



Craft for Children

Practice:

Make the craft beforehand so you are familiar with it and know how it works. Make a sample. Make sure it is age appropriate.

Prepare:

Gather all materials you need for activity. Pre-cut or fold materials beforehand. (Depends largely on age and ability of children and time available for activity). Place materials in separate cartons for the children to work from.

Protect:

Protect working surfaces with newspaper or plastic sheeting, provide aprons or old shirts for messy activities. Have the appropriate cleaning materials, cloths, towels, soapy water, kitchen rolls and so on.

Divide:

Work in small groups as they are more easily managed and children become less frustrated if they have an adult at hand to help them when help is required. Remember you are there to help the children and NOT to make your own little work of art.

Delegate:

Assign a helper to each group, if you are short of help you may need to prepare the craft to a certain stage at which the children will need little or no help.

Top Tips:

1. Provide age appropriate crafts
2. Supervise sharp objects
3. Baby wipes are hand for messy hands
4. Paper plates are useful for drying craft and for transporting craft home
5. Chat with the children while they are participating in the craft activity

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Play Dough:

4 cups of plain flour
6 tsp cream of tartar
2 cups of salt
8 desert spoonfuls cooking oil
4 cups of boiling water
Food colouring

1. Place all in large mixing bowl and mix together thoroughly
2. Allow to cool and wrap in clingfilm
3. This will keep in an airtight container for a could of weeks



Cut out template and decorate with sticky coloured paper and add pegs for leg!