

VIRTUAL CHILDCARE PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

VOLUME #181 CREATIVE ART PROJECTS USING PAPER

HELLO PARENTS,

Paper activities encourage children to draw, tear, glue, and paint, along with several other exercises that promote dexterity. When you give a child the task of creating something out of paper, they have to use their brains to finish the task. Children build many problem-solving skills from paper constructing. In addition to problem solving, your child will learn social skills and improve their ability to follow directions, and earn the satisfaction of making something with their own hands. In this newsletter, we have put together different activities that promote their creativity, innovative thinking, and exploration using paper.

ACTIVITIES INFANTS (3 – 18 MONTHS)

PLAYING WITH PAPER

MATERIALS:

• Paper

DIRECTIONS:

- Give your child crumpled paper, and encourage them to hold it.
- Next, you may give your child a sheet of coloured tissue paper without crumpling it.
- Put it on top of your child, and see what their reaction is going to be.
- You may comment on what your child is doing.

Click here for more activities.

TODDLERS (19 MONTHS – 2.5 YEARS)

SEE THROUGH ART

MATERIALS:

- Clear contact paper
- Tape
- Various materials for artwork (leaves, flowers, colourful pieces of paper, etc.)

DIRECTIONS:

- Secure a piece of contact paper to the surface of a table, sticky side up.
- Encourage your child to put various materials on to the contact paper.
- Place another piece of contact paper on top of the art creation, sticky side down.
- You may display this see through art piece in the window, and observe light shining through it.

Click here for more activities.

PRESCHOOLERS (2.5 – 5 YEARS)

TORN PAPER ART

MATERIALS:

- Construction paper
- Glue
- White paper
- Pencil

DIRECTIONS:

- Let your child tear the construction paper into small pieces.
- Draw any shape on the white paper. For example: bear, flower, egg etc.
- Have your child glue the torn paper pieces on to the shape they drew.
- Keep gluing until you have your whole shape covered.

<u>Click here</u> for more activities.

JK/SK (4 – 6 YEARS)

DIY PAPER MOVING FROGS MATERIALS:

- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Googly eyes (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- Cut four long thin strips from the construction paper.
- Fold the four strips in half, open them, and glue the strips together from the middle, creating a star shape.
- Glue the ends of the star together.
- Draw the head of the frog and cut it out.
- Cut a long thin strip and use it to glue the head of the frog to its body.
- Draw the feet of the frog, cut them out and glue them to the bottom of the frog's body.
- Enjoy playing with your jumping frog.

Click here to see how to make the frog.

SCHOOL-AGERS (6 - 12 YEARS)

INFINITY CUBE WITH PAPER

MATERIALS:

- 8 groups of 6 pieces of square paper in different colours (4cm x 4cm)
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DIRECTIONS:

- <u>Click here</u> for visual tutorial on how to make an infinity cube. Make this cube together, with your friends and family.
- Now, it is time to solve the infinity cube puzzle.
- Time each family member and friend, as they match the colours of the infinity cube.
- Compare each other's techniques and methods for solving the infinity cube puzzle.

Click here for more activities.



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A TIP FOR TODAY

- Paper activities develop children's fine motor skills and strengthen their ability to concentrate for longer periods.
- Paper activities put something real in children's hands, allowing them to focus on each step separately.
- Paper activities develop children's imagination, inspire critical thinking, and help children to express their emotions.