

Spring 2020

Dear Aidan Friends,

I hope you and your families are well!

Since we're all spending more time at home, here are some projects children can make with things you may have around the house.

Some of these projects are from my needlecraft and paper engineering classes, others are just fun ideas I thought you might enjoy.

I miss you all, and hope to see you again in the fall!

Fondly,

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Magic Diamonds

1) Find two sticks.

You can use popsicle sticks, chopsticks, pencils, or sticks you find outside.

2) Make an X with the sticks.

It makes it a little easier if a grown-up connects the sticks with a pipe cleaner or tape.



3) Wrap yarn, string, or ribbon around the sticks, turning as you go.

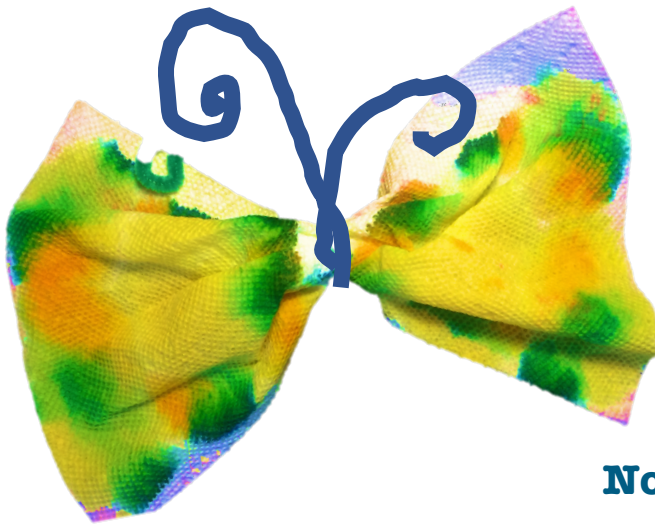
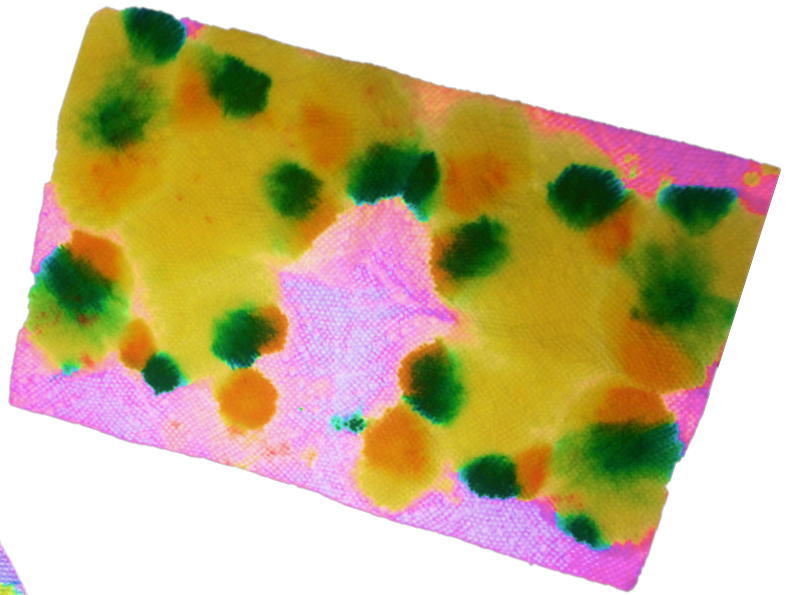


Food Color Fun!

Use food color to decorate coffee filters or paper towels.

Fold the paper to make symmetrical designs.

Add a pipe cleaner to turn your decorated paper into spring butterflies!



Noodle Beads

Use any tubular pasta—penne, rigatoni, and tiny ditalini work well.

You'll also need white vinegar and food color.

Put about a cup of pasta in bowl.

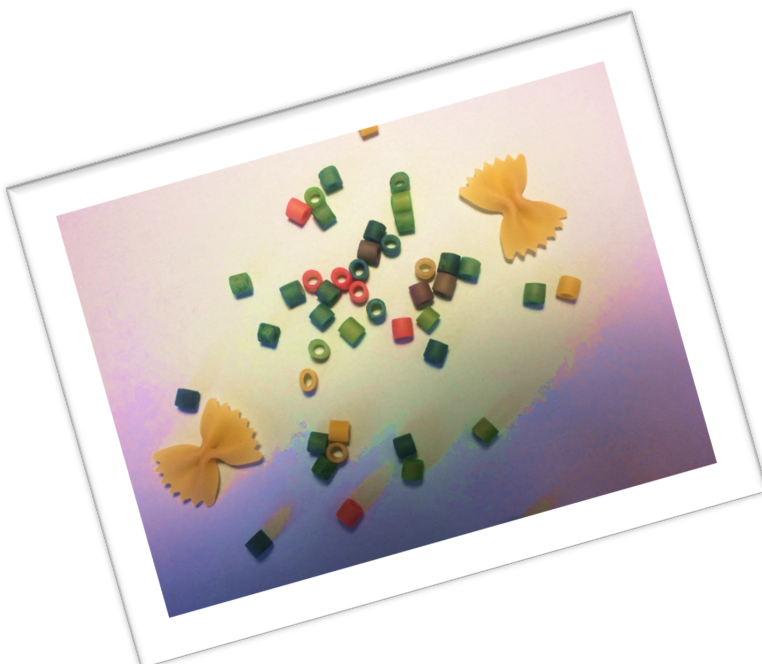
Add 1 teaspoon white vinegar, stir.

Add a few drops of food color, stir.

Spread on a cookie sheet to dry.

Make beads in different colors!

String on yarn or pipe cleaners!



Make a Talking Book



1) Fold a piece of paper in half the short way.



2) Open paper, fold in half again the long way.



3) Cut about 2 inches into folded edge as shown.



4) Fold up and down from cut to make 2 triangles.



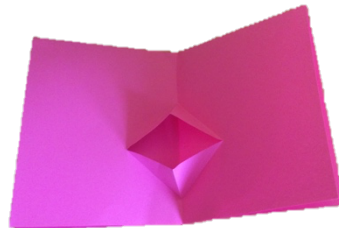
5) Flip paper over and fold again on other side.



6) Open paper up.



7) Fold in half again the short way.



8) Pull the mouth out as shown, so book "talks."



9) Decorate--these make great cards!!

Mixed Materials

Put together a bin of “mixed materials” for hours of crafting fun. Here are few ideas for things to put in your bin:

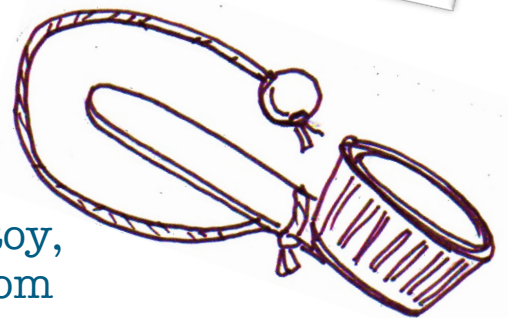
Paper towel tubes
Cut-up drinking straws
Buttons and beads
Paper with holes punched in it
Pipe cleaners
Yarn or string
Paper clips (for older kids)
Paper fasteners (for older kids)
Empty tape rolls
Egg cartons

Popsicle sticks
Muffin cups
Paper cups
Paper plates
Masking tape
Plastic spoons
Plastic bottle caps
Pom poms
Noodle beads (see above)



Mixed Material Challenge: Make a Toy!

Use your bin of mixed materials to make a toy, like the cup and ball toy above. It's made from a ruler, a plastic detergent bottle cap, a piece of yarn, and a noodle.



Socks, Socks, Socks!

Do you have a drawer of lonely, hole-y, too-small socks?

With a grown-up's help, you can cut them up to make stuffed toys, **like this guy.**



Or cut socks into loops.

You can connect the loops together to make a **really** long chain.

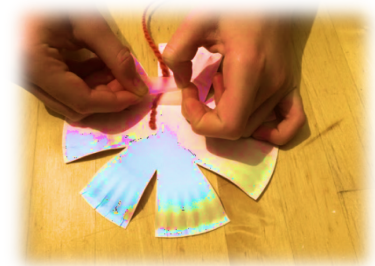
The doll and chain were made from **one sock!**

Weave a Paper Plate Basket



1. Cut **seven** notches in a small paper plate, as shown.

2. Attach yarn to the bottom of plate with clear tape.



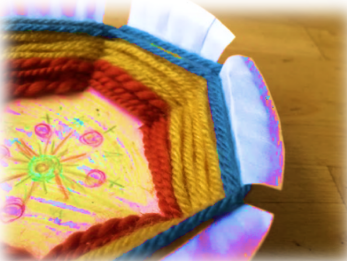
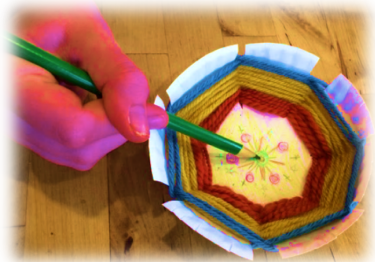
3. Weave yarn over and under, and around plate.

4. To change colors, cut yarn and tape on a new color.



5. Keep weaving. To form a bowl, pull circle in tighter.

6. Decorate with markers, colored pencils or crayons.



7. Fold edges of basket over to hold yarn in place.