

Municipality of the District of Chester's Online Recreation Crafts and Activities Manual



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Games are organized by ages and alphabetically

Crafts

Animal Puppet Craft (3-7)

Materials: popsicle stick, construction paper, markers/colouring pencils, googly eyes, scissors

Directions:

- Draw a face of your favourite animal on the construction paper
- Colour in the face to your liking
- Cut out the animal face
- Glue the face onto the popsicle stick
- Add googly eyes to bring your creature to life
- Puppet shows are highly suggested, but not required

<https://craftulate.com/mini-craft-stick-animal-puppets/>

Dinosaur Handprint Craft (3-7)

Materials: paint, paper, paint brush, googly eyes, glue, a hand

Directions

- Paint hand with desired colour and then place on paper, making sure to press firmly to get all of the paint onto the paper
- Flip the paper so that the fingers of the handprint are closest to you. We will be using the thumb as the head and the four fingers as the legs
- Once the paint dries, glue the googly eye to the thumb of the handprint
- Use the paintbrush to add spikes and a tail to your dinosaur

<https://www.simpleeverydaymom.com/dinosaur-handprint-art/>

Egg Carton Flowers (3-7)

Materials: egg carton, scissors, paints, paint brush, paper straw, pompom, or buttons

Directions

- Cut out four containers of the egg cartons and trim the edges to create rounded petals
- Paint the flower petals as desired
- Let the paint dry and glue the paper straw to the back of the egg carton along with a pompom or a button in the center of the front side
- Create multiple flowers for a beautiful bouquet!

<https://www.iheartartscrafts.com/egg-carton-flowers-kids-craft/>

Shield Craft (3-7)

Materials: paper plate, scissors, glue, cardboard, decorative materials (construction paper, tissue paper, markers)

Directions:

- Decorate the paper plate to your liking – Captain America’s shield is a great choice
- Cut out a piece of cardboard
- Glue the cardboard to the back of the shield
- Let the glue dry and then have fun

<https://www.thecountrychiccottage.net/make-captain-america-shield/>

Bath Bombs (8-12)

Materials: 1 cup of baking soda, ½ cup of citric acid, ½ cup of Epsom salt, ½ cup of cornstarch, 2 tablespoons of coconut oil, 2 tablespoons of water, 8 drops of your favourite essential oil, wax paper

Directions

- In a large bowl, mix the dry ingredients (baking soda, citric acid, Epsom salt, cornstarch)
- Then combine the wet ingredients in a small bowl (coconut oil, water, essential oils)
- Alternate mixing the dry and wet ingredients together. Repeat until mixed. This should be the consistency of damp sand
- Pack the molds very tightly and let sit for two minutes
- Allow to dry on wax paper overnight and then enjoy!

<https://www.happinessishomemade.net/how-to-make-bath-bombs/>

Canvas Tape Painting (8-12)

Materials: Canvas, painter’s tape, paints, brushes

Directions

- Place the tape in triangles on the canvas
- Paint the canvas as desired
- Let the paint dry and remove the tape

<https://listotic.com/29-fun-crafts-kids-adults-will-actually-enjoy/18/>

Lava Lamps (8-12)

Materials: jar, vegetable oil, Alka seltzer original tablets, food colouring, water

Directions:

- Fill 1/8 of the jar with water
- Fill the rest with vegetable oil
- Add drops of food colouring
- Have a parent break the Alka seltzer tablets into fourths and place the tablets in individually
- Watch the magic happen after each tablet is dropped into the jar

<https://www.homesciencetools.com/article/how-to-make-a-homemade-lava-lamp-science-project/>

Milk Jug Birdfeeder (8-12)

Materials: milk jug or carton, a black permanent marker, a craft knife, a pair of scissors, a wooden dowel, strong string or wire, birdseed

Directions

- Draw two large circles on the two flat sides of the milk jug, opposite the handle
- Carefully cut out the circles
- Under each circle, cut a small hole to push the dowel through. This is so the birds will have something to perch on.
- Then poke four small holes in the bottom of the milk jug to allow drainage
- Remove the cap and wrap the string/wire around the base of the opening and then twist the wire or tie off the string
- Put the cap back on to keep the string or wire tight on the jug
- Fill the milk jug with birdseed just beneath the large hole
- Hang the birdfeeder from a tree branch and watch for the birdies!

<https://www.howtomakes.org/diy-recycled-milk-jug-crafts-for-kids/>

Popsicle Stick Catapult (8-12)

Materials: 10 jumbo popsicle sticks, rubber bands, any ammunition of your choosing, bottle cap, scissors/utility knife, glue (preferably hot glue)

Directions:

- Cut notches into two of the popsicle sticks
- Take the remaining 8 popsicle sticks and stack them
- Wind a rubber band around both sides
- Push a notched popsicle stick through the stack of popsicle sticks to create the base of the catapult
- Glue the bottle cap to the last remaining popsicle stick on the opposite side of the notch
- Attach the popsicle stick using a rubber band and the two notches
- Fire away! Longest shot wins!

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/popsicle-stick-catapult-kids-stem-activity/>

Recycled Bottle Animal Planters (8-12)

Materials: soda/water bottle, paint, pencil, scissors or a utility knife, ruler

Directions

- Clean the bottles and remove any labels
- Depending on the animal you have chosen to create, use a pencil to form ears or eyes and then use the scissors or utility knife to cut the perimeter
- Then use the ruler to cut around the edge of the bottle
- Use paint as desired to bring your animal to life!

<https://www.cravingsomecreativity.com/soda-bottle-animal-planters/>

Airplane Craft (All Ages)

Materials: large and small popsicle sticks, clothespin, hot glue, markers, or paint for decorations

Directions

- Glue the large popsicle sticks on one end of the clothespin with one on top and one on the bottom
- Then glue the small popsicle stick on the other end of the clothespin
- Let dry and then fly around!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uVzjDkJOyI>

Balloon Tennis (All Ages)

Materials: wooden paint stick, balloons, paper plate, hot glue, markers (for decorations)

Directions

- Decorate the paper plate as desired
- Using the hot glue, attach the paper plate to the end of the wooden paint stick
- Blow up a balloon
- Hit the balloon around and have fun!

Butterfly Craft (All Ages)

Materials: 4 coffee filters, washable markers, pipe cleaners, spray bottle with water

Directions

- Split the coffee filters into two pairs of two
- Put each circle on top of the other so that you have two piles of two
- Decorate the top coffee filter with the markers
- Place the coffee filters on a surface such as a baking tray and spray them with water
- The colours will then blend into each other
- Separate the top coffee filter from the bottom and then let the coffee filters dry
- When dry, fold each coffee filter in alternate ways, also known as a concertina fold
- Bring the wings together by pinching the middle to overlap the folds
- After this, fold the pipe cleaner in half and then wrap it around the centre of both coffee filters
- Once the coffee filters are secure, fan out each wing of the butterfly to reveal its colours!

<https://onelittleproject.com/coffee-filter-butterflies/>

Chalk/Homemade Paint (All Ages)

Materials: mixing bowl, measuring cup, food coloring, squeeze bottles (or containers), flour, salt, water, funnel

Directions

- In a mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of water, 2 cups of salt, and 2 cups of flour to fill up the squeeze bottles or containers.
- Once combined, use the funnel to put the mixture into the bottles
- Add the food coloring to the mixture
- To mix the paint together, shake the bottles
- Continue adding food coloring until you reach the desired colour
- Paint away!
- The paint might separate after sitting for a while. Simply shake the bottles and they will go back to normal!

https://www.smartschoolhouse.com/diy-crafts/make-homemade-paint?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes&utm_term=709167130_28467050_364667

Glitter Jar (All Ages)

Materials: 16-ounce glass jar or plastic container with a lid, ½ cup of clear glue, distilled water, hot glue gun, 1-2 teaspoons of glitter, food colouring, sequins (optional)

Directions

- Pour ½ cup of distilled water into the jar
- Then pour ½ cup of glue into the jar. If desired, colour the glue with a few drops of food colouring
- Add glitter to the jar and then add the rest of the water to the jar
- Use a hot glue gun to seal the lid to the jar
- Give the jar a shake to see the magic!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVTz1ks-5sE>

Jellyfish Craft (All Ages)

Materials: small paper bowl, tissue paper, ribbon, string, googly eyes, glue, tape, scissors

Directions:

- Cut up your tissue paper into little squares
- Turn the paper bowl upside down and add glue over the bottom of it
- Cover the bowl with your cut-up tissue paper and let it dry
- Poke a hole through the middle of the bowl and attach the string by tying a knot to the end and tape it inside the bowl
- Attach the ribbon to the inside of the bowl – positioning it so it hangs down like tentacles
- Attach googly eyes to bring your jellyfish to life!

<https://iheartcraftythings.com/colorful-jellyfish-craft-kids.html>

Monster Craft (All Ages)

Materials: coffee filters, washable markers, spray bottle and water, googly eyes, black card stock, white card stock, scissors, glue

Directions:

- Colour the filter using the washable markers of your choice
- Spray the coloured coffee filter with water (make sure to have a tray underneath so you don't colour your table)
- Let the coffee filter dry
- Cut out shapes with the black and white paper to make the eyes, nose, mouth, teeth, horns, and hair

<https://onelittleproject.com/coffee-filter-monsters/>

Paper Plate Flowers (All Ages)

Materials: small paper plates, paint, popsicle sticks, green paper, scissors, glue

Directions

- Cut small slits into the perimeter of the paper plates to resemble flower petals
- Paint the popsicle stick green and let dry
- Paint paper plate as desired and allow to dry
- Glue the popsicle stick on the back of the paper plate
- Cut out two leaves from the green paper and glue on either side of the popsicle stick
- Let dry and create a whole bouquet of flowers!

<https://www.theresourcefulmama.com/paper-plate-flower-craft-for-kids/>

Penguin Craft with Recycled Bottles (All Ages)

Materials: Plastic bottle, orange and black construction paper, googly eyes, tape, hot glue gun, cotton balls, scissors

Directions

- Cut out wings with the black construction paper and cut out feet and a beak with the orange construction paper and set aside
- Stuff the plastic bottle with cotton balls
- Tape the feet on the bottom of the bottle and the wings on the sides
- Seal the cap onto the bottle
- With a hot glue gun, glue the googly eyes to the cap and the beak right underneath the eyes

<https://onelittleproject.com/water-bottle-penguins/>

Activities

Balloon Rocket (All Ages)

Materials: balloons, string, straws, tape

Directions:

- Tape one end of your string to wall or surface (you will want ample room – string length approximately 10 ft)
- Blow up the balloon, but do not tie it
- If you are handy tape the straw onto the blown-up balloon – or have a family member help
- Place the untapped end of the string through the straw and release the balloon rocket when ready
- Make two balloon rockets to race your family for extra fun

<https://sciencebob.com/make-a-balloon-rocket/>

Balloon that Inflates Itself (8-12)

Materials: empty plastic bottle, balloon, 3 tsp baking soda, 1/3 cup vinegar

Directions

- Pour vinegar into plastic bottle. Set aside
- Empty baking soda into the balloon. This may require two people
- Push the baking soda down so it is completely inside the balloon
- Stretch the neck of the balloon so that it fits on top of the bottle. Be careful not to let the baking soda fall into the bottle
- Shake the bottle until the baking soda is emptied from the balloon and is combined with the vinegar in the bottle
- The balloon should then inflate

<https://www.education.com/science-fair/article/Self-Inflating-Balloon/>

Cloud Dough (All Ages)

Materials: hair conditioner, cornstarch, bowl, popsicle stick/spatula, food colouring (optional)

Directions:

- Add equal parts hair conditioner and cornstarch and mix
- Start slowly adding cornstarch in as you go until you get closer to a ratio of 2:1 cornstarch to hair conditioner
- Add a drop of food colouring, fold and knead until you reach your preferred colour

<https://happyhooligans.ca/cloud-dough/>

Coke and Mentos (All Ages)

Materials: 2L bottle of cola, Mentos

Directions:

- Place your bottle of cola somewhere where spills are acceptable – preferably outside
- Open your Mentos to have quick access
- Quickly open your bottle of cola and place the Mentos in as fast as you can
- Be cautious and step back quickly after the Mentos have been applied

Elephant Toothpaste (All Ages)

Materials: plastic bottle, dry yeast, warm water, liquid dish soap, 3% hydrogen peroxide, measuring cups and spoons, safety glasses (or parental help), large tub or tray to catch the foam, liquid food colouring (optional)

Directions:

- Measure $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of hydrogen peroxide and carefully pour it into the bottle
- Add a big squirt of dish soap into the bottle and swirl it gently
- If you would like to make your foam your favourite colour, now is the time to add a few drops of food colouring
- In a measuring cup mix one tablespoon of yeast and three tablespoons of warm water
- Stir the water and yeast for 30 seconds
- Pour the yeast mixture into the bottle and step back!

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/kids-activities-and-printables/activities-for-kids/math-and-science-ideas/home-science-experiments-elephants-toothpaste.html>

Finding Faces (All Ages)

Materials: Paper, scissors

Directions:

- (Optional) Create a picture frame out of the paper to improve the experience
- Head outside and start looking around your yard or the space available to you
- Use your imagination to find as many objects that resemble faces
- Be creative and challenge your family to see who can find the most faces (or the wackiest one)

Oobleck (All Ages)

Materials: Cornstarch, water, food colouring (optional)

Directions:

- If you would like colour add the colour of choice to 1 cup of water
- Then stir in 2 cups of cornstarch
- Finally let us know whether you think this is a liquid or a solid

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Oobleck/>

Puffy Slime (All Ages)

Materials: liquid white glue, shaving cream, foaming hand soap, baby powder, food colouring (optional), borax, water, spatula, large bowl, smaller bowl (for borax solution)

Directions:

- Start with the borax solution by combining 1 tsp of borax with 1 cup of hot water
- Squeeze the entire bottle of glue into the larger
- Add ½ shaving cream and ½ cup of hand soap to the glue – mixing well in the process
- Once the mixture has no lumps add a heaping tablespoon of baby powder and mix well
- Add in 4-5 drops of food colouring
- Add the borax solution in intervals of 3 teaspoons then stir (do not as too much or your slime will harden)
- Mix, knead and enjoy

<https://www.iheartnaptime.net/how-to-make-fluffy-slime/>

Veg Off (All Ages)

Directions:

- This game is perfect for settling arguments at home
- Have two people stand back to back (just like gunslingers in an old western)
- The game master will count to three as the two contestants take three big steps
- The game master will then call out a vegetable
- The contestants will use their bodies to best mimic that vegetable
- The person who looks most like the vegetable wins!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_u7onxrkic