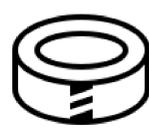




Activities:

- Make your own paint brushes & try them out
- Rainbows and Nature's Colours
- Make your own Glass, Mug or Jam Jar Xylophone and play it.
- Nature Imprints
- Make your own Kazoo
- Make your own Finger drum
- Cat Mask



You will need:

- Some mugs, glasses or jam jars
- A teaspoon or similar
- Scissors
- Pencils and or pens
- Paint
- Tape (any kind is fine)
- Any sticks, grasses etc you can find outdoors
- Empty toilet roll
- Grease proof paper circle - (included)
- Empty can
- Balloon (Optional)
- String or elastic



Make your own paint brushes



You will need:

- An adult or older sibling to help you.
- Materials from nature - several sticks , and any moss , leaves, grasses & ferns etc you can find
- Masking tape or any type of sticky tape
- Some scissors
- Some paint

Challenge yourself try to make a paintbrush with just natural materials from the park or your garden

Make your own paint brushes

Step One:

Choose one stick that is quite straight which can be your paint brush handle.

Next you will need something for the bristles.

Here are some ideas:

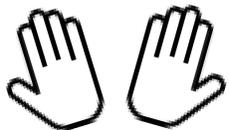
- Small twigs and leaves
- Moss
- Heather
- Straw or grasses

Step Two:

Then bunch together some of the materials that you have collected around the end of the stick you have chosen to be the handle.

It's a bit like making a mini broomstick!

Then with one hand holding your 'brush' together and wind masking tape around at the end of the handle to attach the brush material.



You might find you need to get someone to help to lend an extra hand.



Step Three:

Once you have your twigs etc attached to your handle then you can trim your brush if it needs it.

If you find lots of handle type sticks, then you can make lots of different brushes.



Here is a quick method if you are short of time or don't have tape - just use a bulldog clip or clothes peg!



Fun painting / Drawing Exercises

Now we are going to try making some marks with our homemade paint brushes.

Time to get organised!

Step One

- Make sure that you cover your area with newspaper and that you are wearing clothes that it does not matter if they get messy and or an overall.
- Have several sheets of paper ready and somewhere to put them as they dry!
- Get some paint or ink in a plastic pot or jam jar.
- Now just enjoy experimenting with your brushes - See what marks they make.

This is just for fun and there is no right or wrong way to do it!

You can create some really great abstract paintings so don't worry about any drips or splashes; they are all part of the picture.



Rainbows and Nature

Can you remember all the colours in the rainbow? Write them in below

R _ _

O _ _ _ _ _

Y _ _ _ _ _

G _ _ _ _ _

B _ _ _ _

I _ _ _ _ _

V _ _ _ _ _

Can you find these colours in nature - try looking for flowers, leaves - stick them beside each colour and tick them off



Glass or Jam Jar Xylophone



You will need

- A range of Glasses, jam jars or mugs.
- Some teaspoons. and other possible 'beaters'
- water (optional)

Glass or Jam Jar Xylophone



Step One:

Tap the side of each of your glasses with your teaspoons and listen to the different sounds.

See if you can line the glasses in order from the lowest sound to the highest sound on the other side.

Step Two:

Try playing some games with your glassy xylophone: get a friend or parent to close their eyes whilst you tap one of the glasses and see if they can guess which one you played.

If this is too easy, try playing 2 or 3 glasses one after the other for them to guess.

Step Three:

You can also change whether the glasses have a low or a high sound by pouring water in them.

Add a little bit at a time and see how it changes the sound.

Instead of teaspoons try different things as beaters and see how the sound changes - just be careful not to spill!

Try making up your own tunes by yourself or with somebody else and record yourself playing them!

Try also playing two glasses at a time and see which pairs make a really nice sound together.



If you have access to the internet there's lots of inspiration - eg. just search for **Fin Draper glasses music**





Nature Imprints



You will need:

- An adult or older sibling to help you.
- Materials from nature - leaves and bark are best
- Some platercine - included
- Paper
- Crayon or pencil



Find and a grown up to help you.

Nature Imprints

Choose things that feel bumpy as this 'texture' will show though in your rubbing.

When you are out doors try to find some interesting leaves or tree bark.

Step One:

- Lie the leaf or bark down on a flat table.
- Place a piece of paper over it.
- Then using the edge of a crayon or pencil scribble all over and see how the pattern of the leaf or bark underneath is revealed

Remember to use the side of your crayon or pencil



Step Two:

- Lie the leaf or bark down on a flat table.
- Roll out your piece of platercine, but not too thinly.
- Lay the platercine onto your leaf or bark and press down.
- Gently peel the platercine and your leaf or bark apart and you should have a lovely imprint.

When you have done this you can keep it or squash up the platercine and make something else - what about a mini beast!



Homemade Kazoo



You will need:

- A cardboard tube (empty toilet roll)
- Some grease proof paper
- Scissors
- an elastic band
- coloured pens / pencils or stickers to decorate (optional)

Homemade Kazoo



Step One:

Decorate your empty toilet roll!

Step Two:

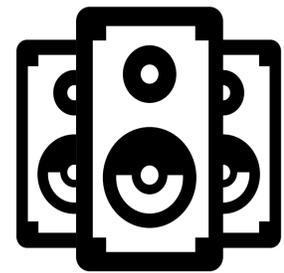
Cut a medium-sized square of greaseproof paper using the scissors.

Fold the greaseproof paper over one end of the toilet roll and secure it using an elastic band.

Step Three:

Time to make some noise! Hum or sing into the kazoo to make a noise!

If you have access to the internet there's lots of inspiration - eg. just search for **Much Kazoo About Nothing**





Homemade Finger Drum



You will need

- An adult or older sibling to help you
- A empty clean can
- Balloon (Optional)
- Tape (Electrical tape is best)
- Paper
- Colour pens pencils paints etc to decorate (optional)

Homemade Finger Drum



Step One:

- Make sure your can or pot is empty, clean and dry.
- If you have a balloon you can follow the instructions In step two but you don't actually need one. You have a ready made drum that you can decorate however you like and jump straight to Step Three.

Step Two:

- Using your scissors cut the narrow end off the balloon (like this)
- Hold your can between your knees and carefully stretch the balloon over the open end of your can so it makes a tight skin for your drum.
- Secure the balloon in place by winding the tape tightly around the top edge of the can.



You could make a whole drum kit with other sizes of cans or yogurt cartons to make different sounds.

Step Three

- Test out your drum for sound - you can use your fingers or a pencil, a chopstick or piece of stick.

Step Three

- If you are happy with the sound then you can decorate your drum.
- Cut a piece of paper to go around the can (You could use the can label as a guide)
- Decorate the paper however you like and then stick it onto your drum with glue/ sellotape or more of the electrical tape.

Here is a list of other things you could use to make your own unique drum kit.

For the drums:

- Pots and Pans
- Plastic Crates, Cartons and Bottles
- Cardboard Boxes
- Plastic Plates and Bowls
- Metal Cutlery (Forks and Spoons)
- Keys – try jangling them!

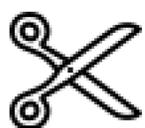
For the Drum sticks:

- Wooden Spoons
- Pens / Pencils
- Your fingers, palms, fists, and feet!

If you have access to the internet there's lots of inspiration - eg. just search for **drums from home**



Cat Mask



You will need

- An adult or older sibling to help you
- Templates (included)
- Tape or glue stick
- Colour pens, pencils, paints etc to decorate
- String or elastic

Cat Mask

TOP TIP:
mark the back of your cut
out pieces with the letters
next to each piece

Step One:

- Start by colouring in your cat mask. You can use pencils pens or paint depending on what you have in your home.



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up to help you.

Step Two

- Once you've finished colouring your cat. Cut out template (a)
- Cut out the inside of the eyes too by snipping a little hole in the centre and then cutting around the edge. Don't cut out the eye lids.

Step Three

- Cut along the dotted lines on the cheeks then fold your card to meet the black line next to it. Tape or glue in place.

Step Four

- Cut out your nose (b.) and whiskers (d.) and stick them in place.
You can curl the end of the whiskers



Step Five

- Next cut out your cat ears (c.) and fold them along the line. Tape or glue them in place.

Step Five

- Attach string or elastic to the sides of your mask. To do this hold your mask against your face and get someone to measure how much string you'll need so you can tie the two pieces of string at the back.



PETER & THE WOLF: CAT MASK

