Homemade Craft Supplies



Many everyday household items can be repurposed to provide a myriad of play opportunities for children.

Have a rummage through your pantry and join us as we make homemade craft supplies!

Paint Made Easy

What you need:

- + Plain baking flour
- + Salt
- + Water
- + Food colouring
- + Containers for children to paint from paper cups, cupcake tins, zip lock bags

What to do:

- 1. Mix 1/2 cup of flour with 1/2 cup salt
- 2. While mixing slowly add 1/2 cup of water to create a smooth texture
- 3. Divide mixture into painting containers
- 4. Add a few drops of food colouring to each







There are so many ways to paint!

See next page for inspiration

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Painting Inspiration

Create prints using:



- + Potatoes! Cut potatoes into different shapes and use these as stamps
- + Cookie cutters, large leaves, small rocks, flowers, a sponge cut into shapes
- + Cut out the "cups" from egg cartons, trim to create different shapes

Offer alternatives surfaces to paint on:

- + Small boxes (tissue boxes, cereal boxes), egg cartons or paper cups
- + Rocks or scrap pieces of wood
- + A long piece of scrap paper placed on the ground

Experiment with different textures and implements while painting:

Leaves, cotton buds, sticks, sponges, flowers

Stick With Me







Homemade Glue

What you need:

Water, cornflour, sugar, white vinegar

What to do:

- 1. Pour 3/4 cup of water in a saucepan over medium heat
- 2. Add 1/4 cup of cornflour, 1 tablespoon of sugar, and 1 teaspoon of vinegar
- 3. Stir constantly until the mixture thickens
- 4. When cool, place in jar

Find fun pasting ideas on the next page



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Bright ideas

If you don't have a paintbrush at home, get creative and try using:

Cotton buds, leaves, feathers, sponges

Create a pasting board! Collect household items for children to experiment with:

- + Leaves, flowers, twigs, seeds or pasta
- + Labels from tins and bottles
- + Cotton wool, patty pans, serviettes or tissues

Use different materials to stick and paste onto:

- + Small boxes (tissue boxes, cereal boxes)
- + Egg cartons or paper cups
- + Baking paper
- + Large leaves or rocks

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