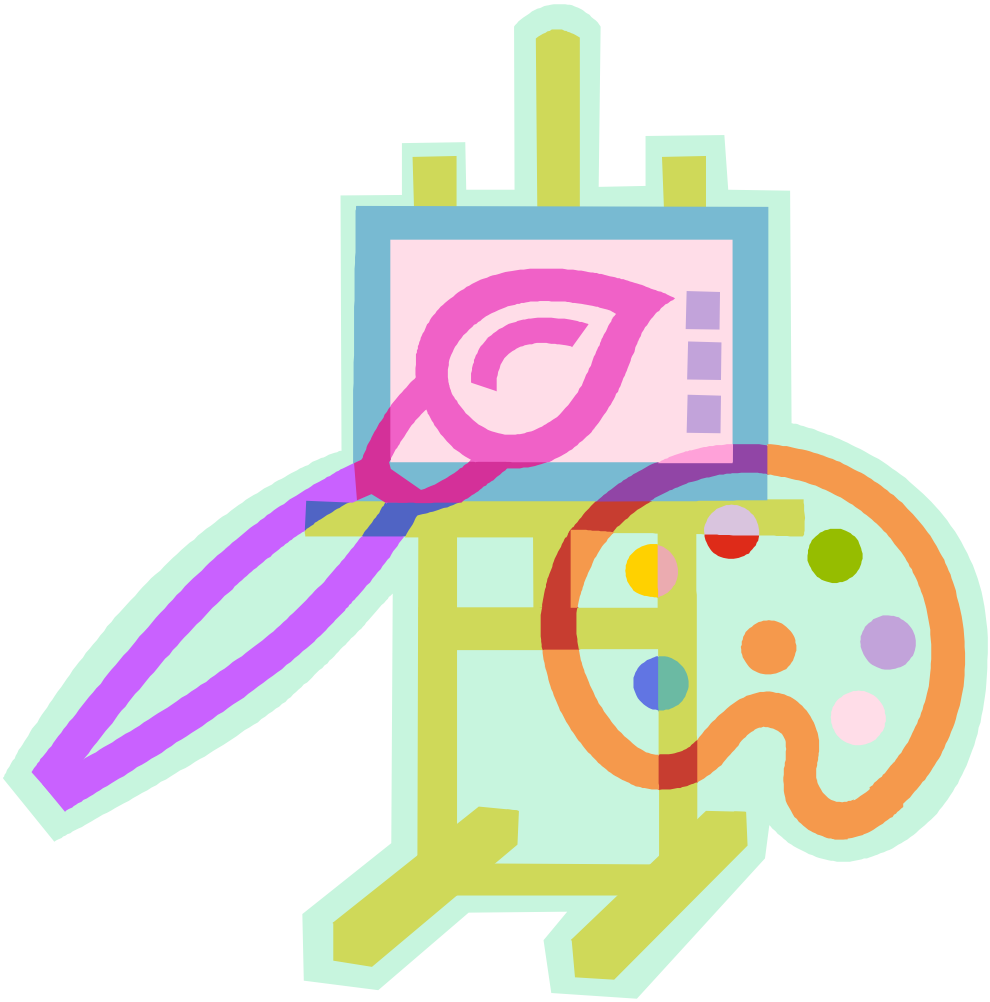
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Here at Potential Plus UK, we recognise gifted and talented children require stimulation to explore their creative minds. If it's a rainy day or you're sitting at home over the weekend, we have created this 'Art & Craft' activity pack to provide your child and their friends with fun, challenging ideas to keep them entertained. Designed to cater for the needs of Key Stages 1 and 2 children;
these are the 20 activities contained in this pack:

1. Bubble Trouble!
2. Straw Hair
3. Curly Wurlies
4. Plate Sheep
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Bubble Bath Activity 1

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Bowl
- Washing up Liquid
- Water
- Paper
- Food colouring/ink

WHAT DO I DO?

Find a washing up bowl and add a good dollop of washing up liquid into the bowl.
Now use cold water to fill the bowl.
Swish your hand around in the water and bubbles should start to appear.
Drip a few drops of food colouring/ink onto the top of the bubbles.
Grab your piece of paper and carefully place the paper onto the bubbles and press down very gently.
Remove the paper gently and you will have a colourful pattern!



WHAT NEXT…?

Try and use one or more other different colours of food colouring/ ink and see what patterns you can make.
Is the colour of ink deeper at the edge or the middle of the circles the bubbles left? Why might this be?
Why do bubbles form? Why are they not another shape? Why do they burst?

Straw Hair Activity 2

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Drinking straw
- Paper
- Pen/Pencil
- Ink/Paint

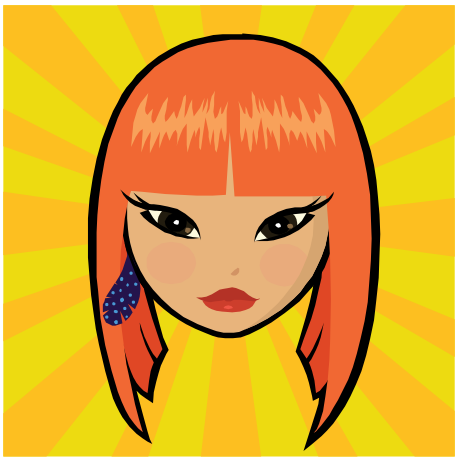
WHAT DO I DO?

Draw a face onto your piece of paper (but without the hair). don't forget the eyes, ears, nose, mouth!

Carefully put a blob of ink/paint onto the hairline of your face

Grab your straw, take a deep breath and blow through the straw, spreading the ink/paint

Blow the ink/paint to create a hairstyle – Be as creative as you like!



WHAT NEXT…?

Try and use different colours of ink/paint and blow it in all directions to create different wacky hairdos! How do you think you can make curly hair or an afro?

Can you blend colours together to make highlights and crazy dyed hairstyles?

What other things could you draw and add ink to? How about animals like lions or hedgehogs?

You could even make interesting shapes with the ink first and then draw on top.

Curly Wurlies Activity 3

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Coloured Paper/card
- Paintbrush

WHAT DO I DO?

Take a piece of coloured card or paper and cut a thin strip from it.
Then take your paintbrush and tightly roll the strip round the paintbrush from one end to another.
Once you have rolled the paper up, take out the paintbrush and let the paper unroll. You should now have a curled piece of paper. Stick it onto a piece of paper
You can then roll up different pieces of paper in different colours to create curly pictures! You can try and make a 3D flower!



WHAT NEXT…?

This can make really good cards for people. Try and design things like birthday cakes, presents of people's favourite animals all out of curled paper.

If you get really into it, you can buy strips of paper to curl in kits. These can be bought at craft shops.

Try curling the paper and then pinching it to make different shapes. Then you can make flower petals, or spikes.

Plate Sheep Activity 4

WHAT DO I NEED?

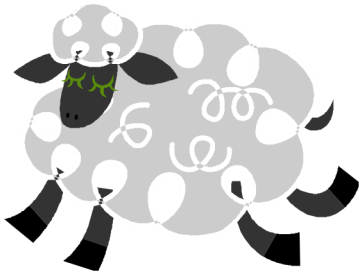
- Paper Plate
- Black Paint
- Small Paintbrush
- Glue
- Cotton Balls
- Pipe Cleaners
- Card
- Scissors
- Wiggly Eyes
- Pom-poms

WHAT DO I DO?

Start by painting the middle of the paper plate in the black paint.
Once the paint is dry, use the glue to stick on the cotton balls, all the way around the rim of the plate and then another layer inside the first ring of cotton.
Stick on a Pom-pom in the middle of the plate, as a nose.
For the mouth use a pipe cleaner and bend it so it looks like a W shape.
Glue the mouth, under the nose.
Stick on a pair of wiggle eyes as eyes.
Cut out two oval shapes cut out from card and stick them either side of the face, as ears.

WHAT NEXT…?

Can you make a whole sheep rather than just the face?



What other animals can you make?

What about people's faces? Can you make a portrait of a family member?

Funny Faces Activity 5

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Magazines/newspapers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paper/Card

WHAT DO I DO?

Look through all of the Magazine/Newspapers you have collected and cut out facial features: eyes, nose, mouth, eyebrows, ears, face, and hair.

Place them on your paper and arrange them into a face.

Once you're happy, glue it all down!

You have now made your very own collage!

WHAT NEXT…?



Experiment with different styles how about trying pop art on monochrome?

You could even try making monster faces, animal faces or cartoons.

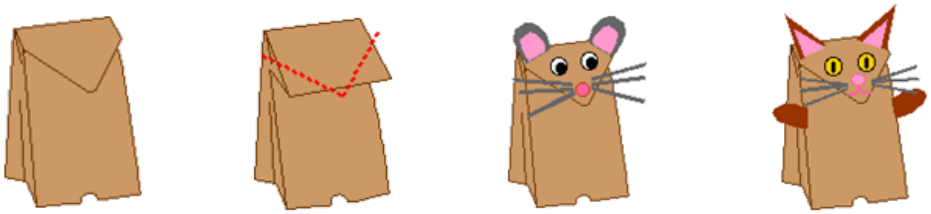
You could try making a whole body to go with the face. How about a human face on an animal body?

Try designing houses for your characters to live in, or making a comic strip involving them.

Paper Pets Activity 6

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Paper Bag
- Pipe Cleaners
- Paper
- Wiggle Eyes
- Pom-poms
- Card



WHAT DO I DO?

1) Fold the two square edges of the paper bag under, to form the animals' pointed snout.

2) You now have the animals head

3) Cut out two rounded ovals out of black card and then stick a pink oval shape smaller than the first onto the black card as ears. Get two wiggle eyes, as the eyes and then as the whiskers, cut out 6 strips out of black card (3 whiskers on each side) and stick all of these onto the paper bag.

4) Repeat this for the cat but instead of oval ears, use triangular ears and then add some oval paws made out of brown card.

WHAT NEXT…?

How many different animals can you make?

You could put on a puppet show using your new paper puppets.

How about making up your own story for the puppet show? Or you could put on a story that you have read, like Romeo and Juliet or The Gruffalo.

Outdoor Art Activity 7

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Paper
- Tape
- Paint
- Potatoes
- Outdoor materials e.g. Leaves, twigs, feathers

WHAT DO I DO?

Tape paper to a fence or a washing line.

Try painting with different kind of brushes. Get lots of different paint – if you can, why not have paint of different finishes (e.g. matt, gloss)

Try dipping grass into paint and swishing it on the paper, then try painting with leaves or twigs.

Cut out shapes in potatoes to use as stamps for your picture!



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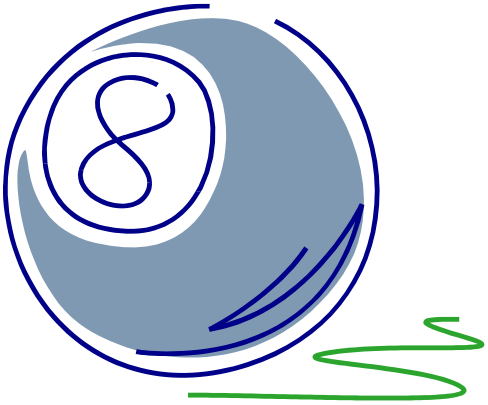
What different effects can you make with different things you have found outside?

Why not add things you have found to your picture to make a collage?

Rolling Art Activity 8

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Tray
- Paper
- Paint
- Marbles



WHAT DO I DO?

Place your piece of paper in the tray, so it fits.

Now add some paint into the middle of the paper (use as many colours as you like!)

Then take a couple of marbles (or more) and place them on the tray.

Then pick up the tray and gently rock the tray so the marbles roll through the paint.

When you have finished, you should have ended up with a pattern!

WHAT NEXT…?

Try using other things that roll, like cotton reels, Brussels sprouts or scrunched up balls of paper.

What different patterns do they make?

Try changing the material you are rolling the marbles on. What if it is rough like sandpaper, or shiny like acetate?

Do different types of paint work differently? How does watercolour work compared to oil paint or poster paint?

Can you manipulate how the marbles roll to make a picture?

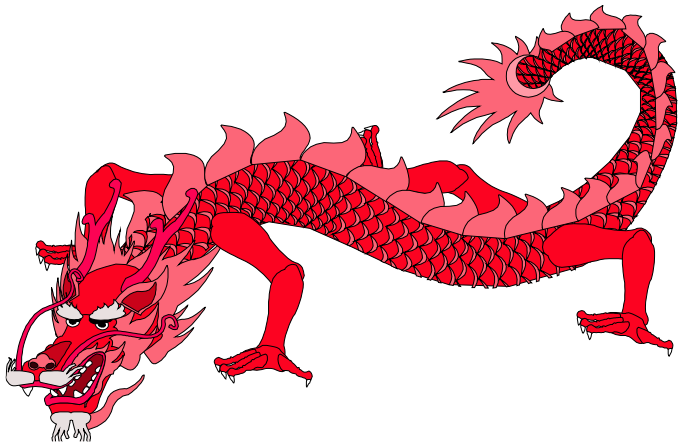
Monster Feet Activity 9

WHAT DO I NEED?

Two Tissue Boxes (the hole big enough to put your feet in)
Paint
Sequins and other decorative bits

WHAT DO I DO?

Start by painting your monster feet in whichever colour you would like on the outside of the tissue box and leave them to dry.
Next, you can decorate the boxes, add sequins and glitter. If you are doing a dragon, paint them red and add scales or if you are doing a pig, paint it pink and add splashes of brown for mud.
If you want to make claws, cut out triangles from card or paper and stick them on the end of the feet!
To make the inside nice and comfy for your feet, stick in cotton or fake fur!



WHAT NEXT…?

Why not make animal feet instead of monster feet, to go in your dressing-up box? You could try bird feet or monkey feet.

You could also make monster hands by decorating a pair of old gloves, but remember to ask permission first!

Treasure! Activity 10

WHAT DO I NEED?



Washing powder Box with Plastic Handles
Wrapping paper
Newspapers
Photos, Scrapbooking, or Paper decorating items
Thin Ribbon
Paint

WHAT DO I DO?

Cut and tear all sorts of paper into different sizes and shapes. Cut pictures and words form magazines and collect favourite photos.

Glue all of these on to your box.

Once the whole box is covered, paint designs with glitter paint or glue gems, stickers, sequins and charms onto the box and let it dry.

Glue a Pom-pom on to the front of the box lid. Glue both ends of ribbon to the inside of the front of the box, along the top edge, to create a loop to hook onto the Pom-pom to close the box.

Store all of your secret treasures or gaming cards inside!

WHAT NEXT…?

Can you make a lock to your treasure box, and a key so only you can open it?

You could also make boxes for other people as gifts.

Pasta Hair Activity 11

WHAT DO I NEED?

Paint
Pasta
Glue
Paper
Pencils

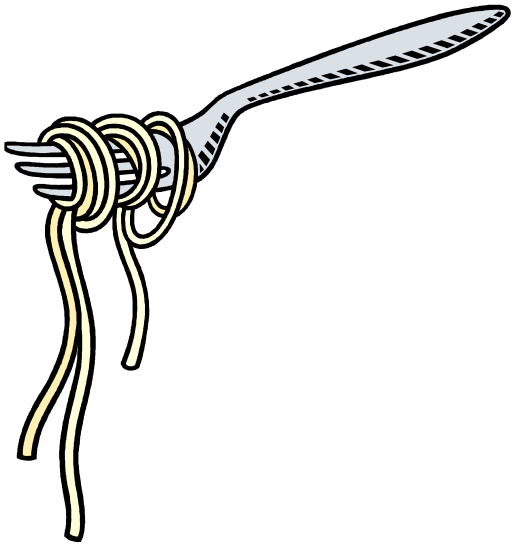
WHAT DO I DO?

Draw a cartoon face, but without any hair.

Take your dry pasta and arrange it as hair for the face.

When you're happy with the hairstyle, glue it in place.

When it is dry, paint the pasta in any colour you like!



WHAT NEXT…?

Try using different pasta to create different crazy pasta hair-do's! What about spaghetti for long locks or fusilli pasta for curly hair?!

You could try making faces and bodies out of pasta, or out of other foodstuffs. How about a man with a raisin face and a cornflake coat?

My Flag Activity 12

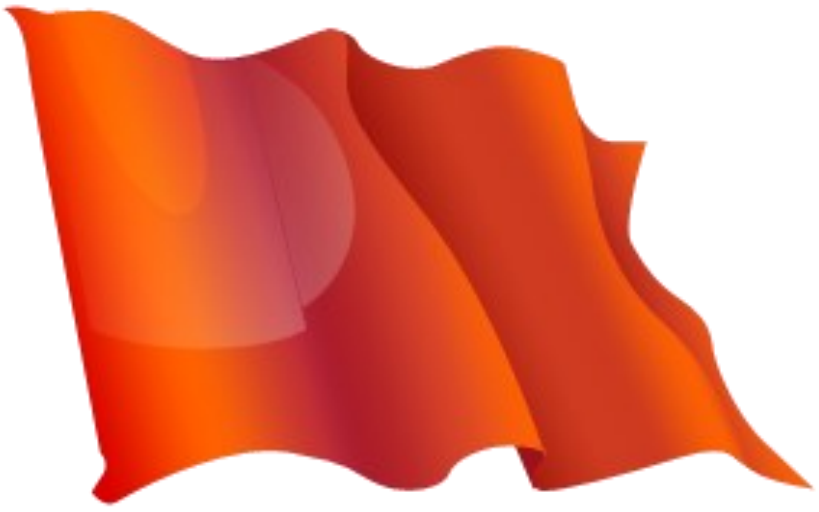
WHAT DO I NEED?

Paper
Colouring Pencils
Ruler
Pens
Sequins and other decorations

WHAT DO I DO?

Take your piece of paper and make a design for your own flag. You can take inspiration from real flags, or maybe your favourite picture or hobby.

Once you have drawn on your design, you can colour it and use sequins and other decorations to make it look pretty.



WHAT NEXT…?

As you have designed your own flag, why not design a country to go with it? What would your country look like? What animals would live there?

You could also decide what the laws are for your country, what the weather is like, and what national holidays there are.

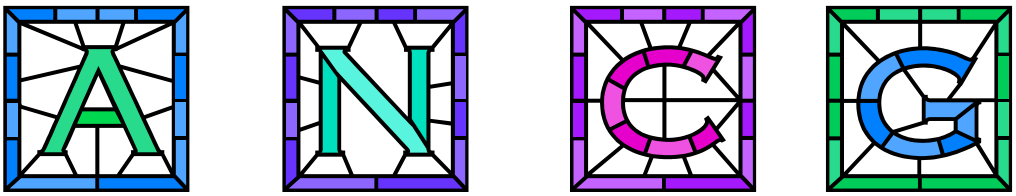
Who would you bring with you to live in your country, and why?

Why not draw a map of your country to go with the flag?

Stained Glass Activity 13

WHAT DO I NEED?

Black Card
Scissors
Glue
String
Ruler
See through sweet wrappers



WHAT DO I DO?

Draw a square in the centre of the black card, using a ruler and pencil.
Cut it out, so you are left with a frame.
Get your sweet wrappers and glue them, so that they cover the inside of the frame.
Wait until the glues dry and then make a hole big enough for string to fit through on the black frame.
Tie your stained glass window in front of a window and the light will reflect the colours of the wrappers onto a surface.
If you want to, why not decorate the black frame too?

WHAT NEXT...?

Try making different pictures with the stained glass. Can you do a portrait of some one in your family, or a landscape scene?

Have a look at your local church. They often have very complex stained glass windows. How long do you think it would have taken to make these? Can you make something similar with your stained glass?

Some of the windows in the church tell stories, like in comic books. Can you tell what is happening? Is there any writing on the windows? Can you understand it? What language might it be?

Stained glass pictures make great presents for people, especially at Christmas. Can you make one with a nativity scene on? What about someone's favourite animal?

Sand bottles Activity 14

WHAT DO I NEED?

Coloured Chalk
Bottle (with cap)
Newspaper



WHAT DO I DO?

Pour you sand on a piece of newspaper (if it is sand from the beach put it through a sieve first, to get rid of any stones).

Roll one colour of chalk all over the sand, so that the sand has changed that colour.
Once you have finished, pour the sand into the bottle.

Repeat this process but with different coloured chalk to create layers of sand.

When you have finished, screw the lid on tightly.

You should now have a lovely colourful pattern with all coloured sand.

Why not display it somewhere to remind you of the beach!

WHAT NEXT…?

Some beaches do not have white sand. Do you know any places where the sand is a different colour? What colours can sand be? Why is the sand a different colour in some places?

Why do some beaches have no sand at all?

Do you know how sand is made? How long do you think it takes?

Try looking at sand under a microscope. What do you see? Does this give you clues as to what sand is made of?

Ladybirds Activity 15

WHAT DO I NEED?

Paint (Black, Blue, and Green, white and red)
Cotton wool
Glue
Paper
Cotton Bud





WHAT DO I DO?

Paint one half of the paper blue and wait until that's dry.

Afterwards, paint the second half green and wait until that dry's (so you now have the sky and the grass)

Get some cotton wool and stretch it a little and stick it on the paper as clouds (on the sky of course!)

When you have done that, dip your thumb into your red paint and press it onto the grass for the body. Use a cotton bud to add spots to the ladybird's body using the black paint.

Use your other thumb and dip it into the black paint and press it onto the body for the head. Use the other end of the cotton bud and dip it into some white paint and press it onto the head for eyes.

Repeat this again and again until you have a whole field full of ladybirds!

WHAT NEXT…?

Can you think of any other animals you can paint onto your background? What about pigs or cows…? You could create a whole farm yard scene!

You could use this method to make cards for friends and family, or postcards to send home.

Gift Tags Activity 16

WHAT DO I NEED?

Cardboard
Scraps of material
Paper
String
Scissors
Hole Puncher
Ribbon
Glue
Wrapping Paper



WHAT DO I DO?

Draw a rectangle from cardboard and cut it out.
Cut out a small rectangle form wrapping paper and stick it onto the card. Now you have the border.
Cut out an ever smaller rectangle from your scraps of material and glue this on the wrapping paper.
You are now building a 3D effect on your gift tag!
Finish decorating this side with ribbon (which you could turn into a bow) sequins and other art supplies!

WHAT NEXT…?

Repeat this, but with different patterns and materials and use different designs! They can be themed (Christmas, Easter, Birthdays) and you can even put peo-ple's names on them in different fonts! When you are finished making your tags, write on the back of them and sellotape them onto a gift!

Try saving old Christmas and birthday cards and then cutting the designs off the front to add to your gift tags.

Round Heads Activity 17

WHAT DO I NEED?

Scraps of material
A magazine/newspaper
Buttons
Glue
Scissors
Rubber Band



WHAT DO I DO?

Lay a small plate onto a piece of material and draw around it.

Cut out the circle.

Then get your newspaper/magazine and scrunch up a page from it into a ball.

Put the paper ball in the middle of the material circle.

Gather up all the material around the ball and secure it with a rubber band.

Cut a mouth from cardboard and glue it onto the head, glue on two buttons for eyes and then for the hair, get the scissors and cut into the loose material.

Lavender heads – Collect some lavender and put them inside your head, to make it smell nice!

WHAT NEXT…?

You could make the head look like somebody's favourite animal and give it to them as a gift. Or maybe you could make it look like a portrait of them!

You can add all kinds of things into these to make them smell nice, like dried flowers or essential oils. Then you can hang it in your wardrobe and it will keep your clothes smelling fresh!

Storyboard Activity 18

WHAT DO I NEED?

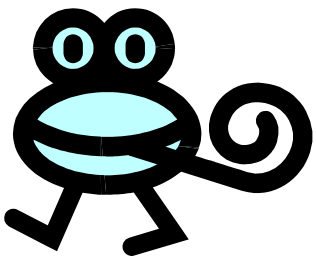
- Colouring pencils and pens
- A large sheet of paper
- Writing pen
- A friend or sibling

WHAT DO I DO?

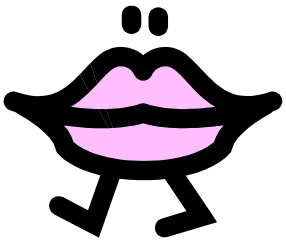
Start by dividing the paper into squares. Leave a space at the bottom.

Get your friend or sibling to make up the start of the story, and write it down in the bottom of one of the squares. Then you have to draw a picture to match what they have written.

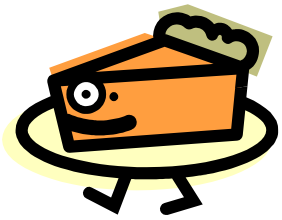
Next, you make up part of the story and write it down, and then they have to draw it. Soon you will have your own graphic novel!



Once upon a time, there was a giant blue frog with a very long tongue.



A beautiful princess came and kissed him, but he didn't turn into a prince...



He turned into a pie!
And then the princess ate him, but her tummy hurt and then...

WHAT NEXT…?

You can try writing your story in another language to help you learn it.

If you have more than one person to play this with you, you can all take it in turns to talk and draw.

If everyone sits in a circle and says one sentence each, you can make up your own story. This is a good party game.

God's Eyes Activity 19

WHAT DO I NEED?

2 Craft Sticks
String in different colours
Glue
Scissors

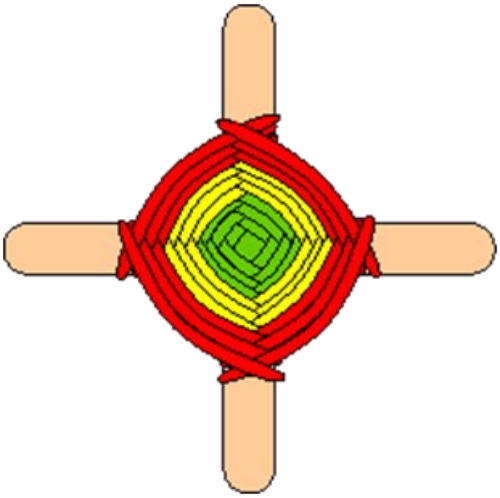
WHAT DO I DO?

Glue two craft sticks together into a cross.

Take one piece of string and wrap it over one stick, then under the next and then over the next and so on. Keep doing that until the colour is used up.

Tie a different coloured string onto the other string with a tight knot and then repeat step 2 again.

Hang it up in the window or outside.



WHAT NEXT…?

This is a Mexican activity. The cross represents power!

These make good decorations for Christmas trees. You can put glitter or sequins on them, or other decorations. Maybe you can give some to relatives or friends.

Think about other Christmas things, like fir trees and candy canes. Where do these customs originate?

Sock Puppet Activity 20

WHAT DO I NEED?



Sock
Wiggly eyes
Different Materials
Scissors
Glue

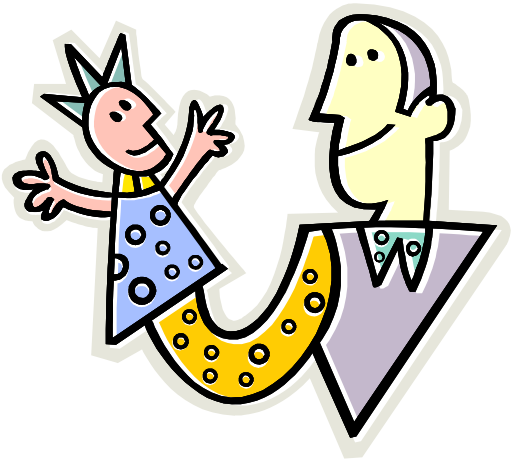
WHAT DO I DO?

Get an old sock. A patterned sock would be very good for this activity!

Get a few wiggle eyes and stick them onto your puppet. If you are making a monster sock, you could add three eyes on or more!

Cut out different materials for the other parts of the face (Mouth, nose, fangs!) If you wanted to add some hair, glue some string or pom-poms (for a big hair-do) on the hairline of your puppet and stick it on!

You could make a whole sock puppet community!



WHAT NEXT…?

Can you write a story and make it into a puppet show? Maybe y0ou could act out your favourite book or film.

Yu could even film your puppets doing things and make it into a movie. How about Lord of the Rings, or The Gruffalo?