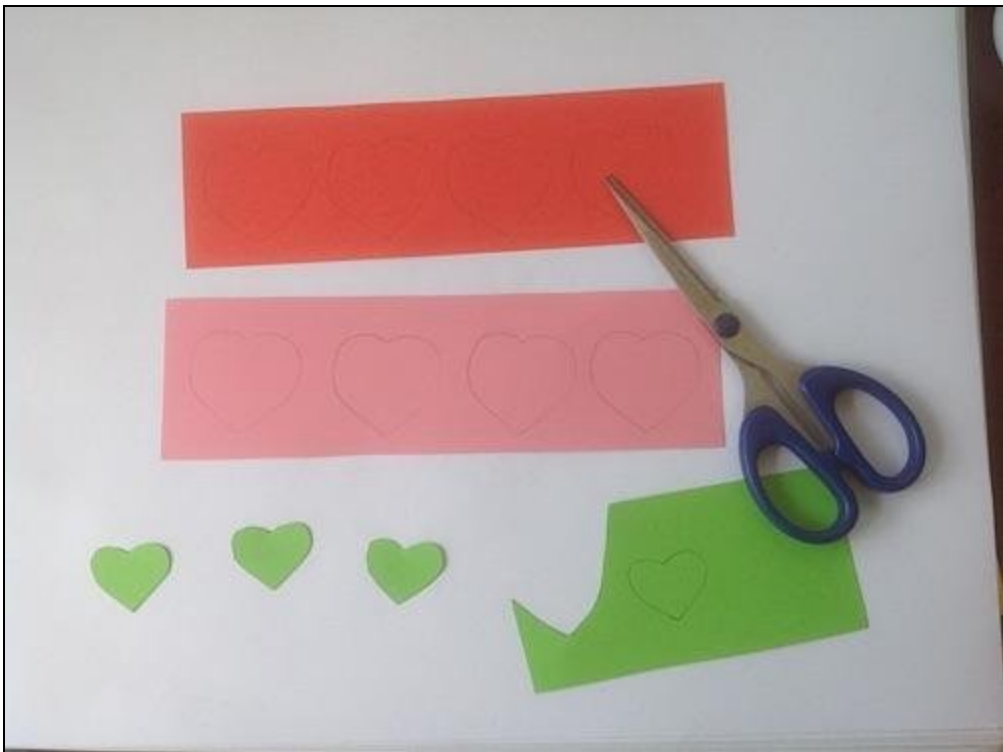
These flowers make a great little gift. Stick them on a card or place them inside one. They can be a little tricky to make but the end result is worth the extra effort. This art activity is suited to kids aged 4 to 7 years. Be an artful hero for those you love today!



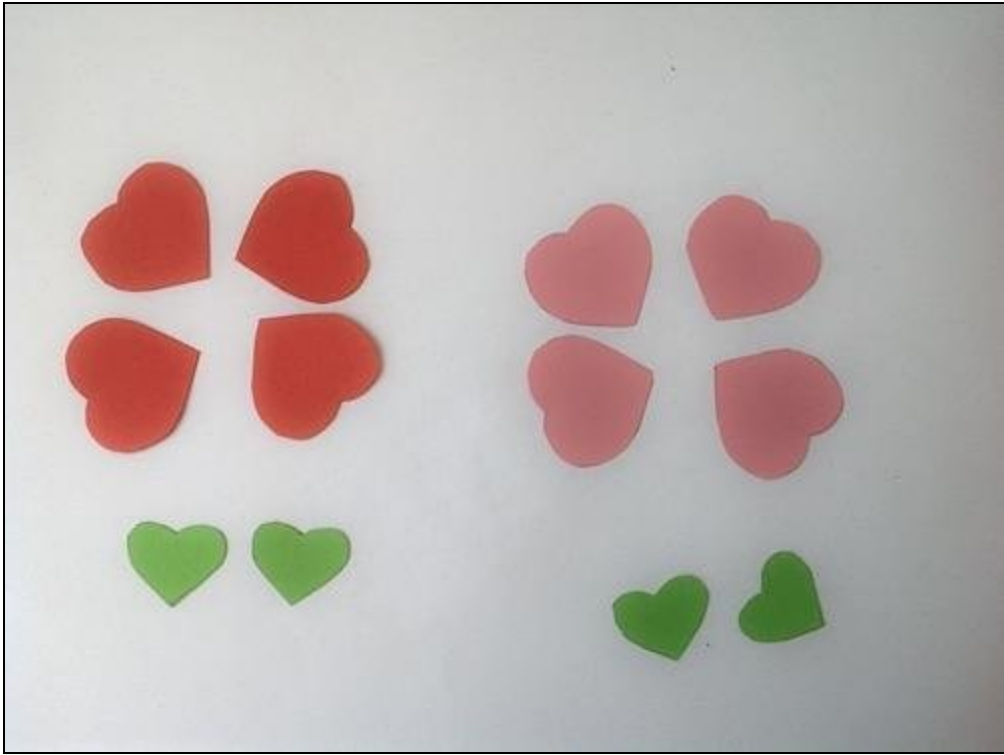
Materials: Two paddle pop sticks, pieces of coloured card (I have used green, red and pink), glue, scissors, 4 joggle eyes and felt pen.



Step 1: Draw large heart shapes onto the pink and red card (4 cm across) and smaller hearts on the green card (2.5 cm across).



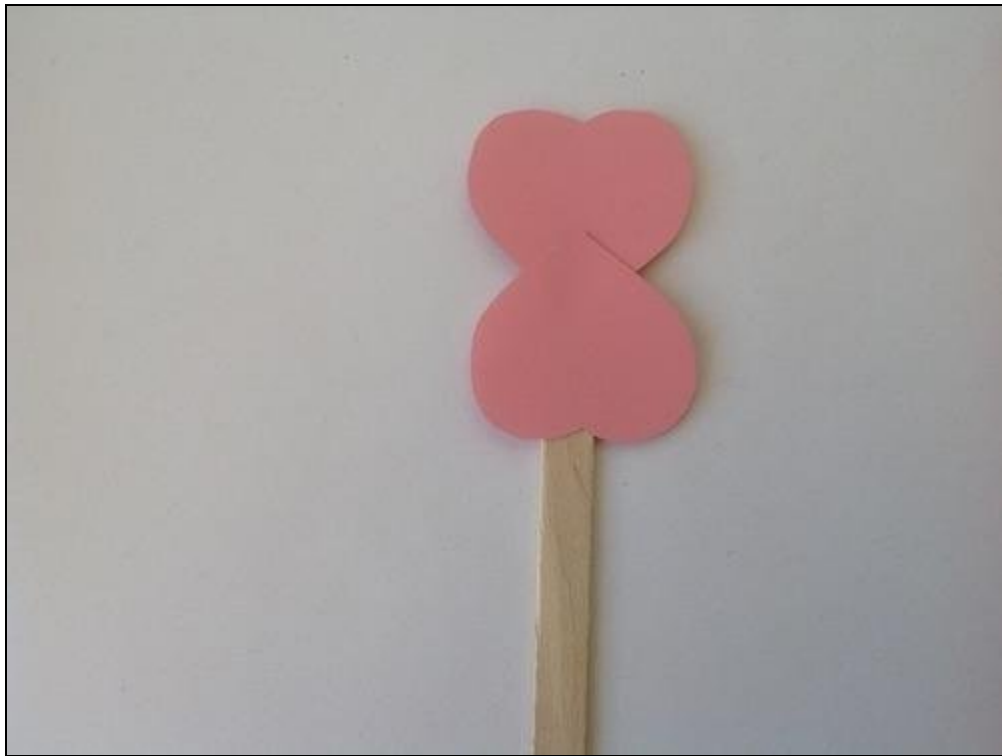
Step 2: Cut out your heart shapes.



You need 8 large hearts and 4 small ones like this.



Step 3: Glue on the petals (large hearts) top and bottom first, then side petals.



Overlap hearts like this.



Step 4: Now glue the green hearts to make petals like so.



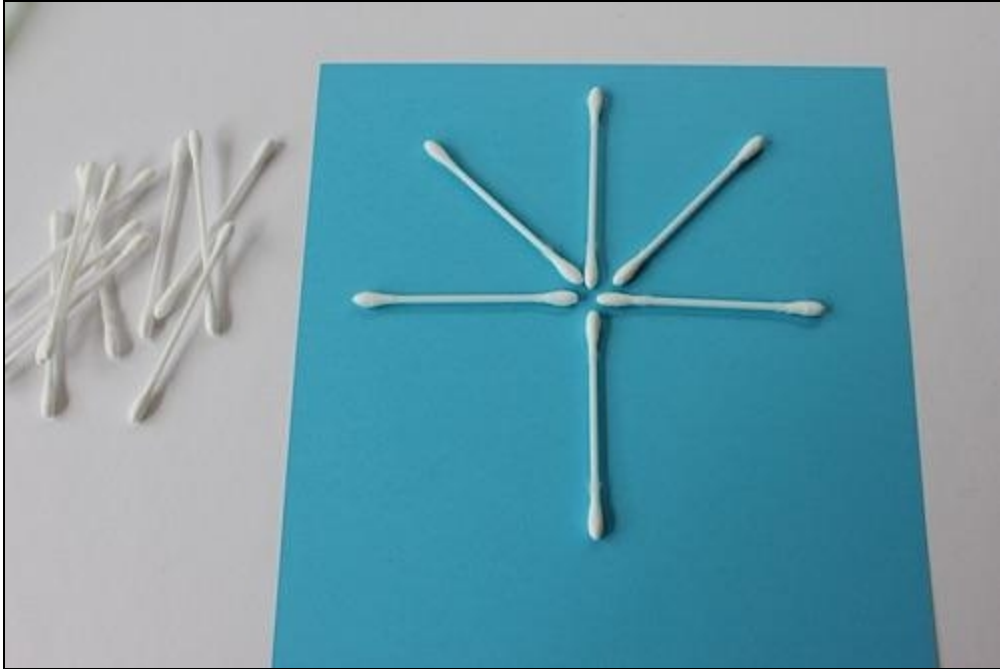
Step 5: Finally glue your joggle eyes and draw on a mouth and leave to dry. You're a hero!

Flowers From Cotton Tips

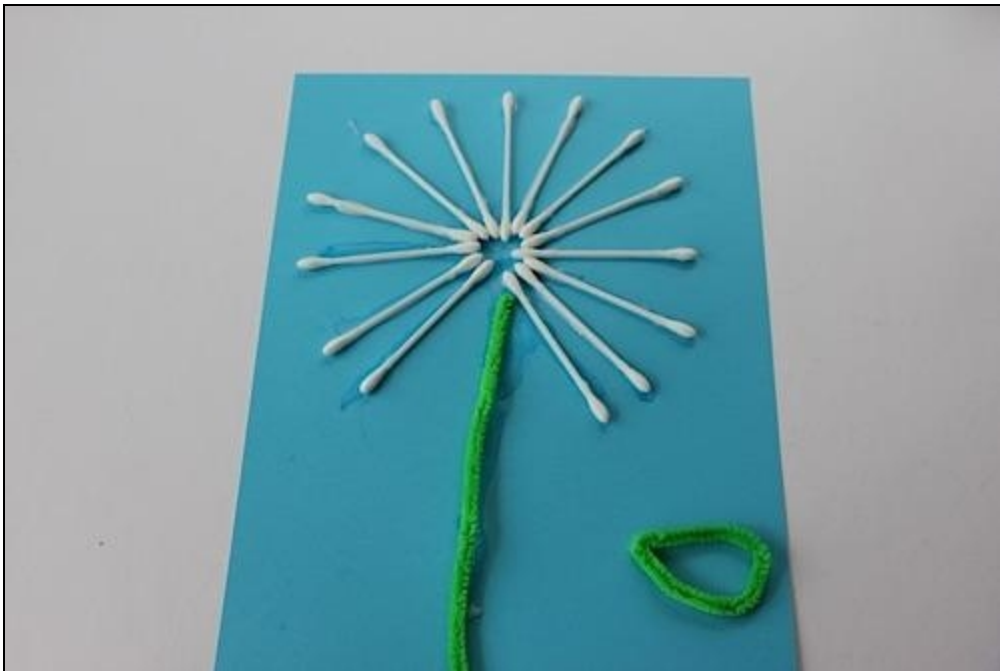
Most people will have cotton tips around the house and these make for a flower with a twist in this artwork. Montages can be created with all sorts of materials. If you don't have exactly the right materials don't wait to visit the store. Find something else that will do and get started.



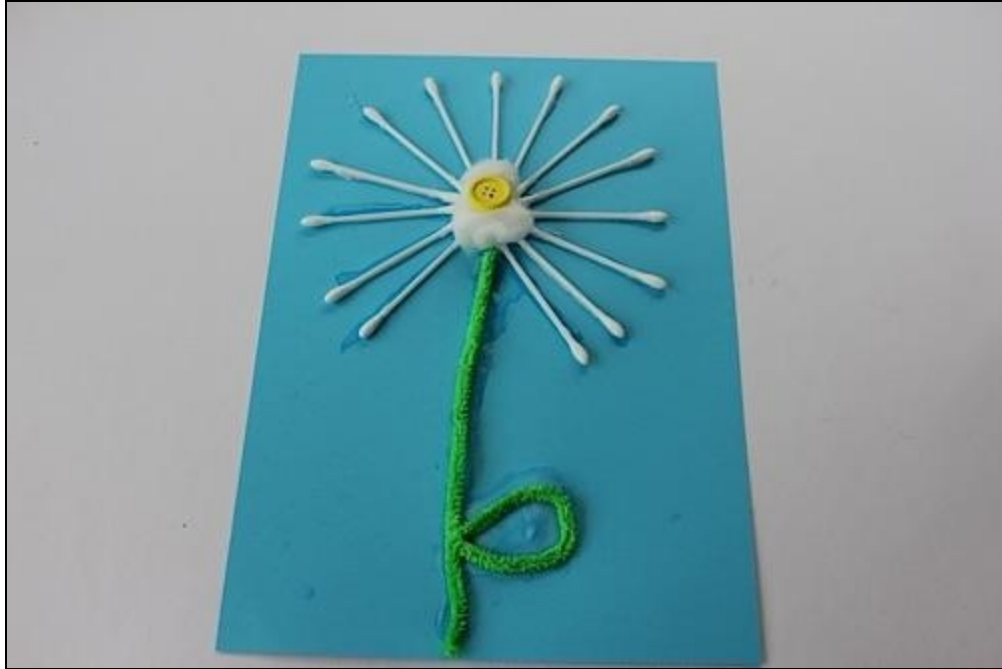
Materials: 2 pipe cleaners, cotton tips, two pipe cleaners, coloured button, cotton wool, PVA glue and scissors.



Step 1: Arrange the cotton tips in a symmetrical pattern while applying a small amount of glue to each as you place in position.



Step 2: Place glue on one side of a pipe cleaner and glue this down as the stem.



Step 3: With the other pipe cleaner bend it into a leaf and glue this like so. Add glue, cotton wool, then more glue to hold your button on to make the flower bud.

Flowers Painted

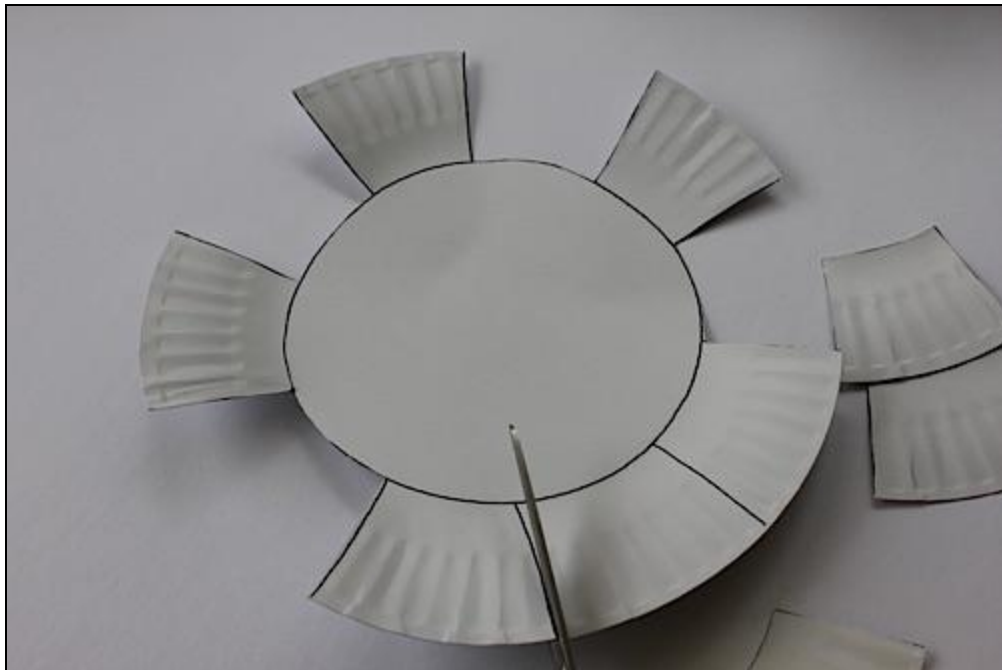
Create some brightness in your day by making these simple yet joyful bright blue flowers. Let your child's imagination run wild by selecting various decorative materials of their choice. Enjoy spending 20 minutes together finding more about each other.



Materials: Paper plate, marker, scissors, paint, paintbrushes, various decorative materials.



Step 1: Use a marker to draw a flower pattern. I made a circle at the base of the plate then from the edge marked approximately every second rectangle out to the centre circle. Today I chose square shaped petals.



Step 2: Cut every second rectangle out to the centre circle.



Step 3: Paint in the colour of your choice.



Step 4: Decorate with various materials. I used glitter glue and a stuck on a ladybug from the dollar shop. Enjoy!!

Flower Patty Cakes

Flowers can always bring simple joy into your life. Have fun creating your own Patty Flower Field and bring this joy into your home. Make them colourful and put them up as murals around the house. I personally love the part where you scrunch crepe paper pieces into balls and I think kids aged 3-7 years will too.



Materials: 4/5 cup liners, various coloured crepe paper, marker pens, PVA glue, scissors, backing paper



Step 1: Press cupcake liners flat and make small cuts from the outside to the base of the liner so that the middle remains intact.



Step 2: Glue flowers onto backing paper.



Step 3: Tear pieces of crepe paper and scrunch them into little balls.



Step 4: Place glue in the centre of the flowers and stick the crumched up crepe balls onto the centre of the flower



Step 5: Draw on stems and leaves and decorate backing paper.

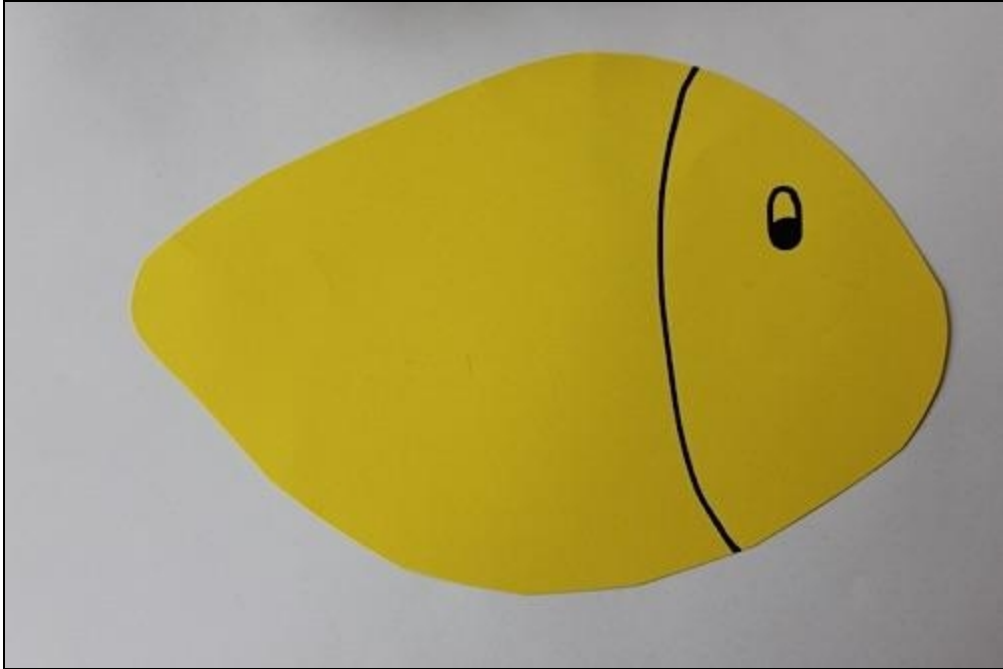


Fish

A fish can be fun when you make it with patty pans. Time to find your toddler and create! Experience the joy of watching your toddler discover what they can make and do!



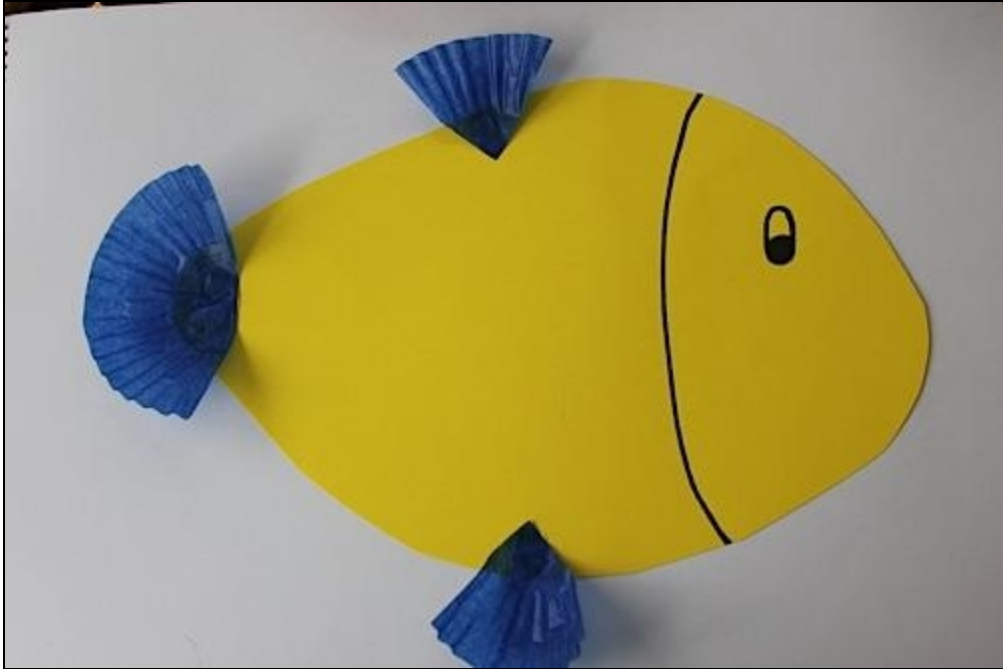
Materials: 5 patty pans of assorted colours, scissors, PVA glue, 2 coloured dot stickers (I've used blue), light card, marker pen.



Step 1: Cut an oval shape out on your card. Mark a head and eyes as shown.



Step 2: Cut one patty pan in half and then cut one of those halves in half again to make a quarter.



Step 3: Apply some PVA glue to the tail and top and bottom. Stick down your half and quarter patty pan.



Step 4: Gather the remaining patty pans and cut into halves.



Step 5: Apply light strips of PVA glue from head to tail and glue the patty pan halves to form scales.



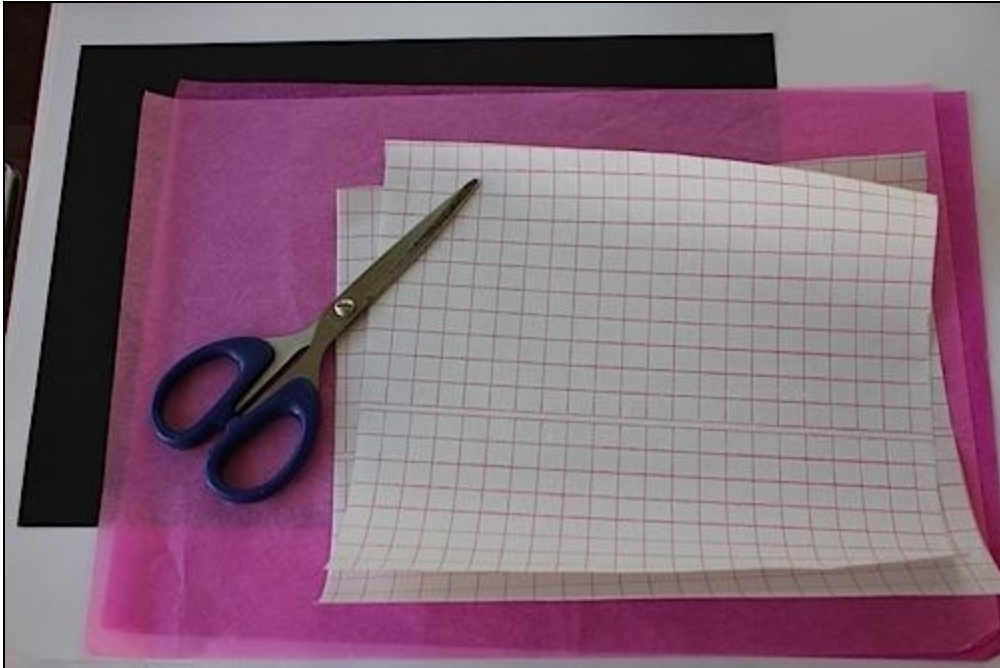
Step 6: Get your dot stickers and stick where you would like the mouth to be.



Enjoy making your fish. Remember that your toddler will be learning and practicing important skills at each step.

Heart

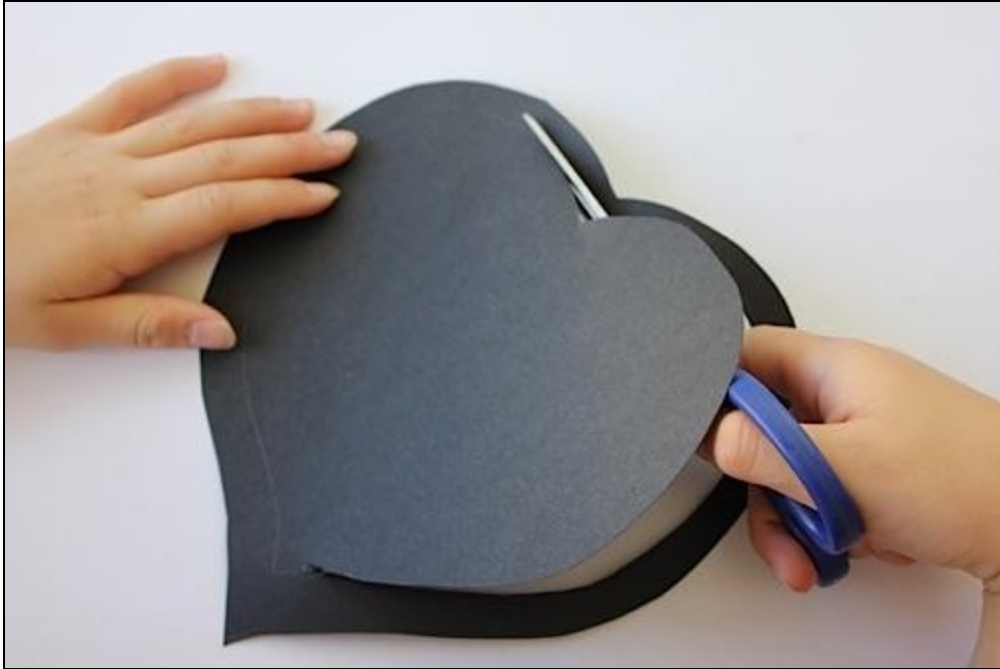
Contact paper is loads of fun when you are being crafty, but not so much fun when you are trying to cover school books! Share the love this weekend by creating your own Sticky Hearts. This art project is suitable for 3 – 10 year olds. (Children will need help removing backing from contact paper)



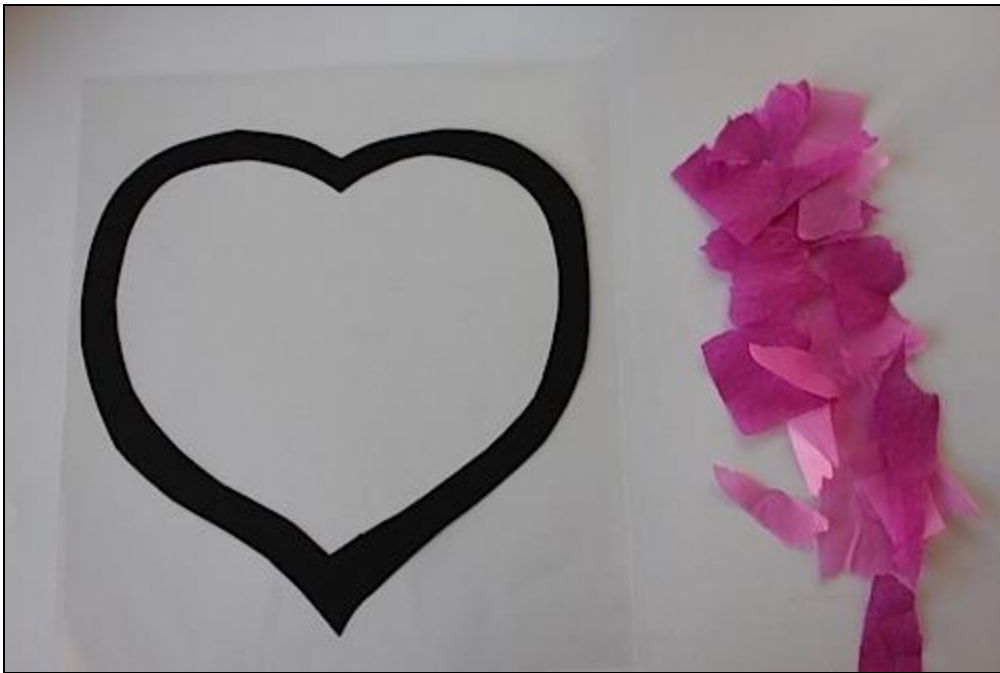
Materials: 2 pieces of contact paper, piece of black card(approx 20cm by 20cm), coloured tissue paper.



Step 1: Draw a heart shape on the black card covering most of the card. Inside the heart shape draw another heart shape 2 cm inside.



Step 2: Cut out the outline of your heart inside and out



Step 3: Peel 1 piece of contact and place on a flat surface. Place heart shape on top of contact.



Step 4: Tear pieces of tissue paper and place on the inside of the heart shape where the contact is. Cover all areas of the contact.



Step 5: After all contact is covered, take second piece of contact and cover over the top.



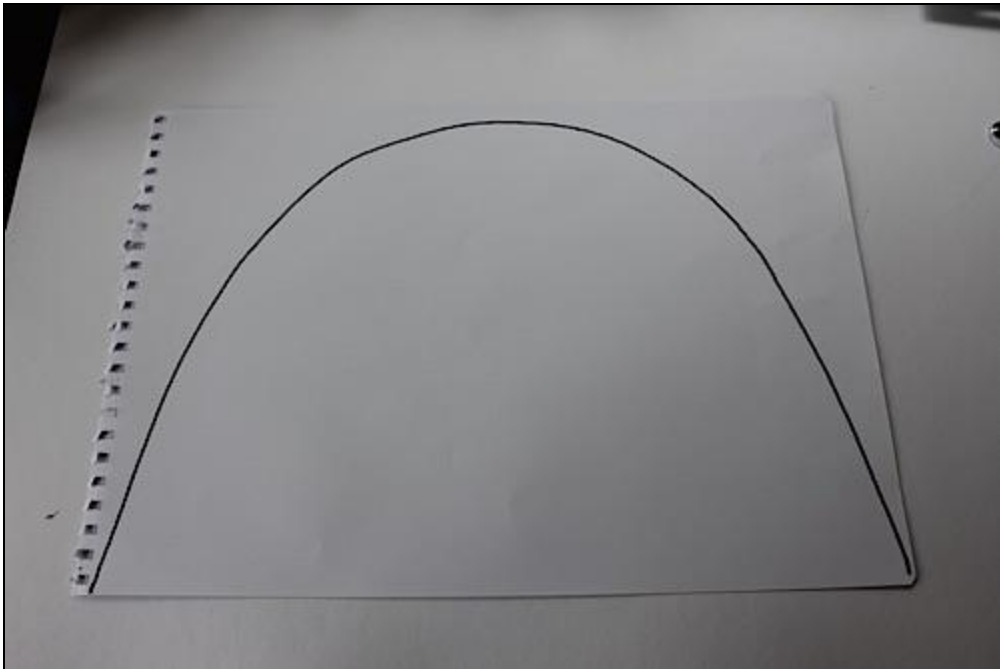
Step 6: Cut off excess contact around the heart. Put it up to a window and watch it light up the room.

Jellyfish

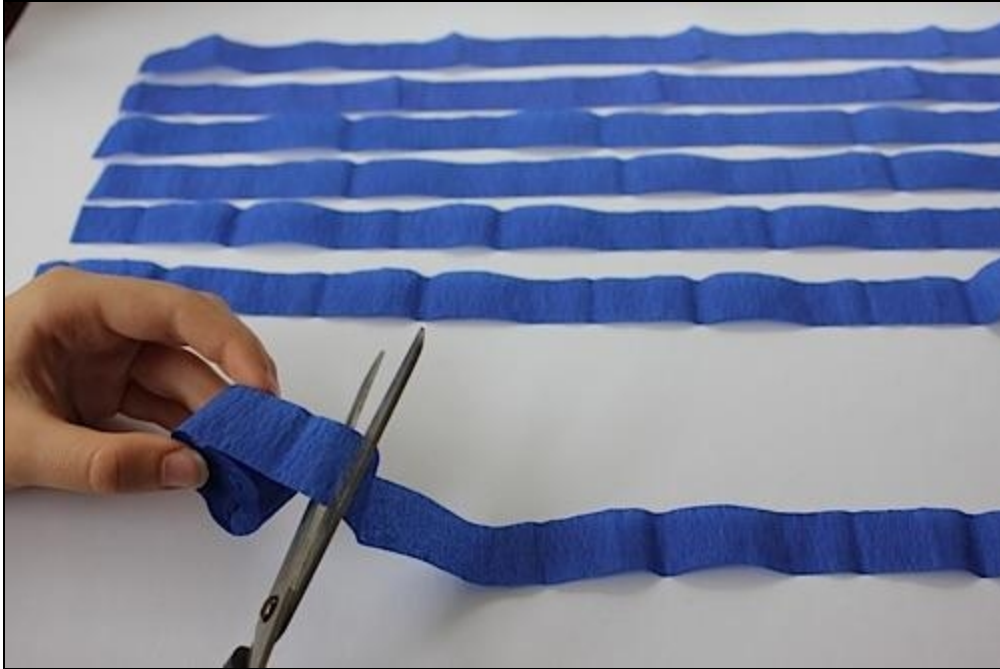
Feeling like an underwater adventure? Make these stuffed jellyfish with your kids. These jellyfish turn flat paper into some 3D fun. Fantastic as room decorations or to create underwater seascapes. These stuffed jellyfish are simple and joyful.



Materials: 2 large (A3) white art paper, roll of coloured crepe paper, stapler, marker, paint, scissors, paintbrush, 2 large joggle eyes, glue, string, newspaper.



Step 1: Mark out a semi circle and cut two sheets out together so they match.



Step 2: Cut out 12 strips of crepe paper approximately 45 cm in length



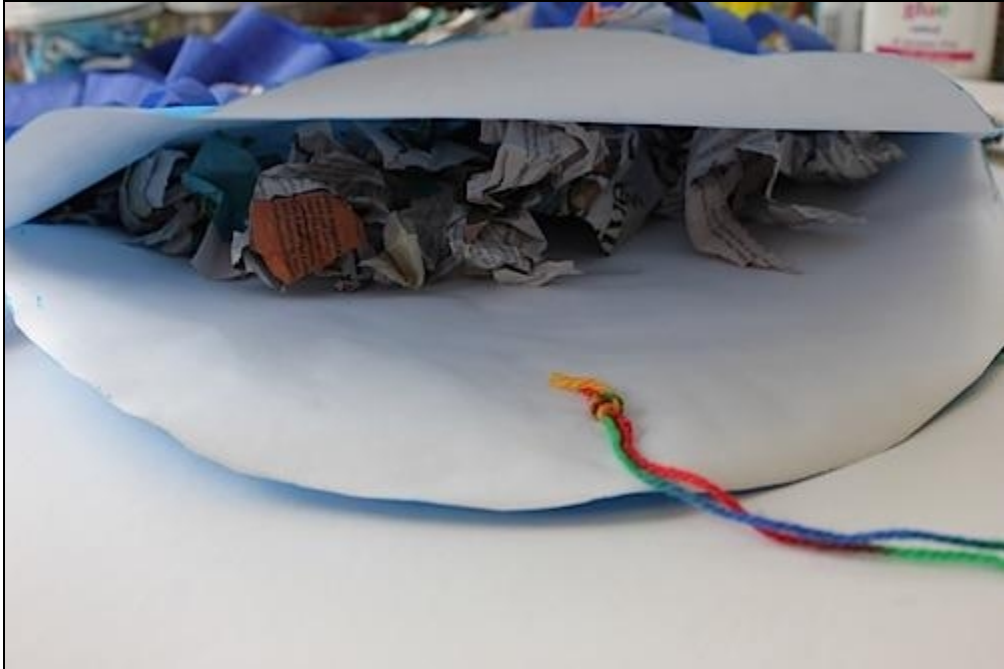
Step 3: Paint both semicircles.



Step 4: On one side attach with glue each of the crepe paper streamers so they hang from the base. Let them dry.



Step 5: Staple around the edge of both semicircles leaving a large hole to stuff newspaper in.



Step 6: When completely stuffed staple remainder of hole shut.
Attach some string from the top to hang.



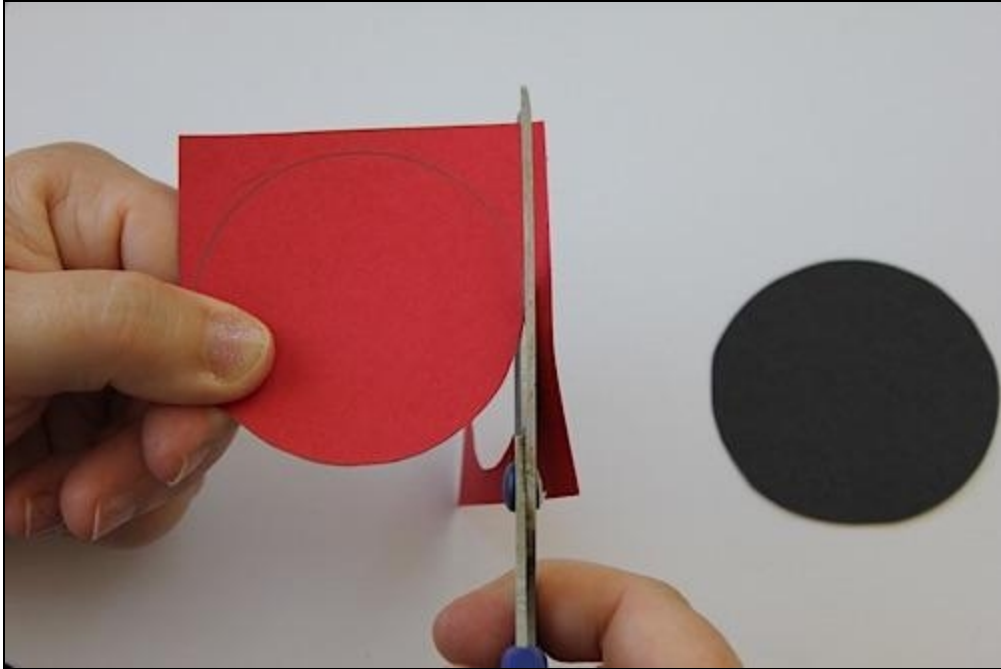
Step 7: Glue on eyes and draw on a smile.

Ladybug

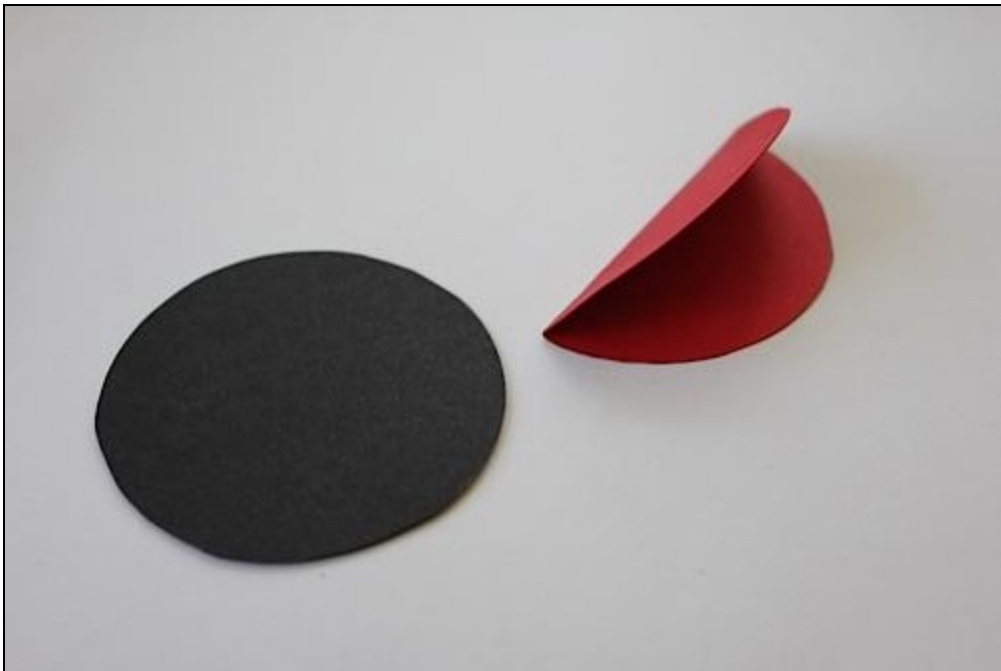
If you are a mum or dad with a toddler this is a simple project you can do with them that will help develop their fine motor skills. I have laid out the instructions in great detail as they each provide a focus for different skills. If you notice your toddler having difficulty with a step use that as a teaching moment. Help them with the steps they are having difficulty with. Maybe even create a new activity like “folding things in half” if they are having trouble with that step.



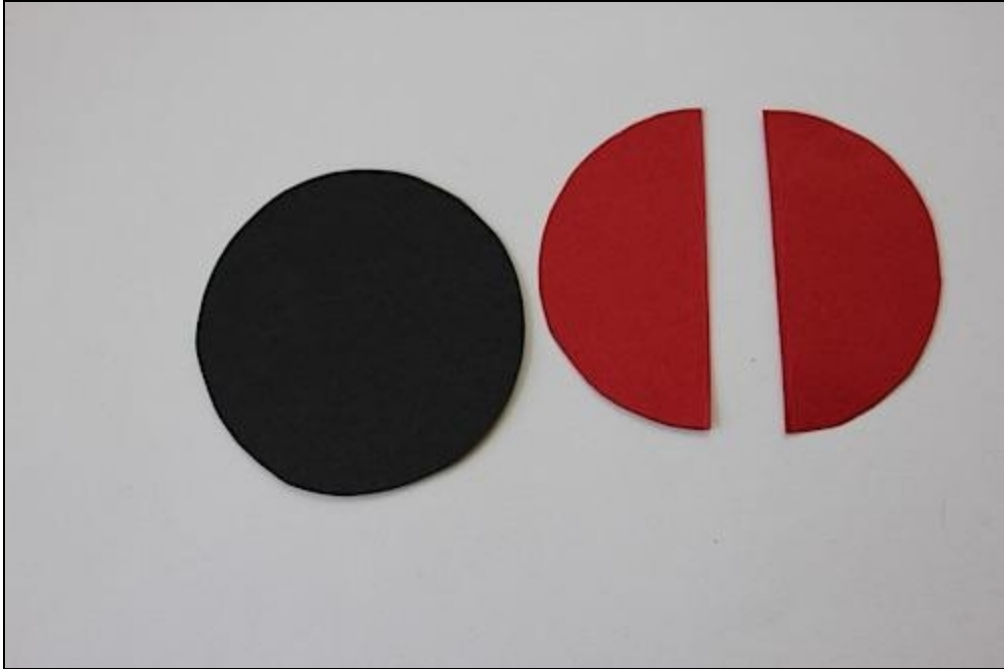
Materials: Hole punch, peg, two joggle eyes, PVA glue, pieces of black and red paper.



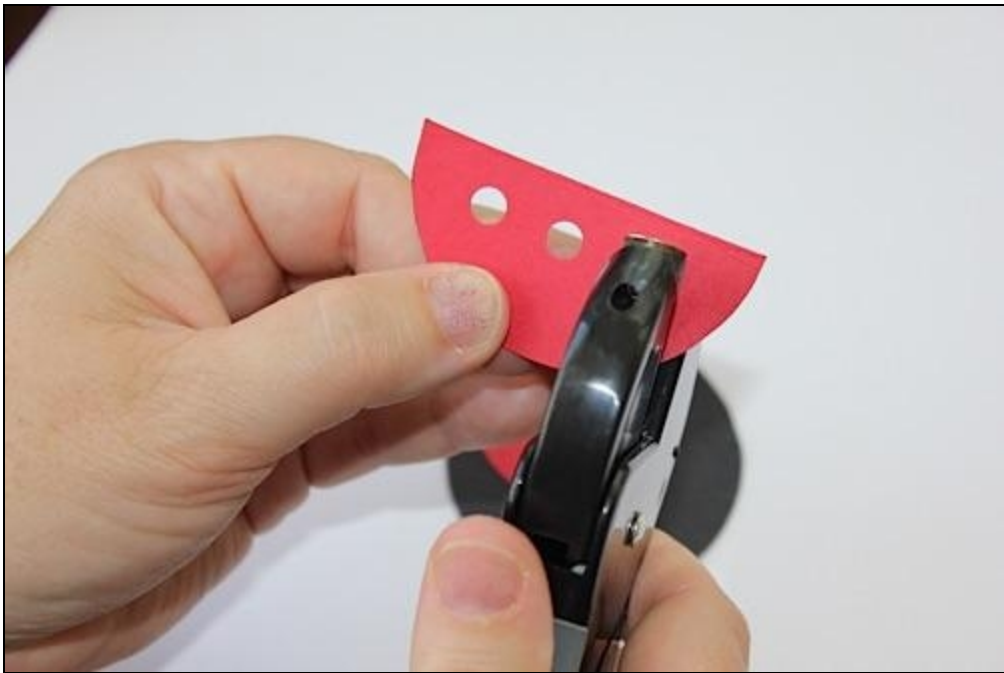
Step 1: Mark out a circle each piece of paper the same size. I used the PVA glue pot as a guide.



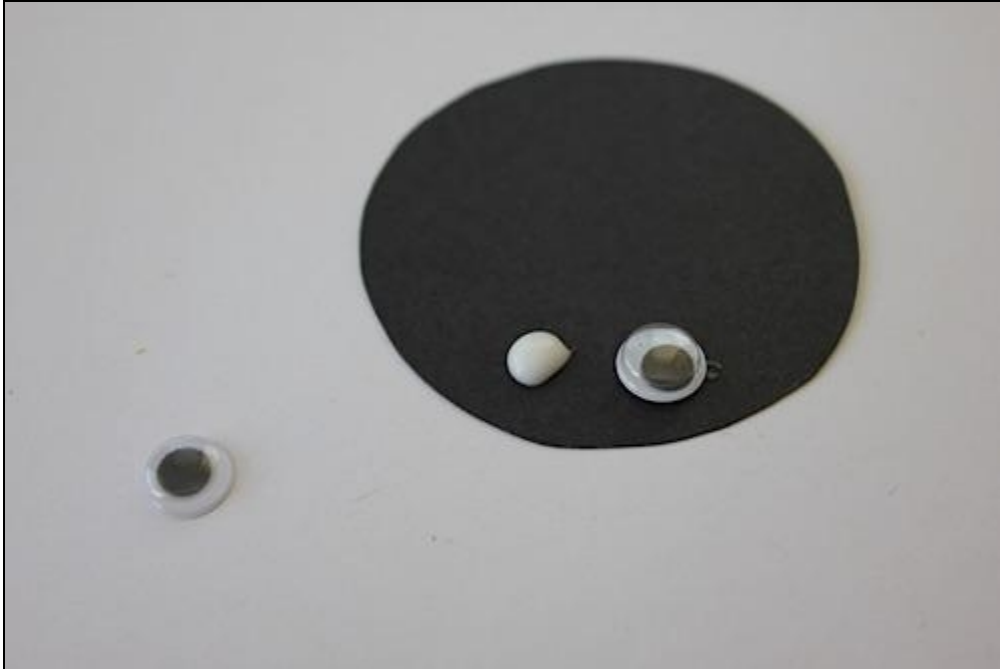
Step 2: Fold the red circle in half



Step 3: Cut the red circle in half



Step 4: Cut along the fold in the red circle



Step 5: Apply two small dots of PVA glue on the edge of the black circle and lightly press on the joggle eyes.



Step 6: Apply a strip of PVA glue along the flat edge of each red wing and a little more at one edge as shown.



Step 7: Turn the red wings over and place onto your black bug. Make them overhang and angle out to create the effect you want.





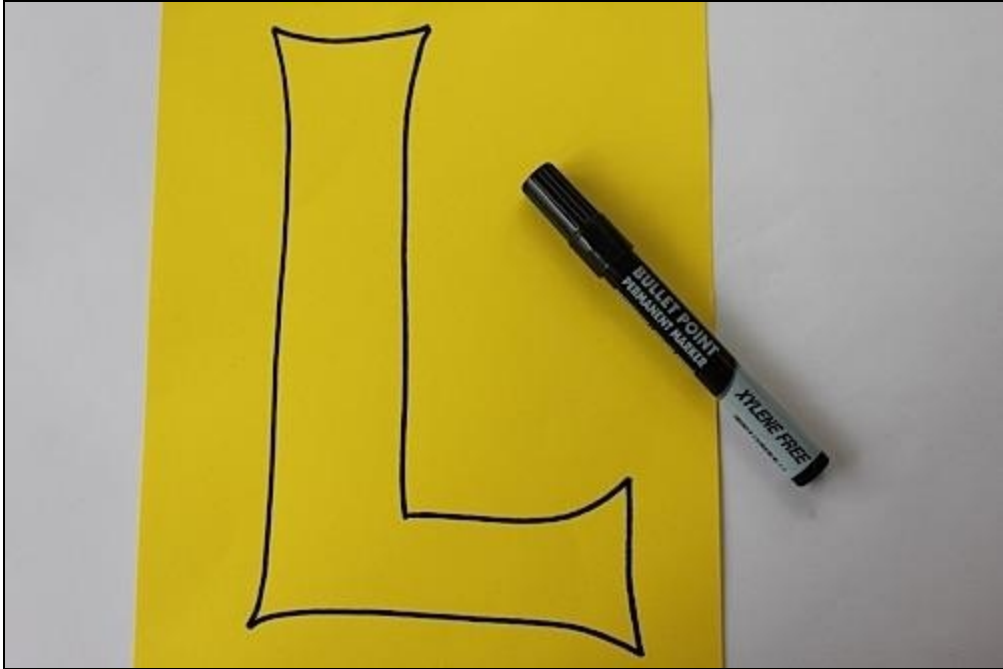
Step 8: Place your Ladybug onto the peg and press down lightly. Let dry.

Letters

Kids love to learn how to write their name. Show them a fancy way of displaying their initial letter. Stickers are fun to use and help with fine motor control. Enjoy watching them learn how to peel and stick!! For older children use buttons to help with patterning skills. This art activity for children is suitable for 2 -8 year olds. This makes a great decoration for your artful kid's bedroom door!



Materials: One piece of card, marker, buttons, stickers, pom poms, etc, PVA glue.



Step 1: Mark out chosen letter onto card.



Step 2: Squeeze glue down the middle of letter if using buttons or pom poms.



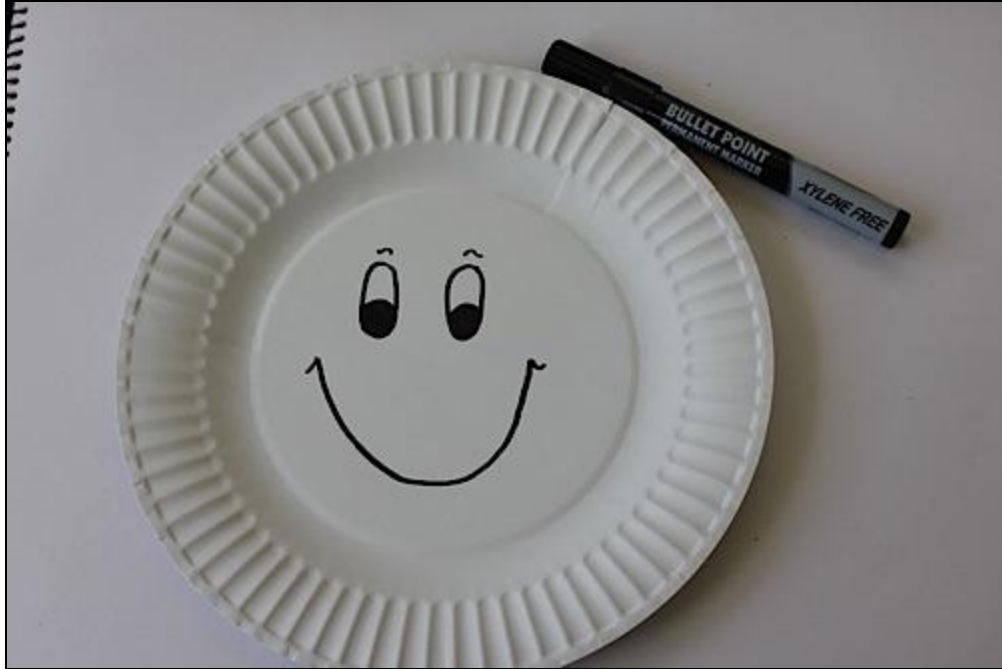
Step 3: Cover the middle of the letter with buttons, pom poms or stickers. Leave to dry.

Octopus

Every octopus will be different. Use a variety of felt pens or paints to create uniqueness. You may try other things to thread like bottle top lids or buttons. This activity is best suited for ages 2-5 yrs and remember to supervise younger ones closely with the beads.



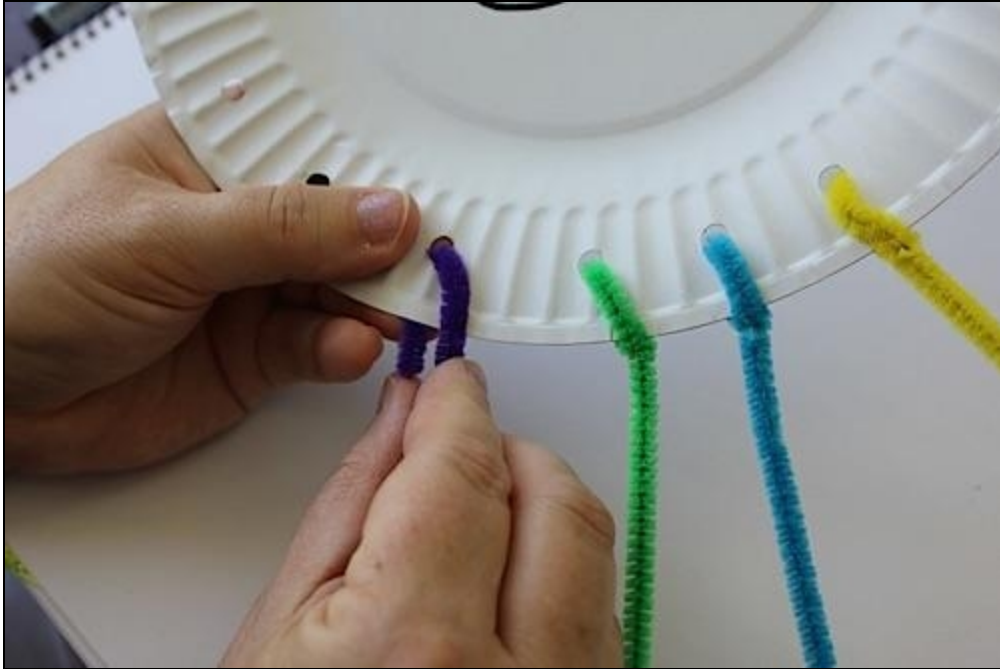
Materials: One paper plate, 8 coloured straws, 8 pipe cleaners, ~ 50 coloured threading beads, felt pen (paint optional), single hole punch, scissors



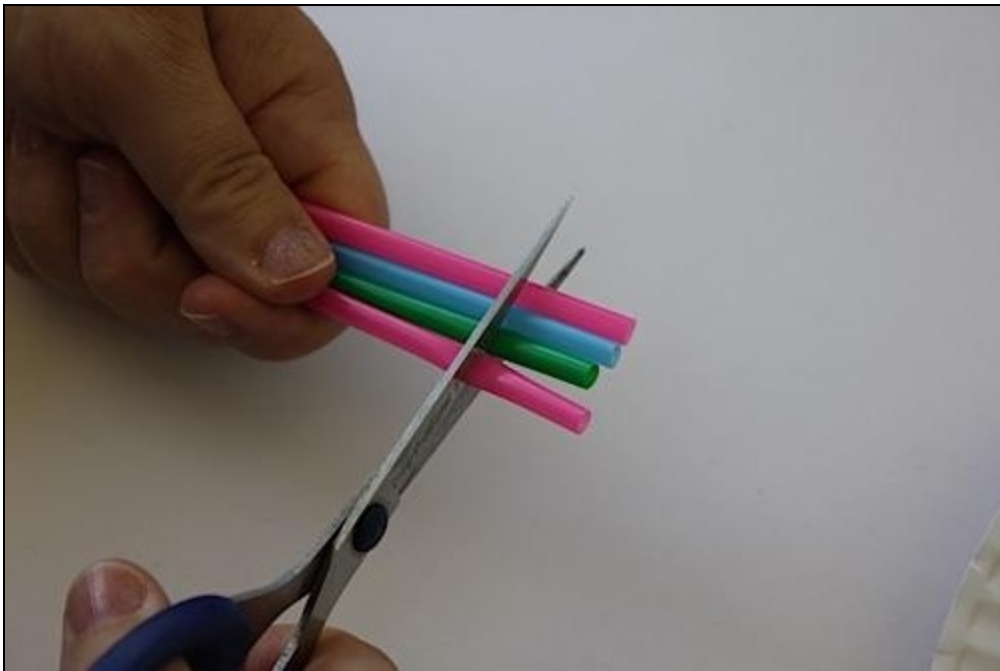
Step 1: Draw a happy face on your plate. (paint and decorations optional)



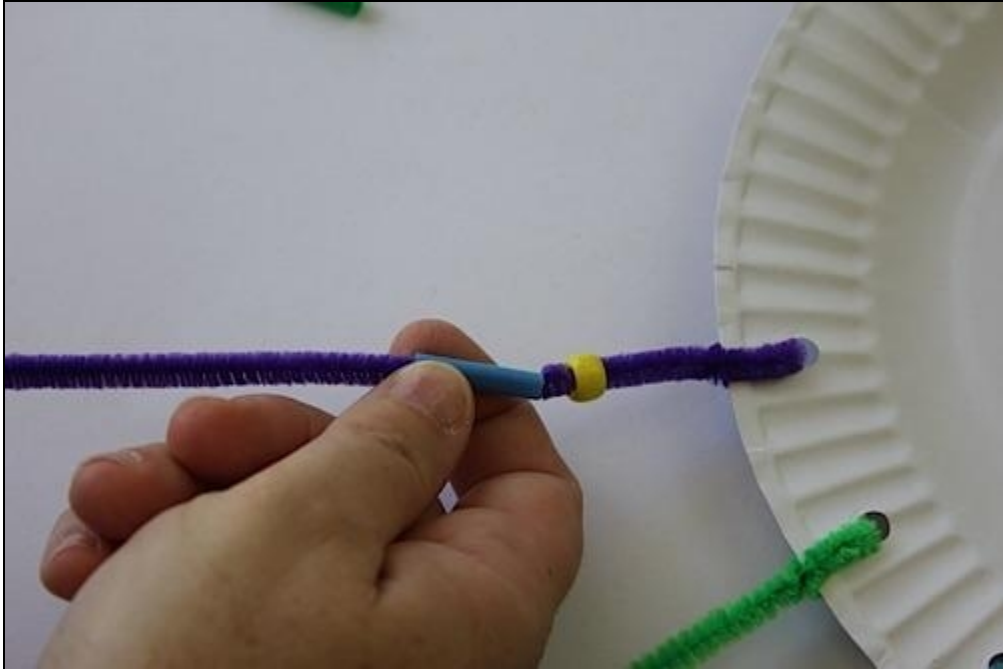
Step 2: Punch eight evenly spaced holes along the bottom side of the plate.



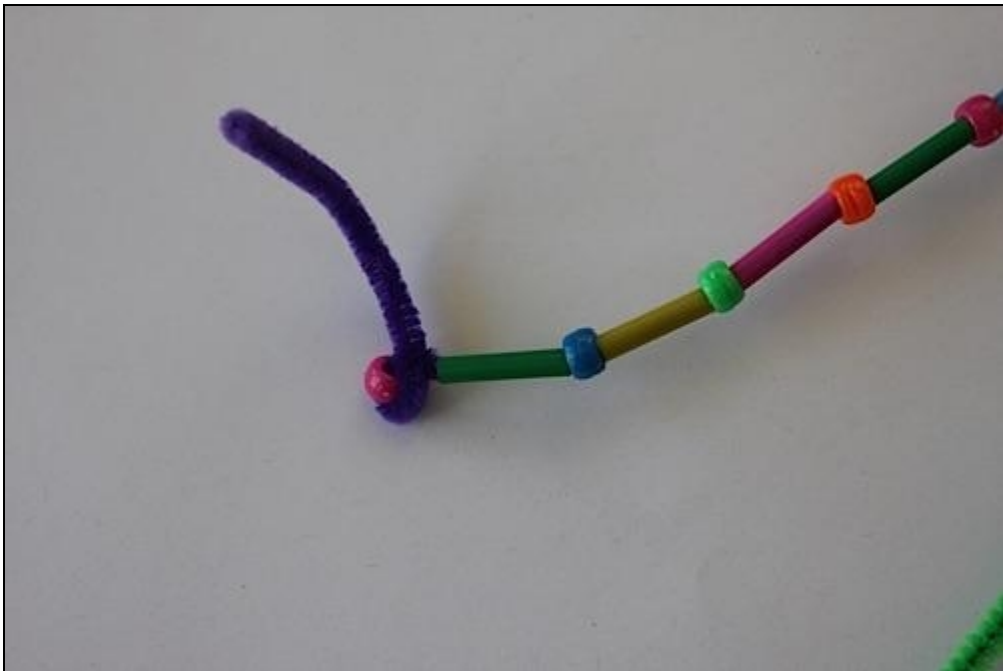
Step 3: Thread end of each pipe cleaner and twist the ends around back of plate.

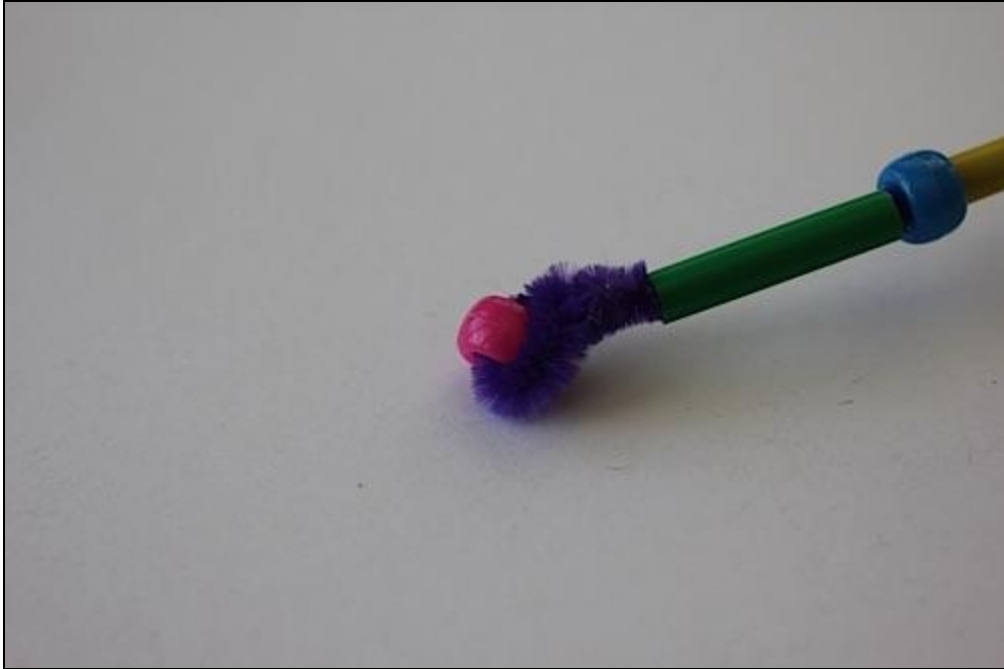


Step 4: Cut the straws into shorter lengths as shown.



Step 5: Thread six coloured straws and beads onto each pipe cleaner alternating between bead and straw.





Step 6: Tie off the base of each pipe cleaner and cut remaining piece off.



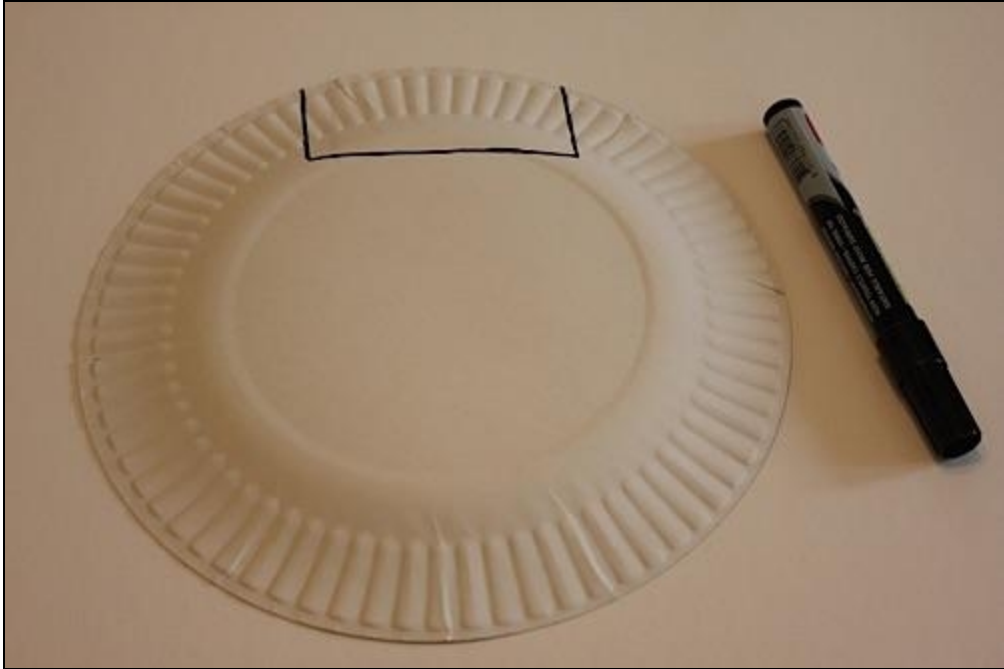
Decorate your octopus any way you like!

Owl

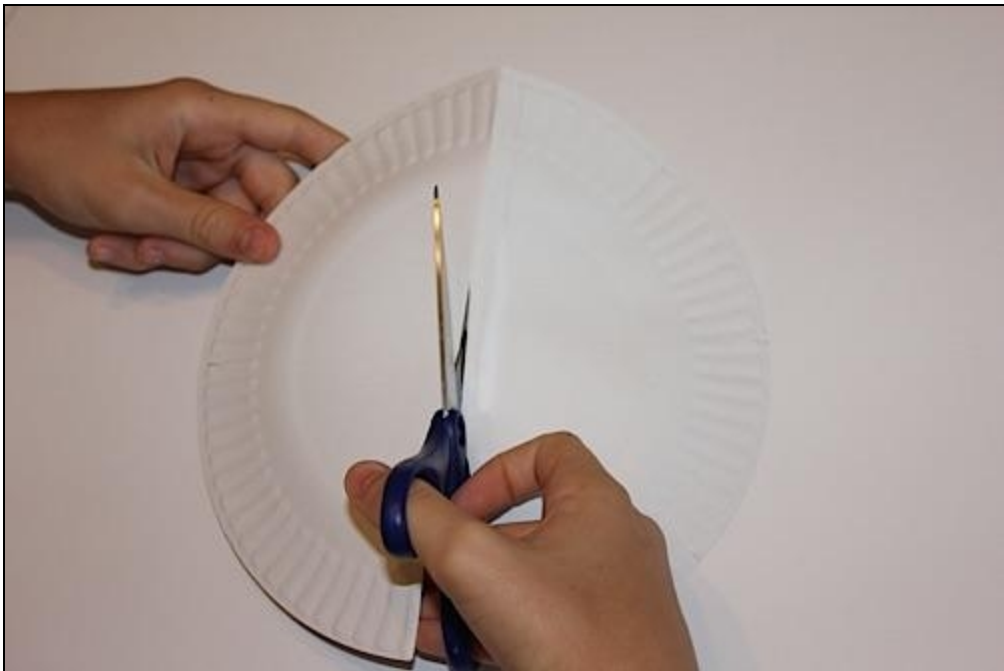
Are you a night owl? Try creating these paper plate beauties with your children. Every owl will be unique. Encourage your kids to experiment with their ideas using colours and paints. Be brave! Let your child play with the paints, mixing the colours to see what they can make. Art activities with kids are an exploration. The only mistake is not starting. This is a brilliant activity for kids aged 4 to 7 years.

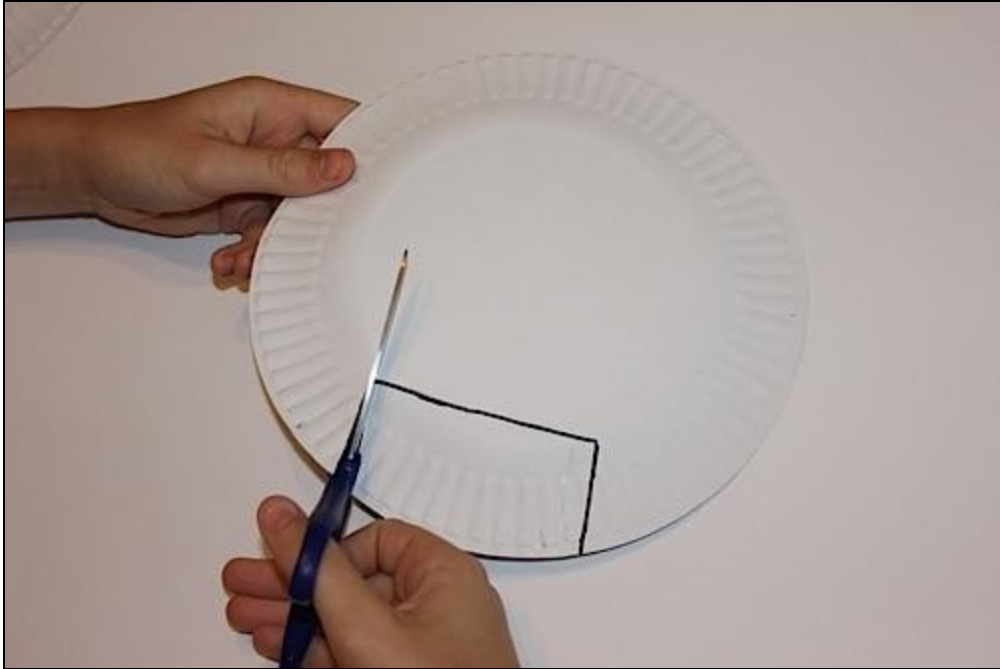


Materials: Three paper plates, paint of your choice, small piece of black paper, yellow paper and orange paper. Various things to decorate eg. Glitter, sequins etc.



Step 1: Fold one plate in half and cut down the middle. These will be the wings.



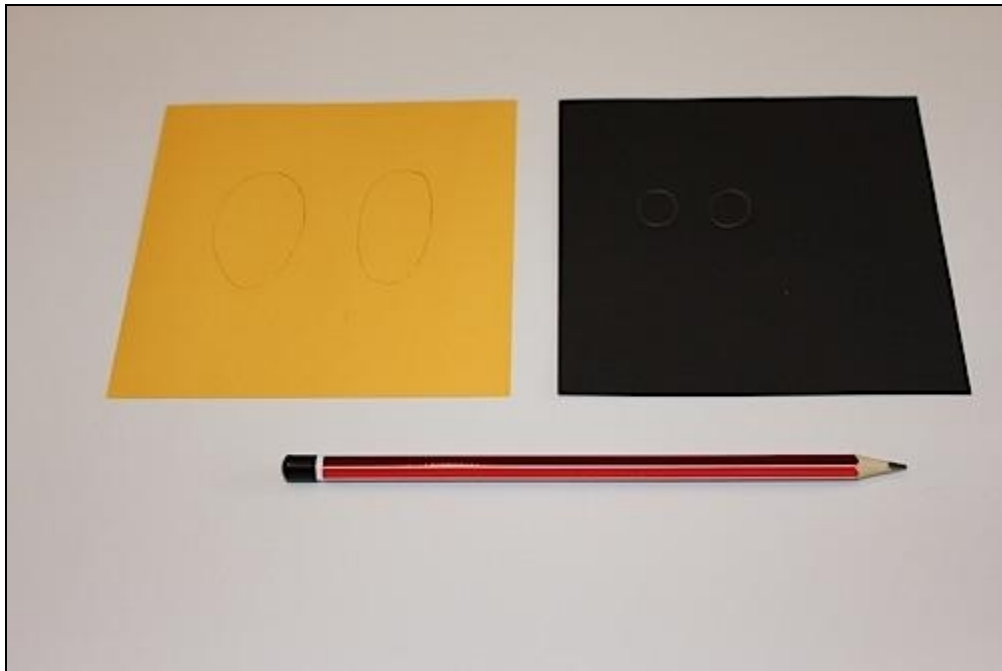


Step 2: Draw half a rectangle at the top of the second plate, these will form the ears head of the owl after you have cut this area out. The remaining whole plate will be the body.

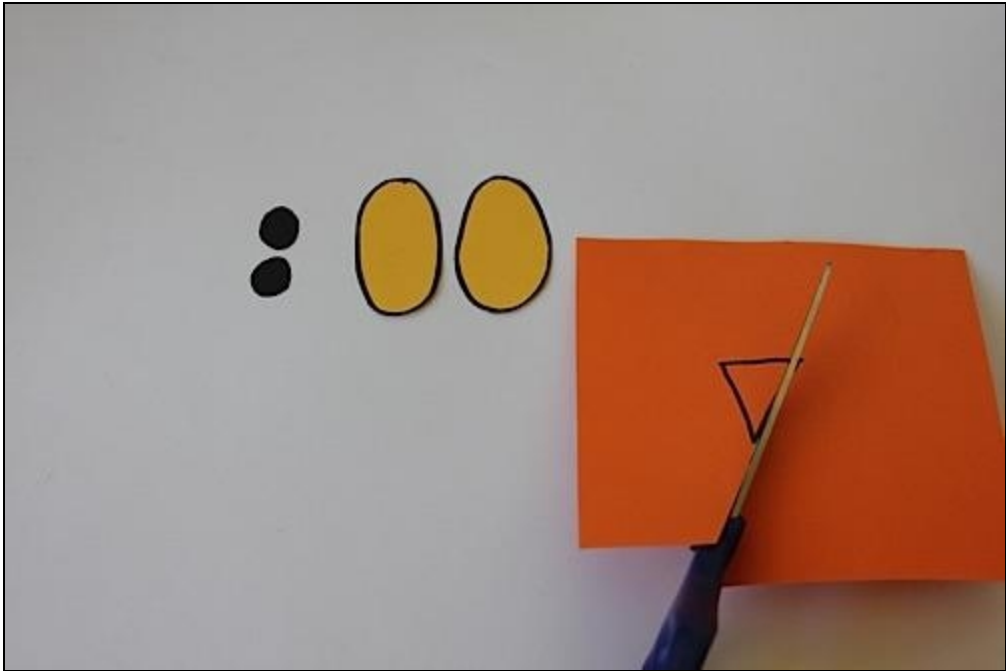




Step 3: Paint or colour all plates and let dry. Glue all the plates together in the shape of an owl. Let dry.



Step 4: Draw eye shapes on the yellow piece of paper. Draw two smaller round circles onto black paper and a triangle on the orange paper.



Step 5: Cut out all pieces.



Step 6: Glue these pieces onto the head for eyes and a beak.



Step 7: Decorate your owl with glitter glue/sparkles, extra paint etc. I used by finger to dab a darker blue colour on to the belly of the owl and glitter glue for the feathers. Use whatever you have on hand for decoration.

Rainbow

Making art with your toddler can start with some very simple projects. This Cloudy Rainbow art project is suitable for 18 months to 5 yrs. Cotton wool is a fantastic material to introduce to your toddler. Light and fluffy, they can pull it, stretch it until it breaks and then make some fluffy clouds with it.



Materials: Paper plate, cotton wool, approximately 10 crepe paper streamers or ribbon of various rainbow colours), PVA glue and scissors.



Step 1: Cut paper plate in half and pull cotton wool balls in half.



Step 2: Apply PVA glue to paper plate spreading around generously.



Step 3: Press on the cotton ball halves to the inside of the plate.



Step 4: Turn the cloud over, apply a strip of glue and stick down the ends of your ribbons or streamers.



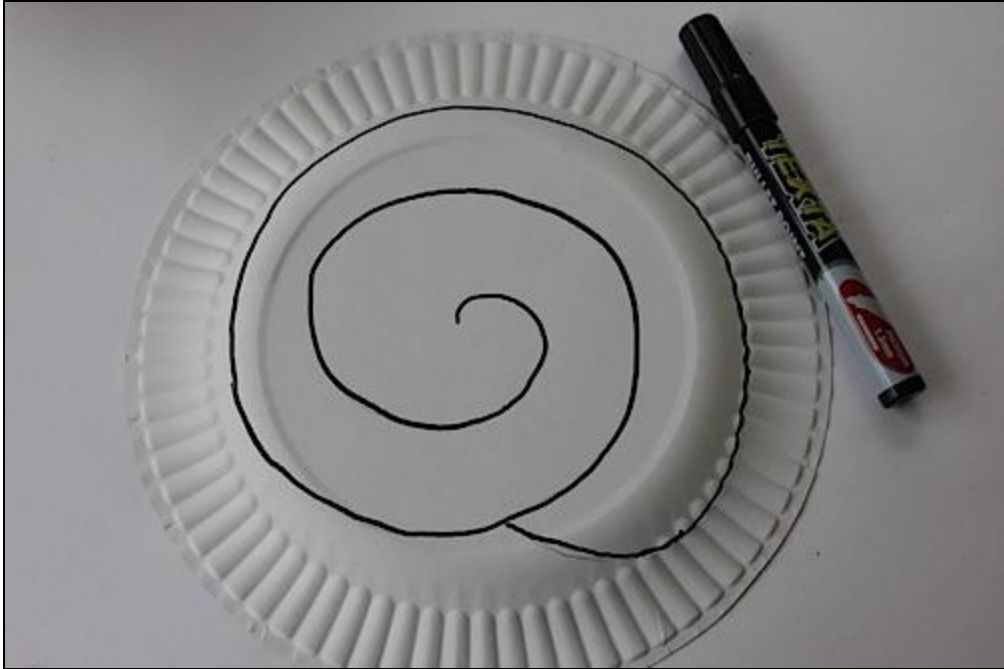
Turn over and let dry. Hang up your cloudy rainbow to brighten up your day.

Snail

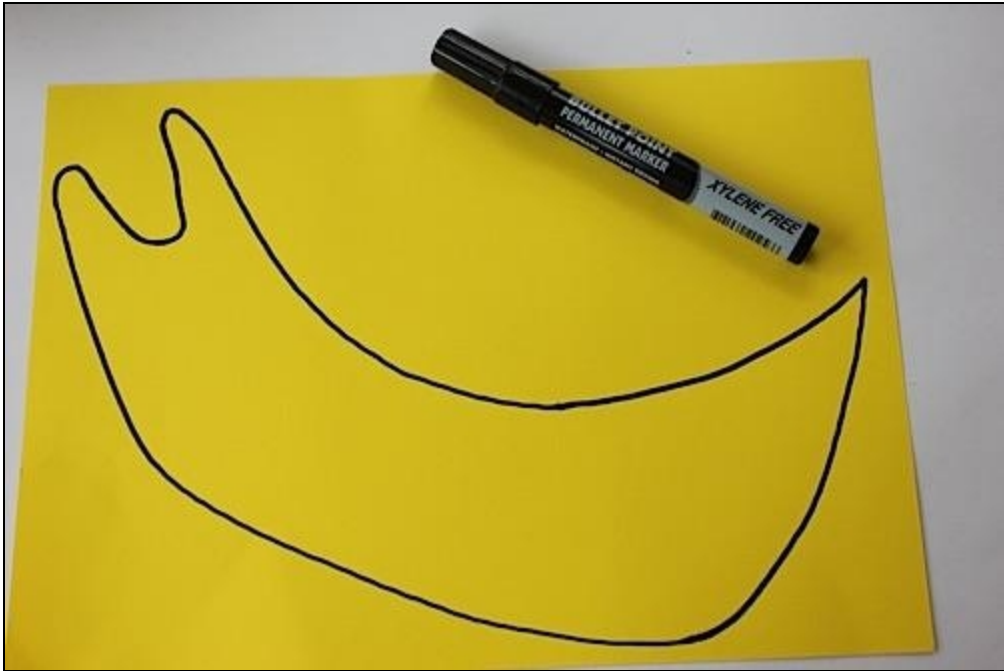
Bugs are fun to find with your little people. Make this woolly snail and then go and search for some real ones in the garden or at the park. Maybe find other bugs and insects along the way. Explore the world and remember the joy of discovering for yourself. This art activity is suited to kids aged 2 to 6 years.



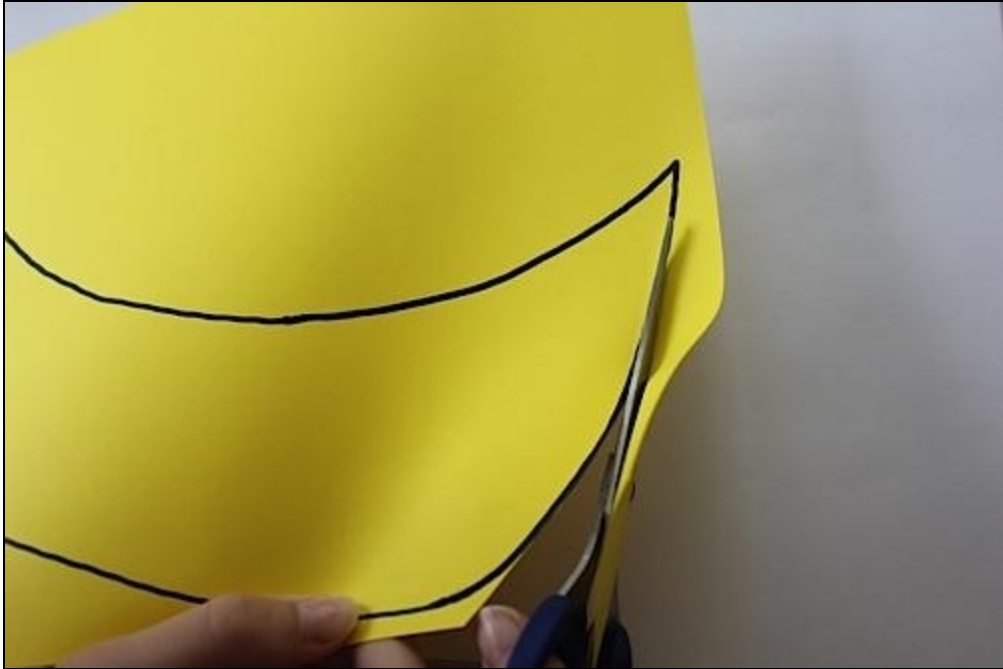
Materials: One paper plate, wool – any colour, felt pen, one piece of A4 card, PVA glue.



Step 1: Draw snail shell design on the back of paper plate.



Step 2: Draw snail base on piece of card.



Step 3: Cut out the base



Step 4: Cut out the outline of the snails little home.



Your cut out sections will look something like this.



Step 5: Glue around the shell shape in circular motion.



Step 6: Cut pieces of wool and attach around shell making a spiral shape with each piece.



Step 7: Attach the shell to snail base using your glue and leave to dry and draw on some little eyes (yes this snail has eyes! Pretty cool hey!).

Snake

Kids love to create chains. It is like they are building a masterpiece! After mastering this snake they could even make newspaper chains to decorate their own room. Warning – this art activity is addictive for kids aged 4 to 7 years.



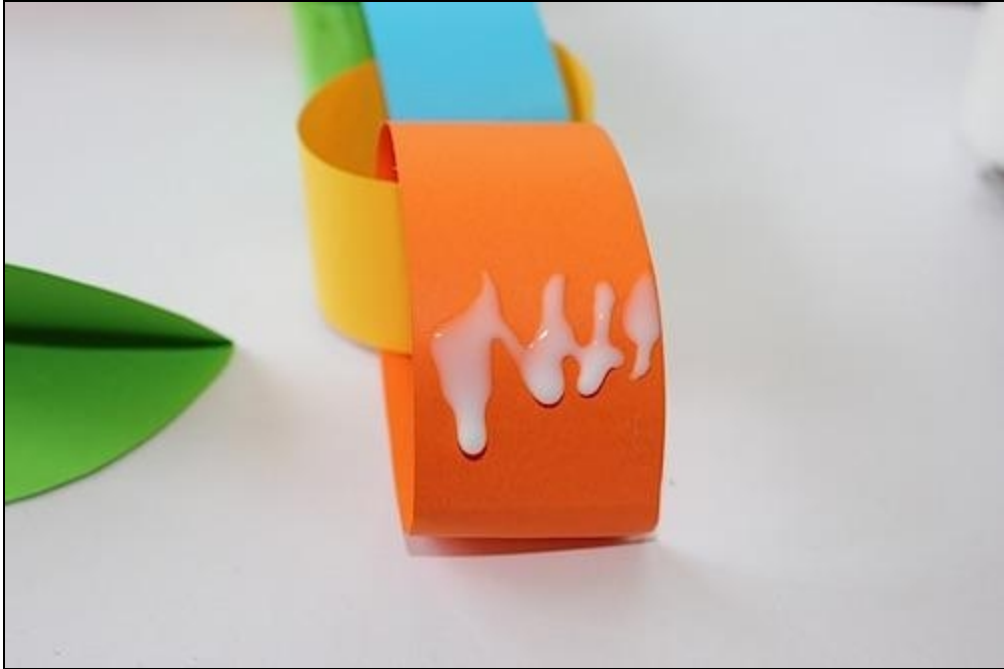
Materials: Various coloured paper, joggle eyes, PVA glue and one piece of coloured card



Step 1: Cut 4 cm strips of coloured paper and connect each piece while forming a chain.

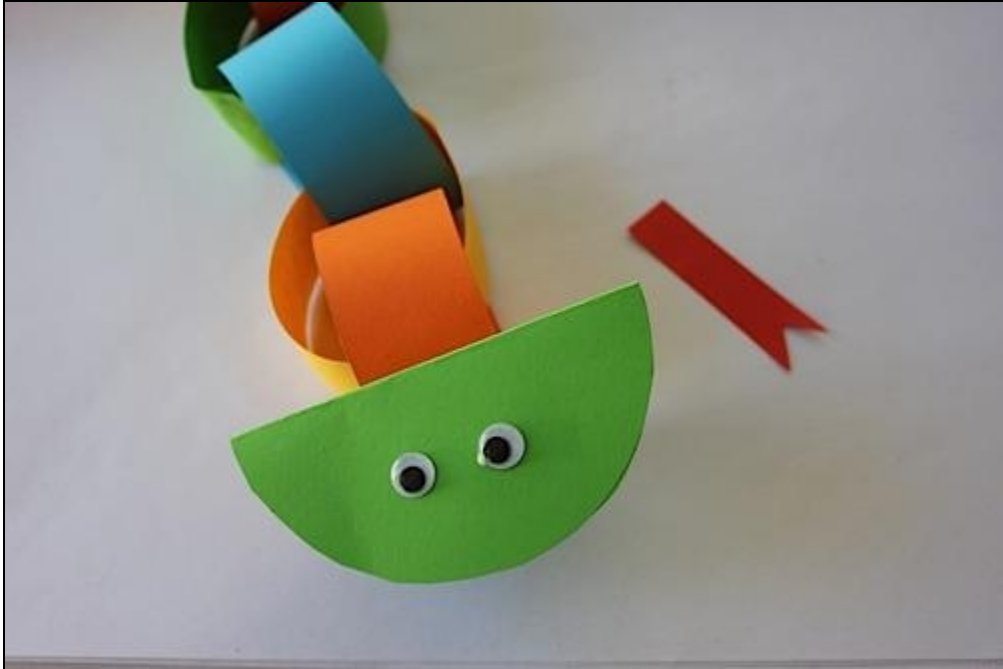


Step 2: Cut a wide circle out of the card and fold in half to form the head.



Step 3: Apply glue on the last chain for the head.





Step 4: Glue on the head and eyes as shown.



Step 5: Cut out a paper tongue and glue inside the mouth.

Sun

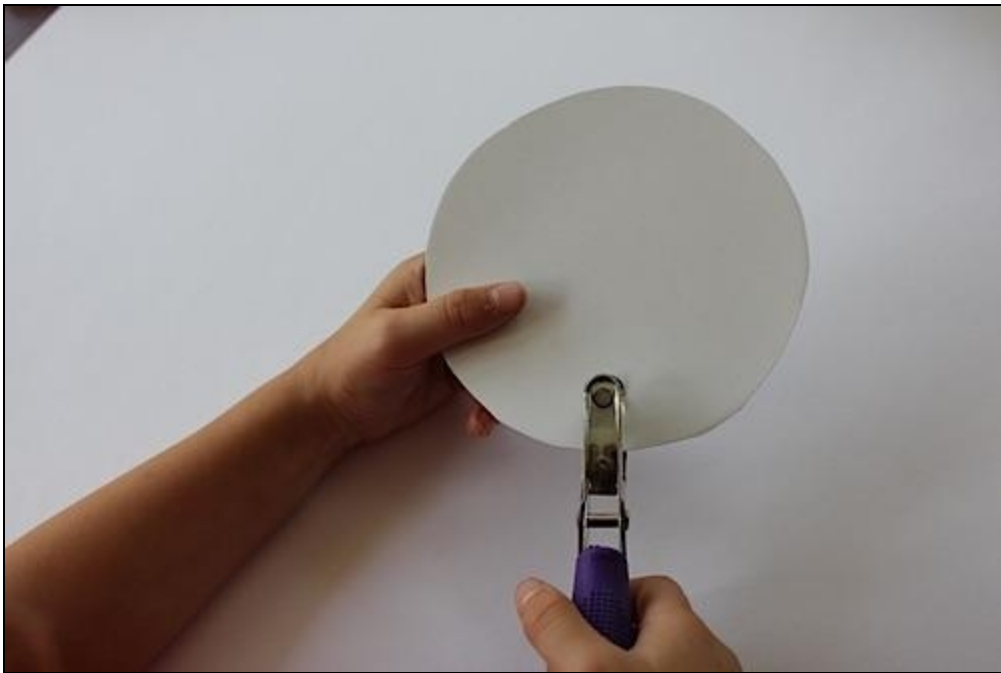
Want a little sunshine in your life? Make a Sun on a String to brighten your day. Spend some time with your kids ripping crepe and tissue paper. This is a fun activity in itself! While their fingers are busy use this time for some one on one chatter. Making sunshine with your children is a joyful experience you will remember.



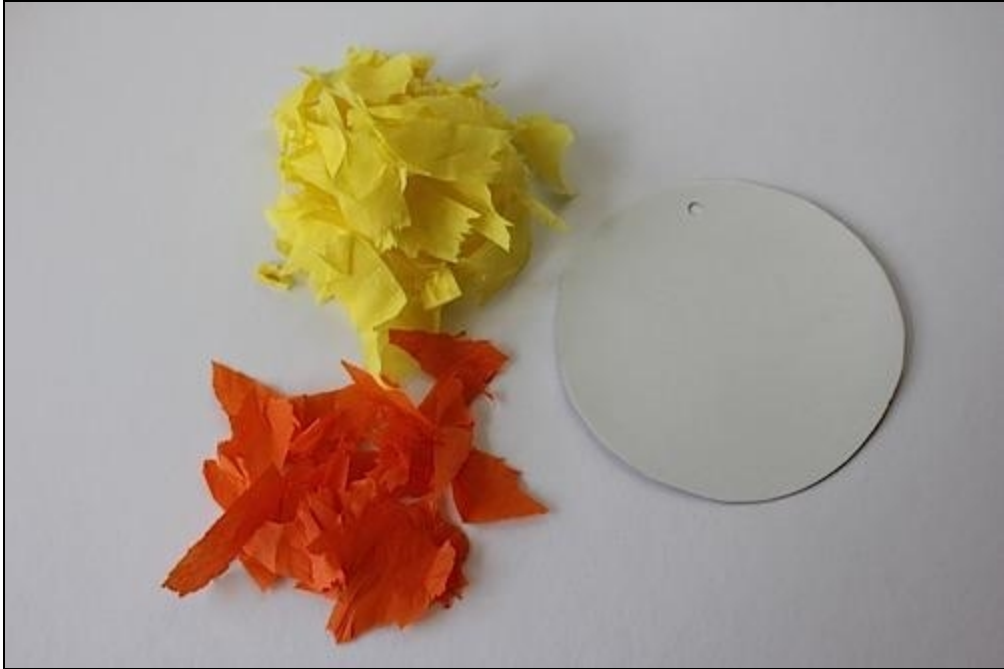
Materials: 1 A4 yellow piece of paper, small roll yellow crepe paper, 1 piece A4 orange tissue paper, 1 paper plate, marker, scissors, glue (craft and paper), piece of string or wool.



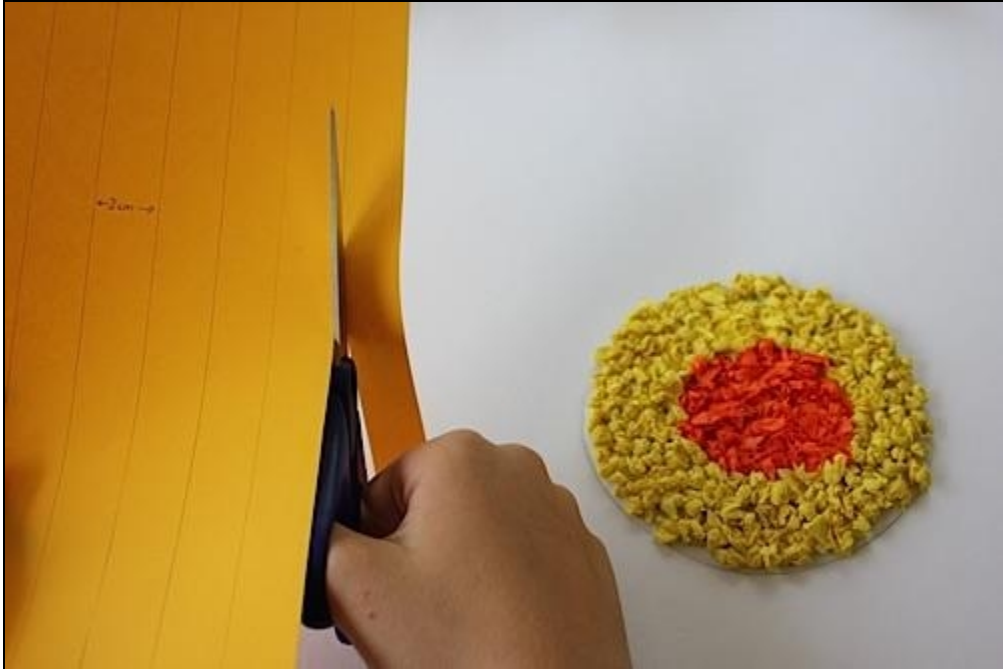
Step 1: Draw a circle in the middle of the paper plate and cut it out.



Step 2: Punch a hole at the edge of the plate. This hole will be for your string.



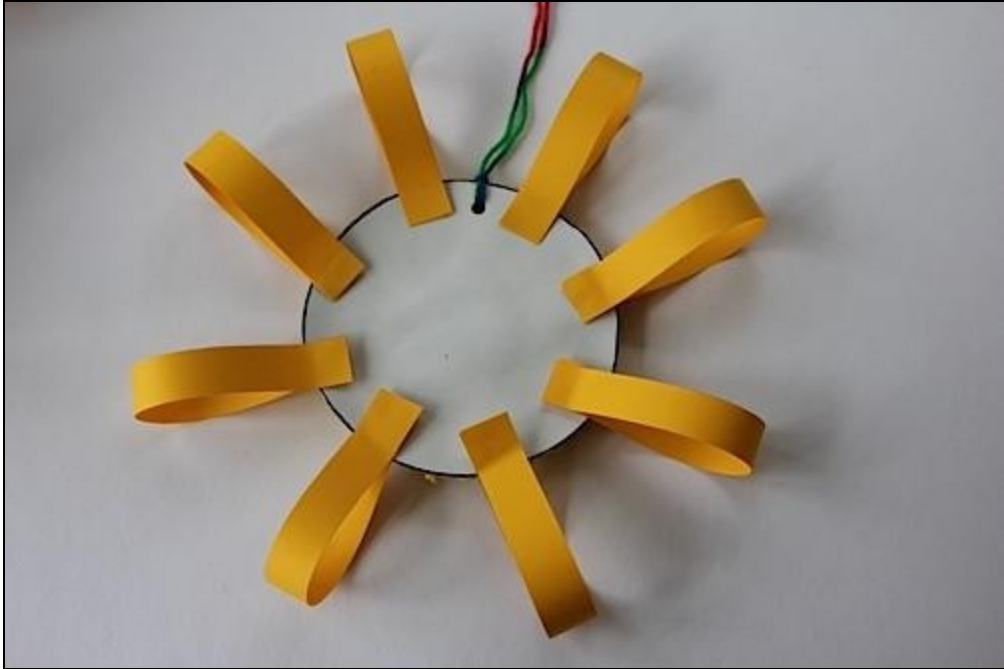
Step 3: Lightly draw a smaller circle inside the cardboard disc. In the inner circle rip, ball and glue small pieces of orange tissue paper. Repeat this action with the yellow crepe paper in the outer circle.



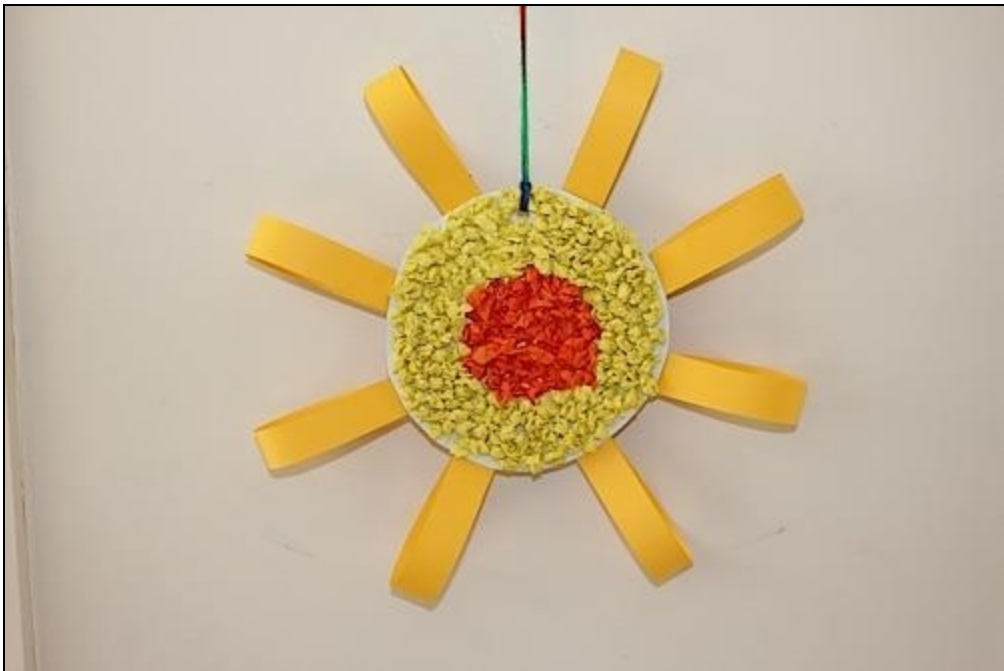
Step 4: Mark and cut eight, 2 cm strips of yellow paper.



Step 5: Glue each end together with the paper glue.



Step 6: Turn the plate and attach the 'rays of sunshine' evenly around the outside of the plate.



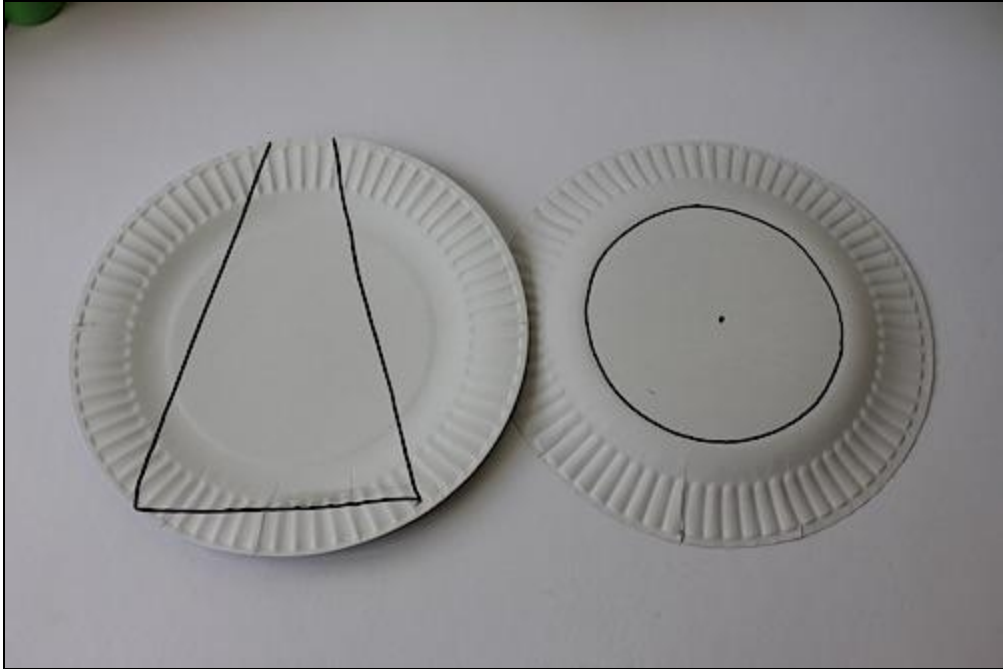
Step 7: Put string through the hole and let it dry.

Windmill

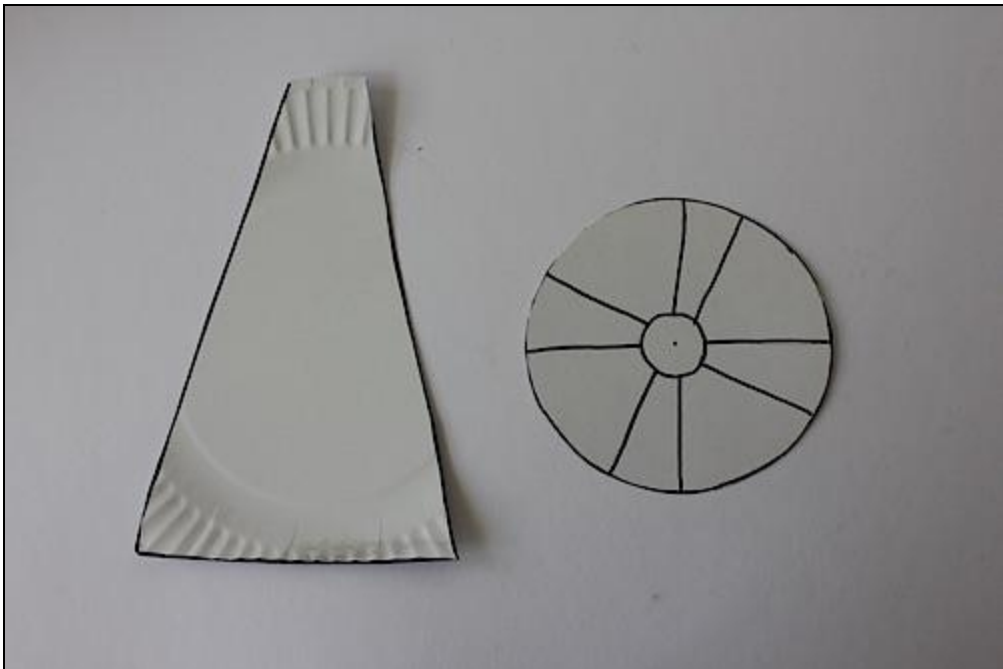
Wind is a great topic to discuss with kids. What is air? How can you tell there is air around us? If you are lucky enough to have a windmill nearby you can point this out. Alternatively you can make your own working windmill. This windmill will have a rotating fan. You can talk about how windmills are still used to pump water and make electricity!



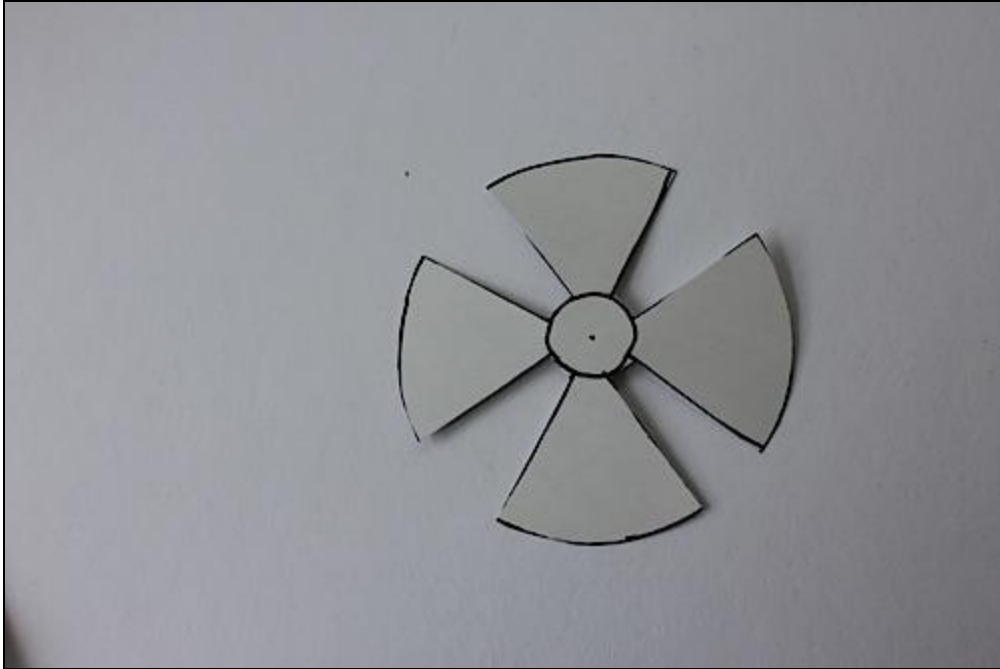
Materials: Colourful paint, two paper plates, one split pin, paint brush, scissors, PVA glue, marker pen.



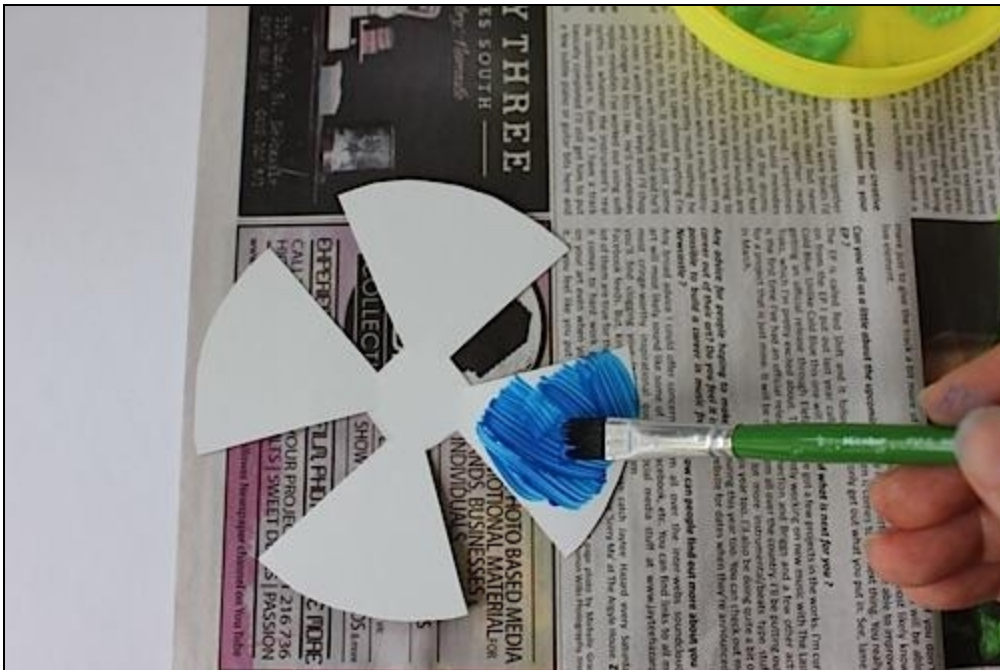
Step 1: Mark out both plates as shown above with a circle on one and a tapered tall shape on the other to act as the frame of the windmill.



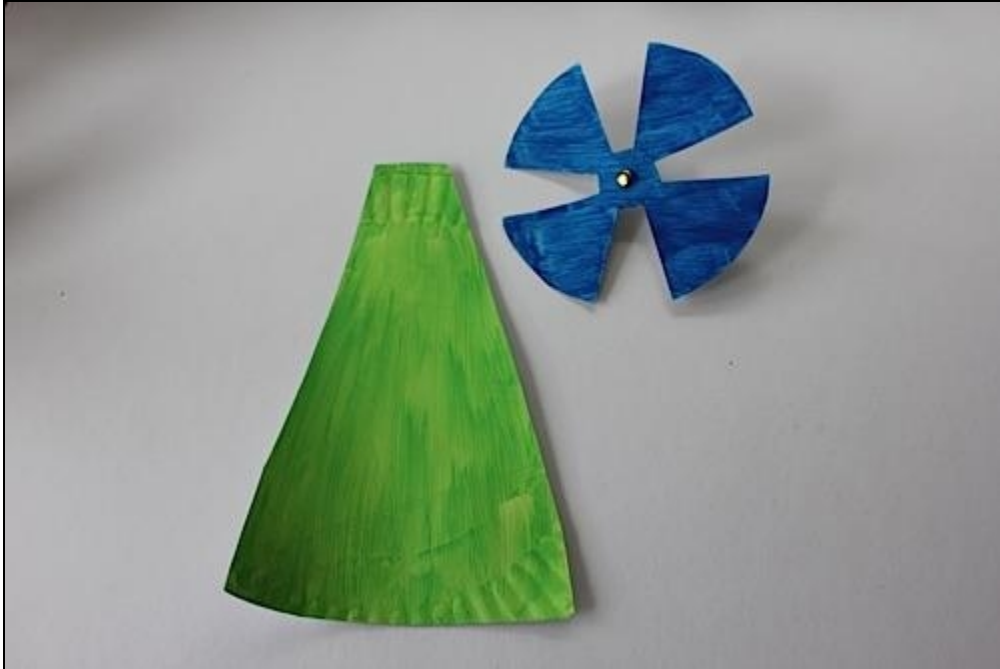
Step 2: Cut these shapes out and draw a wheel shape with a smaller inner circle acting as the hub of the fan.



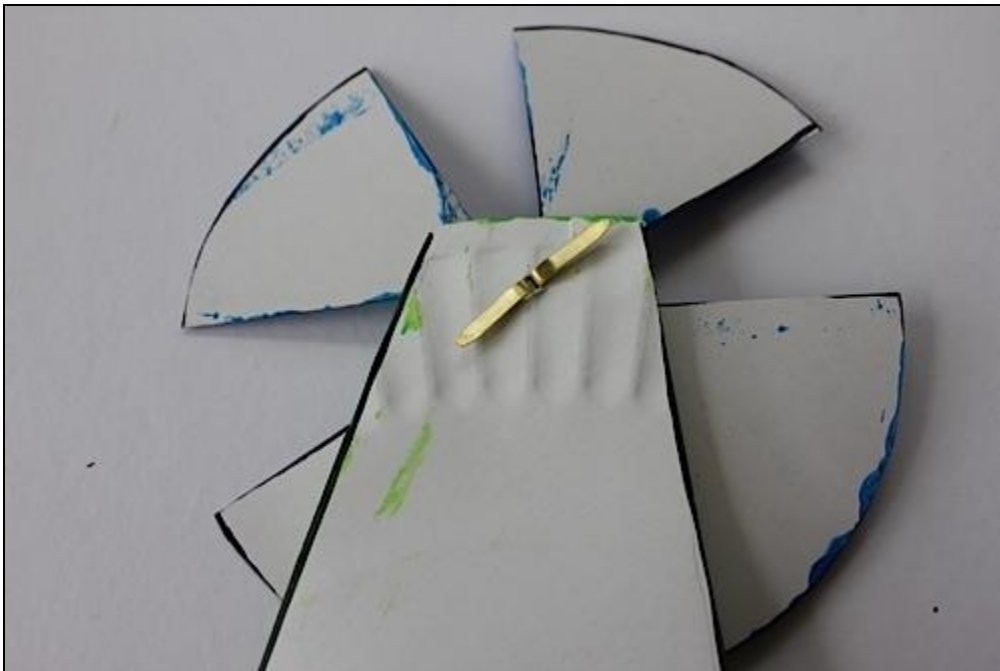
Step 3: Cut out the fan.



Step 4: Paint both pieces with your chosen colours and let dry for a few minutes. Use crayons, felt markers or pencils if these are preferred.



Step 5: Place the fan at the narrow end of the insert the split pin through both the centre of the fan and the top of the windmill frame.



Step 6: Spread the other side of the split pin to hold on the fan.



Step 7: Decorate the tower with flowers or whatever comes to your child's mind.

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