

Activity 1

A) Beaded Wind Chimes

String a variety of beads and drinking straw to make this colorful wind chime craft.



Safety Tips

- Young kids (3 to 8 years) should use child-safe scissors.
- Small craft materials such as beads or small bells are choking hazards. Not appropriate for use by children below the age of three.
- Watch out for this sign. It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

Materials:

- Paper cup
- Pipe cleaner
- Strings
- Big beads
- Small bells
- Metal shank button or metal washer
- Drinking straws
- Poster paint or acrylic paint
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Hole punch

Steps

- 1 Trim a paper cup to a height of approximately 2 to 3 inches



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2 Punch 4 evenly-spaced holes around the cup's mouth.



3-Paint the paper cup with poster paint and make your own designs. You may even finger paint if you like.

*Use acrylic paint if the surface of your paper cup is glossy or waxy.



4-Cut 5 strings approximately 12 inches long. Cut a 5th string that is 2 inches longer.



5-Tie a small bell at the end of 4 of the strings. Set the 5th string aside for the pendulum.



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6-Cut drinking straws into $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1-inch long pieces



7- String beads and drinking straws through each of the 4 strings. Leave an allowance of 1.5 to 2 inches at the top of each string.



8-Attach the beaded strings around the painted paper cup by securing the top end of each string around the punched-out holes.



9-To make the pendulum, trim a pipe cleaner to around 6 inches and make a loop on one end.



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10- Tie one end of the 5th string through the loop on the pipe cleaner.



11-Attach a metal shank button or metal washer on the other end of the string.



12-Punch a small hole at the center of the paper cup base.



13-Attach the pendulum to the wind chimes by inserting the end of the pipe cleaner through the hole at the center of the paper cup. Pull all the way through, the loop on the pipe cleaner serves as a stopper.



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14- Check if the metal button or washer is at the same level as the bells.



15- Loop the pipe cleaner on top to make the wind chimes' handle.



16- Hang the wind chimes where it can catch a soft breeze.



Activity 2

B) Craft Foam Bag

Create a no-sew tote bag, shoulder bag or mail bag out of craft foam and infuse it with your personal style.



Materials

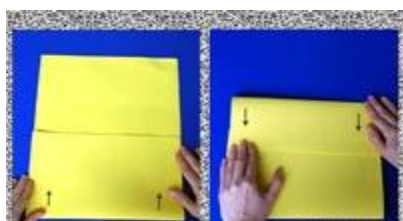
- Craft foam
- Colored strings
- Button
- Pipe cleaner
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- White glue
- Stapler
- Things to decorate your bag with: craft foam shapes, buttons, beads, rhinestones, sequins, stickers, glitter glue, puffy paint, etc.

Steps:

- 1) Cut craft foam into an approximate size of 20 in. x 10 in.



- 2) Make the basic bag pattern by folding up the length of the craft foam 1/3 of the way. Fold down the opposite end until it overlaps the bottom flap by 1 1/2 to 2 inches.



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3) Unfold the bag's top flap. Punch 6 evenly-spaced holes on either side of the bag.



4) Cut a length of 1 ½ inch-wide piece of craft foam for the bag strap. The length can range from 24 to 45 inches, depending on how you'd like to carry your bag. A tote bag just needs a short handle, a mail bag needs a really long strap, and a shoulder bag like this one needs a medium-length strap (around 35 inches long). If your craft foam sheet is not long enough, staple shorter straps to make a long one.



5) Fold each end of the strap in the middle and punch a hole near the bottom edge. This will make a pair of holes on each end of the strap.



6) Find a large button that matches your bag design. Cut a 3-inch long piece of pipe cleaner and insert its ends through 2 of the button holes.



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7) Push the pipe cleaner ends through the craft foam. Twist the ends at the back.



8) Make a horizontal slit on the bag flap to create a button hole



9) Now it's time to sew the sides of the bag. Cut a pair of 10-inch long strings and knot each string on one end.

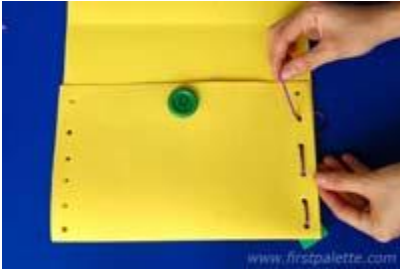


10) Cut 4 shapes from craft foam and punch a small hole at the center of each shape using the tip of a pencil. String a craft foam shape through each string all the way to the knotted end. Set the 2 other craft foam shapes aside for later.



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- 11) Use the string with the craft foam shape to sew through one side of the bag, weaving it in and out of the holes. Do not sew through the topmost hole for now.



- 12) Connect the bag strap by sewing it with the bag's topmost hole:
 - a.) Fold one end of the craft foam strap so that its pair of holes are aligned.
 - b.) Sandwich the strap between the 2 sheets. Align the bag's topmost holes with those of the strap.
 - c.) Sew on the topmost hole.



- 13) At the back of the bag, string a craft foam shape as a stopper and make a knot on the string. You can also use beads or buttons as stoppers.



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- 14) Sew along the bag's opposite edge.



- 15) You can round out the corners of your bag's front flap or even go further by styling the edges with a pair of craft scissors.



- 16) Decorate your bag with a variety of materials such as craft foam shapes, stickers, buttons, beads, sequins, rhinestones, glitter glue, puffy paint, etc.



Activity 3

A) Craft Foam Stamps

Make your own craft stamps from recycled bottle caps, jar lids and craft foam scraps.



Materials

- Bottle caps and jar lids
- Craft foam scraps (3 mm thickness)
- Hot glue gun or tacky glue
- Scissors
- Pencil

Steps:

1) Each of your craft foam stamps will need a jar lid or bottle cap base. The caps and lids can be of any size or material. Wash them well and allow them to dry.



2) Obtain craft foam scraps from your previous art projects. The craft foam should at least be around 3mm thick.



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- 3) Draw your stamp design on craft foam, taking note to match its size with the bottle cap or jar lid. The design can be a simple shape, a smiley face, numbers or letters.

*If you need to, you may first trace an outline of the bottle cap onto the craft foam so that the design can more precisely match the size of the cap or lid.



- 4) Cut out the craft foam shape



- 5) Notice that my letter "R" is now facing the other way. If you made non-symmetric shapes (right and left sides are not identical), then you will have to flip your shape like I did. Glue the shape onto the bottle cap using a hot glue gun or tacky glue.



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6) Flip the bottle cap over right away and press from the inside of the bottle cap while the glue gun adhesive hasn't quite set yet. This should flatten the adhesive and also ensure a stronger bond



7) When the glue dries, your stamp is ready to use.



8) Here are some more notes and ideas for making your stamps:
a.) For symmetric shapes, you may glue on any side since the right and left sides are identical.



b) Try combining smaller shapes to make a more detailed stamp.

*Take extra caution when gluing on small shapes with a glue gun. Apply the hot glue onto the bottle cap and not on the craft foam. You can also use a craft stick or any other object to press on the shapes to avoid contact with the hot glue.



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c) You can also make outlines instead of solid shapes.



9) Use the stamp by dipping onto paint or pressing it onto an ink pad. Shake off any excess paint and stamp onto paper.



10) Wipe the craft foam stamp when switching to another color of paint or after you have finished using it.

If you used hot glue gun instead of tacky glue, then your stamps should be washable.

11) Make as many stamps as you like!

Crafting your own stamps is an economical and an earth-friendly alternative to purchasing brand new stamps.



Activity 4

B) Chinese Paper Lantern

These paper lanterns are so easy and fun to make that they are quite popular to make for Chinese New Year or for learning about Chinese culture. We'll show you the basic steps plus some creative ideas to spice up this classic paper craft.



Materials

- Paper or cardstock (preferably red or yellow)
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Things to decorate your lantern with: gift wrap paper, ribbons, sequins, stickers, glitter glue, small buttons, etc.

Steps

- 1) Start out with an A4, Letter size, or any rectangular sheet of paper or cardstock. Red and yellow are preferred colors for a Chinese-themed lantern, but you can always choose any color you like.



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- 2) Cut a 1-inch wide strip off on one short side. Set this aside for the handle.



- 3) Fold the paper in half, lengthwise.



- 4) Draw a horizontal line one inch from the long edge opposite the fold.

*This line is just a guide for cutting and may not be necessary for older kids.



- 5) Starting from the folded edge, cut a straight line about an inch from one short edge, all the way up to the horizontal line.



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- 6) Continue to cut more straight lines about 1 inch apart until you reach the opposite short edge of the paper. Remember that the horizontal line marks the point where you stop cutting each straight line.



- 7) Unfold the paper. The paper will have several vertical slits along the middle. Erase any pencil marks or re-fold the crease the opposite way to hide the pencil marks at the back.



- 8) Decorating the lantern is optional but if you wish to jazz up yours, here are some ideas you can try:
- Make a border by painting with any water-based paint or coloring with crayons or oil pastels.



- Create patterns and details with glitter glue, puffy paint, or markers.



- Glue on a strip of gift wrap paper, patterned paper, fabric, lace, designer masking tape, or a wide ribbon to make a border.

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- d.) Add decorative materials like craft foam or felt shapes, small beads, sequins, lace, etc. Do not glue on materials that are too heavy for your paper though.

Take note to leave at least a half-inch of undecorated area on one top corner. This space will allow you to connect the two edges of the paper to form a lantern.



- 9) Form the paper into a tube shape to transform it into a lantern. Overlap the long edges at least a half-inch. Staple or tape the top and bottom corners.



- 10) Glue on the paper handle from Step 2. Decorate the handle if you like.

Once the glue dries, hang the paper lantern as a festive Chinese New Year decoration.



Activity 5

A) Fruit and Veggie Fridge Magnets

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Make your own fruit and vegetable fridge magnets out of [salt dough](#) or self-hardening clay.



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Materials

- Self-hardening clay or [salt dough](#)
- Small magnets
- Poster paint
- Paint brushes
- Glue gun (optional)
- Clear acrylic sealer (optional)

Steps:

- 1) We need colored self-hardening clay to make the fruit and vegetable fridge magnets.



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As an alternative to commercial self-hardening clay, prepare your own uncolored salt dough. To come up with a tough salt dough sculpture, add a bit of wall paper paste to the dough mixture



- 2) Mold the dough into different fruit and vegetable shapes. You can use a small spoon or some play dough tools to help you with the details. The sculptures on the top picture are made from uncolored salt dough while those on the bottom are made from commercial self-hardening clay.



- 3) Position a magnet at the back of each sculpture. Salt dough is usually heavier than air dry clay so be sure to use a stronger magnet for salt dough sculptures. Gently press on the magnet until it is about halfway embedded into the dough. Pat the dough around the magnet.



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- 4) Let the sculptures dry completely.



- 5) Self-hardening clay or air dry clay will dry overnight. Once dry, check for any loose magnets and glue them back in place using a glue gun. When all the magnets are securely in place, you can use your beautiful fridge magnets.



- 6) Salt dough takes several days to dry completely. Once dry, paint your fruit and vegetable magnets with poster paint or acrylic paint.



- 7) Before using your salt dough fridge magnets, check for any loose magnets and glue them back on with a glue gun.

To waterproof your salt dough magnets, apply 2 or more coats of clear acrylic sealer or wood varnish.



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Activity 6 B) Pinch Pots

Make an easy clay pot or bowl by pinching and pressing a ball of clay into the desired shape.



Safety Tips

- Adult help is needed when using the clear acrylic sealer.

Materials:

- *Air dry clay (e.g. Crayola Air Dry Clay, Amaco Stonex white clay, Prang DAS Air Hardening Clay) or homemade salt dough
- *Acrylic paint, poster paint or tempera paint
- *Clear acrylic sealer (gloss finish) or decoupage medium (e.g. Mod Podge)
- *Paint brush

Steps:

- 1) Form a chunk of air dry clay or salt dough into a ball



- 2) Hold the ball of clay with one hand and use your other thumb to press into the center until your thumb is about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the bottom.



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- 3) Slowly widen the hole by pinching up the walls. Turn the piece continuously as you pinch to keep the walls even in thickness.



- 4) Continue drawing the walls and molding the piece into your desired shape. Make sure that the bottom and the walls are at least 1/4-inch thick.



- 5) Flatten the bottom by gently pressing the inside of the piece against a flat surface.



- 6) You can create lines, grooves and carve out small details with a craft stick, plastic spoon, toothpick, or plastic clay tools.



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*Bottle caps are great for making round patterns. Be careful not to press too hard to avoid deforming the bowl or pot.



- 7) You can also add more details by forming smaller clay parts and connecting these to the main pot or bowl. Moisten and pat the clay around the joints to fix the added clay piece in place. You can make handles or embossed designs such as flowers or geometric shapes.



- 8) Allow the bowl or pot to air dry. It normally takes about 2-3 days for a small piece to dry completely.



- 9) Once dry, paint your finished work with acrylic paint, tempera, or poster paint. Let the paint dry.



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10) To give it a glazed look and to waterproof your work, apply at least 2 coats of decoupage medium (e.g. Mod Podge) or spray with clear acrylic sealer (with gloss finish) on the entire surface of the pot. Let each coat dry before applying the next one.

*White glue can also be used to create the glazed appearance, though it will not waterproof the pot.)



11) Once dry, your work will look like a glazed ceramic pot!



More ideas

*Instead of making a conventional-shaped pot or bowl, you can make an interesting irregular-shaped one.

Younger kids can also paint their pots in random splashes of color or simple patterns.



*Pottery is a tradition in almost all cultures around the world. To enrich a theme or lesson about a particular country or culture, you can make pinch pots that are decorated using traditional colors, designs and patterns. This particular pot was inspired by Mexican Talavera pottery.



Activity 7

A) Seed Mosaic Napkin Rings

Make a seed mosaic around toilet paper tubes to create these earthy and charming napkin rings that are perfect for a Thanksgiving or garden table setting.



Safety Tips

- Watch out for this sign . It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

Materials

- A variety of seeds, beans and spices
- Toilet paper tubes
- White glue or tacky glue
- Craft knife
- Poster paint or acrylic paint
- Paint brush

Steps

- 1) Cut a toilet paper tube into three sections, with each section about 1.5 inches wide.



- 2) Each paper tube section will be the base for your napkin ring. Paint each one with a background color.



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3) Prepare various seeds, grains, beans and spices.



4) Apply a thick layer of white glue or tacky glue on a small area of the napkin ring base. Tacky glue is a thicker variety of white glue and bonds things quicker than white glue.



5) Sprinkle seeds onto the glue



6) Work on a section at a time. If you're using white glue, you may need to let each section set before moving on to the next. Tacky glue will bond the seeds more readily.



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7) Continue until you have covered the entire surface of the napkin ring. Here are some notes and ideas for your mosaic design:

a.) Doing simple geometric designs like stripes or triangles are the most doable for younger kids because it allows them to just sprinkle on the seeds.



b) An even more spontaneous option would be to have kids mix 2 or more types of seeds on a tray. After applying a thick layer of glue on the napkin ring, let them sprinkle, spoon on some seeds or roll the napkin ring onto the tearful of seeds.



c) Try out a more intricate design by carefully lining up the seeds rather than sprinkling them onto the napkin ring.

The design on this napkin ring is a combination of both. The edges and the middle section were lined with seeds and the remaining areas were sprinkled over with grains.



d) You don't always have to do a full mosaic. The background can be a charming and integral part of your design.



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8) Allow your finished napkin rings to dry completely.



9) If you're concerned about the seeds coming off, you can seal in the seeds by covering the surface of the napkin ring with a thick layer of white glue. Squeeze on a glob of glue and spread it with a paint brush, covering even the spaces between the seeds.



10) White glue and tacky glue will dry clear. These beautiful seed mosaic napkin rings are perfect for a Thanksgiving or garden table setting.



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Activity 8

B) SAND JARS



Layer colored sand or salt in a jar to create a beautiful sculpture.

What you need:

Clean baby food jars
plastic or paper cups
sand (or salt)
powdered tempera paint
plastic spoons
popsicle® sticks or tooth picks
stickers
colored yarn or feathers

What you do:

1. Fill cups 2/3 with salt or sand.
2. Add different colors of powdered tempera paint to each cup.
3. Use plastic spoons to mix.
4. You can mix different colors of powder for various additional colors.
5. Pour or spoon colored salt or sand into jars in layers.
6. Use sticks to push against the inside of the jars to create designs.
7. Cap tightly.
8. Put a colorful sticker on the top of each jar or glue some colorful feathers to the top.
9. Tie colorful yarn around the outside edge of the lid.

Note: As an alternative to powdered tempera (which some folks have concerns about using), you can use food coloring to color the sand or salt. In that case, you will need a jar and lid (or a zip bag) for every color. Add sand to a jar, drop some food coloring in, close the lid tightly and shake until the food coloring makes all of the sand colored. Let the sand dry overnight and then use it as above.

Activity 9

A) How to make a string bowl with kids



Materials: To make a string bowl you will need –

* String

Craft glue

Paint brush

Scissors

Cling wrap

Bowl to act as a mold

Directions:

*Begin by covering your existing bowl with 3 layers of cling wrap and painting lots of glue over the top layer. Cut half a meter of string and begin winding it around your fingers to make a flat disk (as shown above). Place it on top and using the end a new piece of string begin winding it around the disc.



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*Continue the process of winding the string around the mold, keeping each layer close and alongside the string already in place. After a few times around the mold be sure to add lots of craft glue to keep it in place (see above).



*It's a very good idea not to wind the string too close to the edge of the existing bowl as it will be difficult to remove once it's dried, keep at least 2cm from the lip of the mold. Once you have wound your string and created your bowl, snip the end and cover the whole bowl with lots more glue. Glue, glue, glue!!



*It's a good idea to wait a few days for it to dry completely. Once you feel it is ready, carefully pull the string bowl away from the existing bowl. The layers of cling wrap will act as a skin and help with removing it. Of course the cling wrap that is closest to the string will remain (because of all the glue) and help make it stronger.

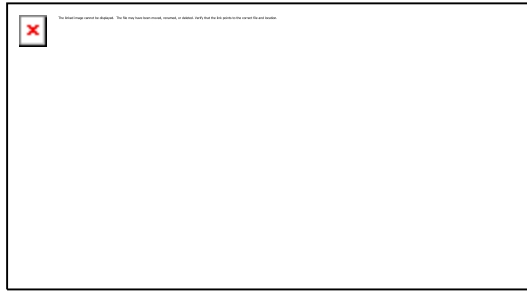


*I recommend children over the age of 7 having a go at this activity, younger may find this approach too difficult, however, **painting** a string bowl is open to all ages

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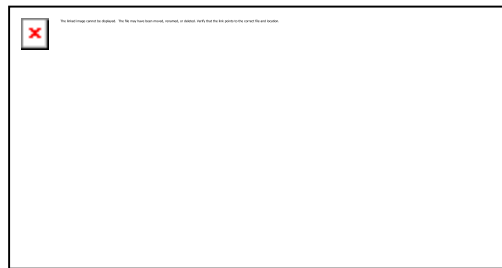
B) Firefly Craft



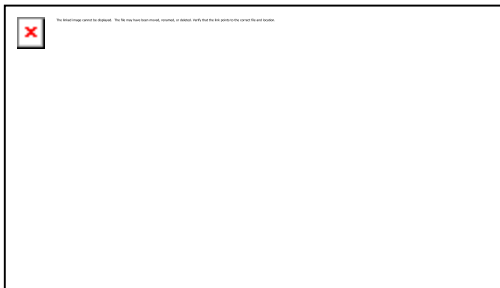
Materials:

- *One 20 ounce green plastic soda bottle, empty and cleaned out (label removed)
- *One glow stick
- *Three 12-inch pipe cleaners is green or black, for legs
- *One 12-inch pipe cleaners in gold, silver, or black (for antennae)
- *Two yellow pony beads(for eyes)
- * Construction paper or card stock(for torax and wings)
- * Glue
- Scissors
- * black paint
- * clear tape

1) Begin this pop bottle craft by cleaning out a green 20 ounce soda bottle. Remove the label by soaking it for a while in warm water. Wash well and allow it to dry completely.



2) Twist three 12-inch green or black pipe cleaners around the middle of the bottle as shown. Give them a twist to secure, and then bend them to look like legs.



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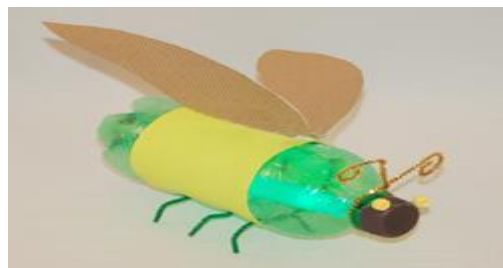
3) Cut a rectangle of construction paper or card stock to wrap around the pop bottle. Don't have it wrap completely. Cut the rectangle slightly smaller so it ends where the legs show (as shown). Glue this paper on to the body to secure.



4) Fold another piece of construction paper or card stock in half. Cut a wing-like shape, using the fold to create mirror images of the wings. Glue these on top of the firefly's body.

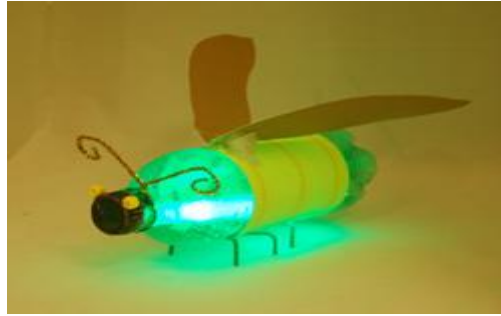


5) Paint the bottle cap black and allow it to dry. Screw the cap on the firefly. Glue two yellow pony beads to the sides of it, to be the lightning bug's eyes. HINT: Make sure to screw the cap on first before you glue on the eyes, otherwise they eyes may not be in the right position. Then, wrap a 12 inch gold pipe cleaner around the neck of the bottle, twist to secure, and curl the ends to be the lightning bug's antennae.



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6) Crack to activate a glow stick and place it inside. You can let it be loose, but I used a bit of clear tape to secure the top end of the glow stick near the mouth of the bottle. If you glue the glow stick in, you won't be able to re-use the firefly again very easily. Enjoy the pop bottle craft!



Activity 11

A) Pig Bottle Bank



Materials:

Empty bottle
Scissors
Double-sided tape
Hot-glue gun
Pipe cleaner

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Steps


- 1). Rinse an empty bottle with hot soapy water; let dry. Cut features such as eyes, ears, and nostrils from construction paper (ears should have tabs).
- 2) Attach with double-sided tape, as shown. Tape patterned paper around body. Hot-glue empty thread spools on for legs. Cut a slot at the top for coins, and a hole in back to insert a pipe-cleaner tail

Activity 12 B) Friendship Locket

Celebrate beloved friends by wearing their photos with yours in this lovely paper cup locket craft.



Safety Tips

- Young kids (3 to 8 years) should use child-safe scissors.
 - Keep the glue gun out of children's reach.
 - Watch out for this sign . It means adult help is needed for the particular step.
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Materials

- Paper cups
- Scissors
- Glue gun
- Pipe cleaner or craft wire
- Craft foam
- White glue
- Poster paint
- Paint brush
- String
- Beads, colored pasta, drinking straws
- Your photo and your friend's photo

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Steps

- 1) You need 2 paper cups to make the locket. Trim off the walls of the first paper cup until you come up with a disk that is about half an inch in height.



- 2) Do the same with the second paper cup but this time trim off the walls lower so that the disk is slightly shorter than the first one.



- 3) The two disks are the locket's two faces. Try putting them together face-to-face so that the shorter disk fits partially inside the other disk. If it doesn't, trim the shorter disk a little bit more until it fits.



- 4) You also need a hinge to connect the two disks. Cut a 1 to 1 ½ inch-long strip from the paper cup scraps.



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- 5) Use glue gun to apply adhesive on a portion of the taller disk's inner wall.



- 6) Stick one end of the paper hinge onto the adhesive. Press firmly on the area.



- 7) Bend the portion of the paper hinge along the disk's rim.



- 8) Do Steps 5 to 7 for the shorter disk, this time attaching it to the other end of the paper hinge.



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9) Punch a hole at the top portion of the back of the shorter disk.



10) To make the locket's chain link, cut a 1-inch long piece of pipe cleaner or craft wire. Insert one end of the pipe cleaner or craft wire through the hole and make a loop or fold on that end.



11) Paint the locket with your favorite color. Do not forget to paint the locket's interior as well. Set it aside to dry.



12) Cut a photo of you and another of your friend into a shape and size that fits inside the locket. Glue your photo on one face and your friend's on the opposite face.



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13) Decorate the locket's front by cutting and gluing shapes from craft foam. Perhaps you can make something that is symbolic of friendship such as a heart or a flower. You may also put something that you and your friend both like say for instance, butterflies or ice cream.



14) Cut string into the appropriate length for your necklace. Make a knot on end.



15) String any of these materials to make a necklace: beads, **colored pasta** or drinking straw pieces. To make your own beads, check out these crafts:



16) Make a knot after the last bead. Position the locket at the middle-most portion of the necklace and fasten the locket's pipe cleaner link onto the string.



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17) Tie both ends of the necklace together and your locket is ready to be worn.




Activity 13

A) Fruit Prints Placemat

Decorate a cloth placemat with wonderful prints stamped from apples, oranges or lemons.

Safety Tips

- Keep the knife out of children's reach.
- Watch out for this sign . It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

Materials

- Canvas or cotton fabric
- Needle and thread
- Fabric paint
- Apples, oranges or lemons
- Knife
- Chopping board
- Spoon
- Plastic wrap (optional)

Steps:

1) Cut canvas or cotton fabric into placemat-sized pieces. Stitch the edges of each placemat.



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2) You may choose one or a combination of these fruits- apples, oranges, or lemons. Cut oranges and lemons crosswise in half. Slice apples lengthwise in half.

Try to cut as straight as you can to ensure that the fruit slice will pick up paint more evenly



3) Put some fabric paint onto a tray or flat palette. You may line your tray or palette with plastic wrap for convenience - it's easy to change colors and no need to clean the palette/tray afterwards.

Add just a little bit of water to the paint and mix thoroughly.



4) Dip the fruit onto the paint.



5) Check if the entire surface of the fruit picked up paint. You may dip it back onto the tray of paint or you can use your finger or spoon to spread the paint more evenly.



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6) Try printing on a spare piece of fabric or paper. A little practice won't hurt and it also helps you determine if the paint is too thick or too watered down



7) Once you get the hang of it, start printing on your placemat.



8) Assign one fruit per color or wipe the fruit with paper towels each time you change colors. You can do overlapping fruit prints like this one

Line them up in a neat pattern or go with random prints.



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9) Allow the paint to dry completely. Wash the placemats following the instructions in your brand of fabric paint before using them to set your table.

These fruit-printed placemats are wonderful additions to your Thanksgiving or other occasion stable setting.



Activity 14 B) Paper Mache Basket

Create a basket out of paper Mache. Use it as an Easter basket or as a decorative basket to hold paper flowers or your other craft creations.



Materials

- Newspapers or paper for recycling
- Paper Mache paste
- Mold (small bucket, paper bowl or balloon)
- Petroleum jelly
- Paint brush
- Poster paint or acrylic paint
- Masking tape
- Glue

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Steps

1. Look around your home for a possible mold that would be a good shape and size for your basket. Here are some suggestions:

- Paper bowl, plastic bowl, small bucket, plastic container or flower pot.
- A tall container such as a plastic gallon bottle can also be used. You can always just paper mache around the bottom.
- An inflated balloon - you can paper Mache around the top half of the balloon. (If you choose this option, go directly to Step 3)



2. Apply petroleum jelly around the outside surface of your mold. This will make it easier to remove the paper mache from the mold. Another option is to wrap the outside of the mold with plastic wrap



3. Tear newspapers (or any paper that you intend to recycle) into strips. Soak each strip in paper mache paste and lay it on your mold. Smooth down the edges of each strip with your fingers or paint brush. Details on how to paper mache can be found [here](#).

Continue until you have covered the entire mold with paper mache. For a balloon mold, remember to paper mache only around the top half of the balloon



4. Make 4 to 5 layers of paper mache over your mold. Allow your paper mache to dry completely (this will take 2 to 3 days).



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5. Once dry, gently remove the paper mache from the mold. If using a balloon mold, pop the balloon to remove it from the paper mache.



6. Trim the edges of your paper mache. If you made a tall paper mache, you can further trim it down to the desired height.



7. Fold a sheet of paper repeatedly along its longer side until you come up with a strip that is sturdy enough to be your basket's handle. For my small basket, I used a sheet of paper around 11 x 5 inches, folded repeatedly into a half-inch wide strip. Glue the edges of the strip in place.



8. To curve out or curl the handle, hold one end of the paper strip against a pencil while supporting it firmly with your thumb. Pull the pencil all the way down to the other end.



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9. Use masking tape to attach the ends of the handle onto the basket.



10. Paper mache a layer over the area with masking tape to fix the handle permanently in place.



11. Once completely dry, paint your basket with poster paint or acrylic paint.



12. You may further decorate your basket if you like. Add a bow, stickers or glue on additional decorations. Fill your basket with Easter eggs, paper flowers or spring-time blooms.



Activity 15

A) Festive Maracas

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Recycle yohurt cups into a pair of festive maracas.

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Materials

- Yogurt cup
- Craft sticks
- Beans or rice
- White acrylic paint
- Poster paint
- Paint brushes
- Craft knife
- Hot glue gun

Steps

1. Wash two yogurt cups and let them dry thoroughly




2. Prime the cups, including the lids, with white acrylic paint. Let the paint dry completely.



3. Paint the cups with various colors of poster paint. Come up with your own unique designs.

Safety Tips

- Keep the glue gun and craft knife out of young children's reach.
- Watch out for this sign . It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

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4. Paint two craft sticks and set them aside to dry.



5. Cut a slit at the center of each lid just wide enough for a craft stick to get through.



6. Fill each yogurt cup around one-third full with beans or rice.



7. Insert a craft stick through the slit on each lid. Fix the stick in place with a glue gun.



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8. Fix the lid to the cup as well using the glue gun.



9. Once the glue dries, you can start shaking your pair of festive maracas.




Activity 16 B) Craft Foam Coasters

Recycle craft foam scraps by cutting them into strips and making them into colorful and stylish drink coasters.



Safety Tips

Keep the glue gun out of young children's reach.

Watch out for this sign . It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

Materials

- Craft foam
- Scissors
- White glue
- Ruler

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Pencil

Glue gun (optional)

Steps

1. Draw a 1 cm wide strip spanning the length of a craft foam sheet. We want the strip to be really long so the bigger your foam craft foam sheet, the better.



2. Cut out the strip



3. Make another strip from a second color of craft foam.



4. Apply glue dots along the length of each craft foam strip. You can spread the glue with your finger if you happen to put on too much on certain areas.



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5. Align the two strips together, with the outer strip positioned about a half inch higher than the inner strip.



6. Fold in the end of the outer strip.



7. Start rolling the craft foam tightly into a spiral. Keep the spiral fairly flat by steadying it with your thumb as you roll.



8. You can also stop for a moment to flatten it against the table



9. Once you've finished rolling the entire length, hold the coaster for a minute or so to allow the glue to set. You may also put the coaster in between two fairly heavy objects.



10. If you think your coaster isn't big enough, cut an additional length for both colors of craft foam and apply glue on each one.



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11. Position each new craft foam strip at the corresponding end of the spiral and continue rolling until you reach the end of the craft foam strips.



12. Hold the ends in place for a while to allow the glue to set or put the coaster in between two heavy objects like in Step 9. For a quicker drying time, use glue gun to fix the ends of the spiral in place. Also note that you can trim off the excess length of the inner craft foam strip like in this blue and purple coaster.



13. Once the glue dries, you can use your craft foam coaster.



Activity 17 A) Yarn Art

Kid's Craft: How to make a yarn picture



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To make a **Yarn Art Rainbow Picture**, you'll need:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam: 12" x 6" x 1" block (a 12" x 36" x 1" sheet can be [cut](#) into six, 12" x 6" x 1" blocks)
- Acrylic craft paints: Blue, green, and black
- Yarn: Red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple; curly white; and 38" of chunky pink
- Wood toothpick
- Thick, white craft glue
- Optional: Sawtooth picture hanger & nails
- Tools needed: Scissors; fine-line black permanent marker; stiff paintbrush; wood skewer; disposable palette, like a paper plate

To make a **Yarn Art Rainbow Picture**:

1. Paint green grass and a blue sky onto the foam block. Let paint dry.

2. Using the fine-line permanent marker, draw a rainbow across the blue sky.

Squeeze a thin line of glue onto a 1" stretch of the rainbow, starting at the base.

Place one end of red craft yarn at beginning of glue line. Use the blunt end of the skewer to push the end of the yarn straight down, 1/4" into foam. (Hint: If working with very small children, snap off the pointed end of the skewer first.)



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3. Make your next tuck into the foam about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the first, with $\frac{3}{4}$ " – 1" of yarn between the two points. This extra yarn will make a "pouf". Continue tucking in the yarn, adding 1" lengths of glue as you go and punching in your yarn every $\frac{1}{2}$ " or so. If skewer gets sticky, wipe off glue with paper towel. If the skewer is hard to remove from the foam, experiment with slightly twisting it as you take it out.

4.. After you've finished the first row of yarn loops, rotate the picture and repeat in the opposite direction. Repeat for each color in the rainbow, creating two rows of yarn loops per color.

5. Punch in the sheep and the clouds using the curly white yarn. To make the legs for the lambs, paint toothpicks black and let them dry. Cut the wide ends from the picks and glue four to each sheep for legs.

6. "Frame" your picture with chunky yarn, gluing it around the outside edge of the picture.



7 Optional: Hang with a sawtooth hanger. Center the hanger on the back of the picture toward the top. Dip the nails into glue, and then insert into the holes in the hanger. Let glue dry.



Rainbows and unicorns are nice, but kids could also make their own abstract, modern art pieces.

Picasso, anyone?

More ideas:

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Activity 18 B) Turtle Herb Planters



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Materials:

- Empty fruit cup containers
- Soil
- 4 green pom poms
- 1 big green pom poms
- wiggly eyes
- plants
- green acrylic paint
- paint brush

Procedure:

We had some basil seeds lying around and it was too cold to plant them outside, so we planted them in empty fruit cup containers. (I suppose I should've poked holes in the bottom for drainage, but I didn't.)



We painted the outside of the cups green using acrylic paint. I hot glued some green pom poms on for the legs and head and added some googly eyes.



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Activity 19 A) Styrofoam Cup Sea Crab

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Materials:

Acrylic paint (blue, red, sand, green, coral)
Paint brush
Pipe cleaners
Googly eyes
Styrofoam cup
Hot glue or craft glue
Scissors

What you need:

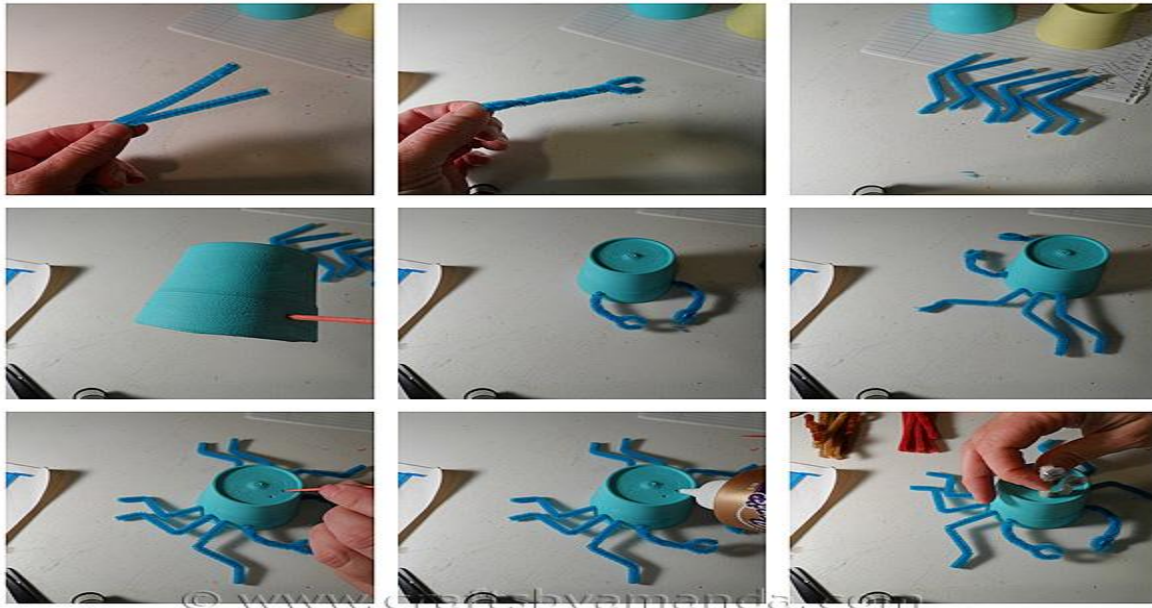
You will need some craft paint, I used Americana and chose some beachy colors. The ones I used were Bahama Blue, Green Tea, Tuscan Red, Desert Sand and Coral Blush. You will also need some pipe cleaners to match your paints, and some googly eyes.



First you'll want to cut the cups down a bit, take off about an inch and a half. Paint the outside of each cup, add a second coat if you need it. For the crabs' eyes, cut a beige colored pipe cleaner into 5 equal pieces. Repeat for another pipe cleaner giving

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you a total of 10 pieces. That's enough for 5 crabs. Add a dab of white craft glue to the tip of each one and attach it to a googly eye and set them aside to dry.



For the crabs forearm claws, cut a pipe cleaner in half. Take one piece and bend it in half. Starting at the bend, twist the pipe cleaner together, leaving the last 3/4-inch open. Bend those two open pieces into a curve to create the claw. Repeat with the other pipe cleaner half. You will get two forearm claws from a single pipe cleaner.

For the legs, cut two more pipe cleaners into six equal pieces, you will get three pieces from each pipe cleaner. Bend the pieces in three places as pictures, kind of like an S shape. Use a toothpick to poke two holes in the front of the cup and insert the forearm claws. Secure with white glue. Use the toothpick to make three holes on each side of the cup and insert the legs, one pointing forward, the other two pointing back. Secure with white glue.

At the top of the cup, directly above the front claw arms, poke two holes for the eyes. Add a dab of glue and insert the eyes you made earlier. Let everything dry before displaying.



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Activity 20. B) WATER BOTTLE FLOWERS



Use discarded water bottles to make fun and funky flowers. Millions of water bottles end up in landfills each year. Instead of tossing your water bottles, turn them into a work of art!

What you need:

Plastic single serve water bottle with lid

White craft glue

Scissors

Sand or soil

Pebbles or rocks

Drinking straw or twig

What you do:

1. Remove labels and lids, but don't throw them away. We will be using the entire water bottle! If your water bottle does not have a label, have a bit of scrap paper nearby to use instead.

2. Cut the water bottle in half, put the bottle half aside. Cut slits, about an inch or so wide, in the top half of the bottle. You should end up with 8 "petals". Bend the petals outward.

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3. Put the lid on the bottle top. Squeeze some white glue into the lid and insert the straw or twig into the glue. Next, wad up the bottle wrapper and surround the straw with it, to help give the straw stability.

4. Put some sand or soil into the bottom half of the water bottle, about 1.5 – 2 inches in depth. Pack it down a bit and insert the bottom end of the straw into it. Add pebbles or stones on top of the sand to help stabilize the straw (stem).

Optional: If you like, cut strips of fabric to decorate the flower petals and the flowerpot. You can also round the petals by trimming the ends with scissors.

Activity 21 A) Paper Plate Tambourine

Jingle away with this easy paper plate tambourine craft.



Safety Tips

- Young kids (3 to 8 years) should use child-safe scissors.
- Watch out for this sign. It means adult help is needed for the particular step.

Materials

Paper plates

Hole punch

Pipe cleaner or twist ties

Jingle bells

Poster paint

Paint brushes

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Palette

White glue

*Decorate the tambourine with: craft foam shapes, sequins, glitter glue, etc.

Steps

- 1) Punch 4 to 5 evenly-spaced holes on a paper plate.



- 2) Align this paper plate face-to-face with another plate.



- 3) Use a pencil to make marks on the second paper plate through the holes on the first plate.



- 4) Follow the pencil marks to punch holes on the second plate.



- 5) Align the plates face-to-face to check if the holes are properly matched.



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- 6) Paint the outer side of each paper plate with your desired colors and design. Let the paint dry thoroughly.



- 7) Add designs to your paper plates by cutting shapes from craft foam and gluing them onto the painted plates.



- 8) You can further decorate with sequins, beads or glitter glue.



- 9) String a round bell through the middle of a metal twist tie or a 2-inch long pipe cleaner. Bend both ends of the twist tie or pipe cleaner. You need the same number of bells as the number of holes on each plate.



- 10) Once the paint and glue have fully dried on each paper plate, put the two plates face-to-face, positioning the holes in exact alignment.



- 11) Insert one end of a twist tie or pipe cleaner through a hole and twist both ends to lock the bell in place.



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- 12) Complete your tambourine by attaching the remaining bells through the rest of the holes.



Activity 22 B) Glow-in-the-Dark Jellyfish Craft



Materials

- heavy-weight paper bowls
- white yarn
- glow-in-the-dark acrylic paint
- paint brushes and painting supplies
- scissors
- zipper sandwich bags
- skewer or sharp pencil

Directions

1. Paint the bowl inside and out. Use two or more coats of paint for a brighter "glow".



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2. For the tentacles, cut 10 - 12 pieces of yarn approximately 36 inches in length. Place them in a zipper sandwich bag with several squirts of glow paint and seal the bag.



3. *Squish! Squish! Squish!* until the yarn is completely covered, adding more paint if necessary. If the paint is too thick, add a little water to the bag.



4) Hang the yarn to dry.



5) At the center of the bowl, punch two holes about 0.5 inch apart using a skewer or sharp pencil.



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6) Cut a piece of yarn approximately 40 inches long. Thread it through the two holes so that both ends come out the bottom of the bowl.



7) From the inside of the bowl, pull the yarn up to form a small loop. Thread the tentacles through and roughly center them under the loop.



8) Flip the bowl, pull the yarn taut and tie a double knot.

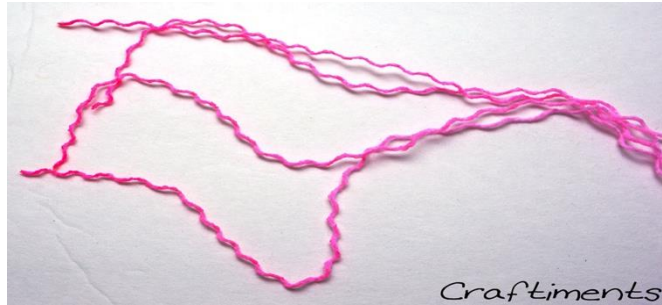


9) Back on the inside, grasp the tentacles as one bunch and tie a single knot.



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10) The frilly appendages flanking the mouths of some types of jellyfish are called oral arms. To recreate these, unravel a few pieces of yarn that hang close to the center of the bunch.



11) Charge your jellyfish creation in bright light for at least 30 minutes. Turn out the lights and enjoy its luminous glow!



Activity 23

A) Masquerade Mask



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Printable card stock

Poster paint or crayons

Scissors

White glue

Paint brush

Dowel or disposable chopsticks

Feathers

Glitter glue

Glue gun (optional)

Decorative materials: sequins, rhinestones, ribbons, crepe paper strips, puffy paint, aluminum foil, etc.

Steps

- 1) Choose from any of these [Masquerade Mask templates](#) and print it out on Letter size or A4 card stock.



- 2) Notice that the mask templates are quite plain. This is to give you more room for modifying or drawing additional detail on the mask.



- 3) Cut out the mask, including the eye holes.



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4) If you are planning to make a two-toned mask or a multi-colored mask, it will be helpful to sketch the design on your mask. This will make painting or coloring a lot easier.



5) Paint or color your mask. Here are some tips and options:

a.) Two-toned or multi-colored masks are great for making bright and festive masks. Metallic colors like gold and silver are commonly used for masquerade masks but ordinary colors are great too.



b.) You need not necessarily use many colors for your mask. Sometimes a single color or even an unpainted mask can be a good option since more decorations can be added in the succeeding steps.



c.) To prevent your mask from curling at the edges, you can do the following:

- Refrain from adding water to paint or add only a little bit to make it spreadable
- If the paper or card stock you used isn't thick enough, glue the template onto cardboard or thick construction paper before Step 3
- Paint both sides of the mask- you can paint the underside with white or any single color of paint.

d.) Instead of painting, you can color your mask with crayons or oil pastels.



6) Add more sparkle to your mask with glitter glue. The glitter glue's small nozzle is very ideal for decorating small areas and making those little details (top photo). For large areas, you may squeeze on a glob of glitter glue and spread it with a brush (bottom photo).

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Note that you can also achieve the same effect by either sprinkling glitter directly onto wet paint or brushing glue onto the mask then sprinkling over with glitter. However both these options oftentimes result in a lot of stray glitter which can irritate your eyes. For safety reasons, glitter glue is a better option.

7) Glue on decorative materials such as sequins, rhinestones, gem-style stickers and plastic gems. You can also make textured/raised dots and lines using puffy paint, glitter glue or undiluted poster/acrylic paint. Here are some examples:

a.) This fiery dragon-inspired mask was achieved by gluing on various-shaped sequins along the edges of the mask. Little black dots around the eyes were made with puffy paint while red glitter glue was used to make the smaller red dots on the upper corners.

b.) The little black puffy paint dots defined the main lines for this plain silver mask. You may also make these dots by applying undiluted poster or acrylic paint using a cotton swab or the wooden tip of a paint brush. A few rhinestones and a fabric star were added as accents.



c.) A colorful mask, especially when brushed over with glitter glue, does not need a lot of embellishment.



8) Obtain a dowel or chopstick to use as the handle for your mask. You may keep the handle plain or decorate it by painting it, winding a fabric ribbon around it, or covering the whole stick in aluminum foil



9) Glue the handle at the back of the mask. You may glue the handle's tip in the middle or along one edge of the mask. For a quicker drying time, use glue gun instead of white glue.



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10) Complete your mask by gluing on some feathers, curly ribbons, crepe paper strips, pipe cleaner and other materials to accent the handle or sides of your mask.

These decorations that sprout up or trail down from the mask highlights most masquerade and Mardi Gras masks.

