ARTS AND CRAFTS

Taking part in art and craft activities can help your child in many ways. Arts and crafts activities can help to develop your child’s imagination and creativity, their planning and organisation skills and fine motor skills.

Arts and crafts can be enjoyed at any age and can be done as a group activity or individually. You can also support your child’s learning from school by linking activities to topics and school projects or linking with themes throughout the year: Easter, Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Eid, Chinese New Year, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter etc.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Crafts for Children 2 - 7 Years

Painting and drawing activities: using stampers and printing, finger painting and hand painting, scratch art, paint by numbers, stencilling, blow painting, crayon rubbings. You can use a variety of tools and everyday objects e.g. pencils, crayons, chalk, pens, toothbrushes, potatoes and other fruit or veg, string, sponges, cotton wool, bubble wrap, toilet roll tubes, bubble wrap etc.

Activities involving tearing, cutting and gluing: papier-mâché, collage, paper lanterns, sun catchers, paper chains, mask making, paper weaving etc.

Construction: pasta necklaces, play dough, salt dough, egg box construction, making a mobile, making cards, toilet roll tube construction, junk art, Hama beads etc.

Baking: stirring, using a rolling pin, using cutters, spreading, kneading, measuring etc. Ice and decorate cakes or biscuits using writing icing and sprinkles.
Crafts for Children 7 Years and Older

- Painting.
- Drawing.
- Marbling paper.
- Melted crayon art.
- Scrapbooking.
- Origami.
- Decoupage.
- Yarn craft e.g. knitting, crochet, French knitting, rag rugging, weaving.
- Fabric craft e.g. cross stitch, embroidery, sewing, weaving.
- Clay modelling.
- Bead work, jewellery making, friendship bracelets, loom bands.
- Glass painting, ceramic painting.
- Nail art, hair braiding.
- Slime making, Gak, magnetic slime.

Useful websites

Play Talk Read [www.parentclub.scot/articles/play-talk-read](http://www.parentclub.scot/articles/play-talk-read)
Read Write Count [www.parentclub.scot/articles/read-write-count](http://www.parentclub.scot/articles/read-write-count)
Play Scotland [www.playscotland.org](http://www.playscotland.org)
Activity village [www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk)
Red Ted Art [www.redtedart.co.uk](http://www.redtedart.co.uk)
Nurture Store [www.nurturestore.co.uk](http://www.nurturestore.co.uk)
Pinterest [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)

Youtube search for kids crafts or the above activities.