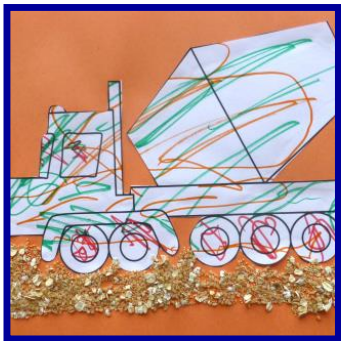


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# Transportation

# Crafts

# for Little Kids



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## Introduction

Welcome to the seventh (seventh!) book in the “50 Crafts” series. This book really wouldn’t exist without my son’s love of things that go - trains, cars, trucks, boats, rockets - he enjoys them all!



Balloon rockets, p63

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I started making crafts with him when he was around one year old, just some basic art projects. But as his tastes developed we progressed onto more specific ideas. When he was around two-and-a-half we spent a week at a time looking at a particular mode of transport.

For each vehicle type we’d look at his toys, read themed books, eat themed food, make footprint art, and of course make all kinds of crafts. It was a wonderful way for my son to learn all about the different types of transportation!

In this book I have tried to use common craft materials plus some items from around the house, like paper plates and cardboard tubes.



Craft Stick Airplanes, p32

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Some types of transportation are not easy for children to recreate without a helping hand - especially when it comes to art and collages. In this book I have referred several times to outlines or pictures of vehicles that you can find on the internet. You could freehand draw the images if you prefer - I just know the limitations of my own drawing capabilities!

We have very much enjoyed creating these transportation crafts over the last few years - and I hope that you do too!

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# ***Car Crafts***



# Play Dough Cars

Materials:

- Play dough
- Pouch caps or bottle tops
- Stick or play dough tool



Form the play dough into car shapes - as detailed as you like!

Push four pouch caps into place to form wheels.

Use the stick to draw designs into the play dough like doors, windows, numbers or letters.

Although the wheels don't turn, the cars do slide well!



# Crayon Cars

## Materials:

- Broken crayons (paper removed - soak them in water first if necessary)
- Silicone car mold



Break up the crayons into small pieces if necessary. Invite your child to fill the cavities in the mold with the pieces. Will they choose one color, two colors, or many?!

Place the filled mold on a plate and microwave it until the crayons start to melt. You might like to do a trial run first!

Keep cooking the crayons in short bursts, checking regularly. When they are fully melted, remove from the microwave and leave to cool and solidify.

Pop them out of the mold and zoom them around on some paper!



# Paint with Cars

Materials:

- Large piece of white paper
- Tape
- Paint
- Toy cars



Tape the paper to the table or surface to keep it secure.

Pour small puddles of paint onto the paper and set out the cars.

Invite your child to get painting! Point out how the different cars make different tracks. Can they fill the whole page?

After they have finished, suggest that it is time for a car wash and provide a tub of warm soapy water so that the cars can get all shiny and clean again!



# Alphabet Writing

Materials:

- White paper
- Small paper plates
- Thin paint
- Toy cars



This is an extension of the last activity - and particularly suitable if you have children of mixed ages!

Pour the paint onto a small paper plate (or similar) and dip the car into the paint. Show your child how to “drive” the car around the paper to form letters of the alphabet.

Some letters are harder than others! Start with some easier letters like A, E, F, H, I, K, L, T, V, X and Z, then build up to the other ones. Your child might not be able to make all 26 in one session, so you might need to revisit this activity several times.



# Cardboard Tube Cars

Materials:

- Empty cardboard tubes
- Washable paint
- Wooden wheels \*
- Wooden dowels \*
- Single paper punch
- Wood glue
- Stickers

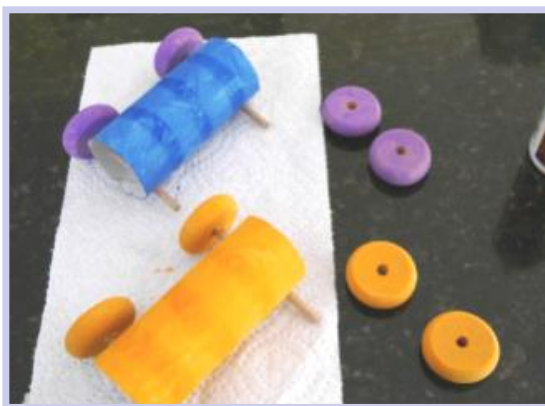


\*If you don't have these items, use cardboard wheels and straw axles instead!

Paint the cardboard tubes and wheels and let them dry.

Punch two holes in the end of each tube. Depending on the size of the wheels you may not want the holes directly opposite each other. Thread a wheel onto the end of each dowel, apply glue, and leave to dry.

Thread the dowels through the car and attach the opposite wheels with glue. When all is dry, decorate with stickers!



# Race Car Footprint

## Materials:

- Stretched canvas or card
- Paint (washable is good for the actual footprint)
- Metallic paper
- Black card
- Scissors
- Glue



Paint the canvas with a base coat and let dry.

Paint your child's foot in their chosen color and press it firmly onto the canvas. Wipe your child's foot clean with a baby wipe or wet cloth, and leave the canvas to dry.

Now add the detail! Add flames, spoiler, doors, signs or numbers with paint.

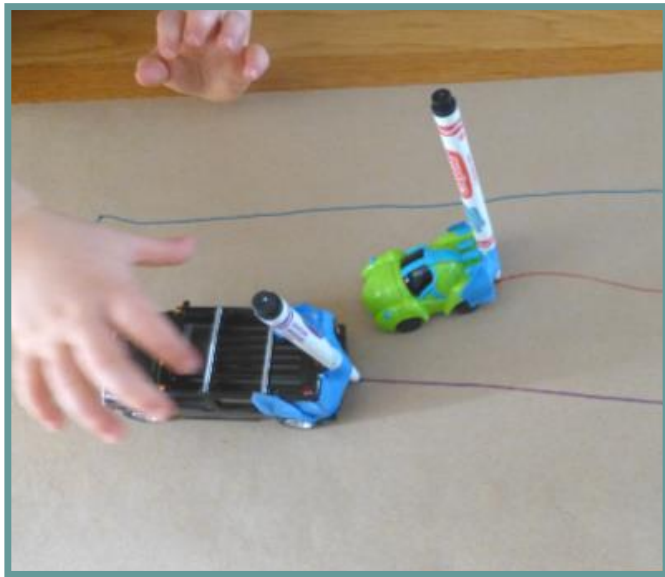
Cut two large circles of black card and two smaller circles of metallic paper for the wheels, then glue them on. It's a wonderful keepsake!



# Car Pens

Materials:

- Long piece of white or brown paper
- Tape
- Toy cars
- Marker pens

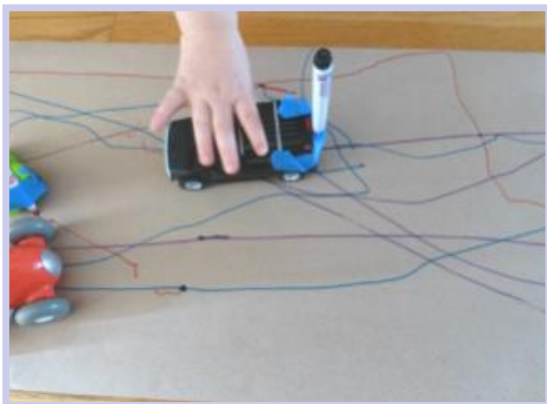


Place a long piece of paper onto the floor and tape it down at both ends.

Take the lid off a pen and tape it to the back of a car, so that it draws on the paper when it moves. Repeat with as many cars as you like.

Time to get drawing and creating! Zoom the cars around and watch as they draw lines behind them. Make them move in curves, zig zags or even spirals!

***Make sure you tape the paper to a surface that won't be stained by the pens!***



# Paper Plate Car

Materials:

- Colored paper plate
- Black card
- Circle paper punch
- Brads
- White paper
- Scissors
- Glue



Cut the paper plate in half (if you don't have any colored plates you could invite your child to paint a plain white one first). Shape one end of the halved plate to resemble the front of the car.

Show your child how to punch out black circles of card, and then attach them to the plate using the brads (a grown up will need to make the holes first).

Cut windows from white paper and glue them into place. Add any other design features that you want to such as lights, stickers, passengers etc.

***Make lots of these cute little cars from all different plates for a whole fleet!***







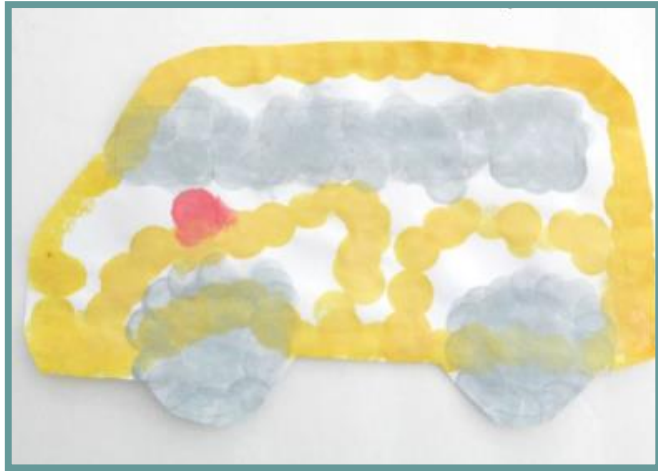
# ***Bus Crafts***



# Dot Marker Bus

Materials:

- White paper
- Colored pencils
- Dot markers
- Child-safe scissors (optional)

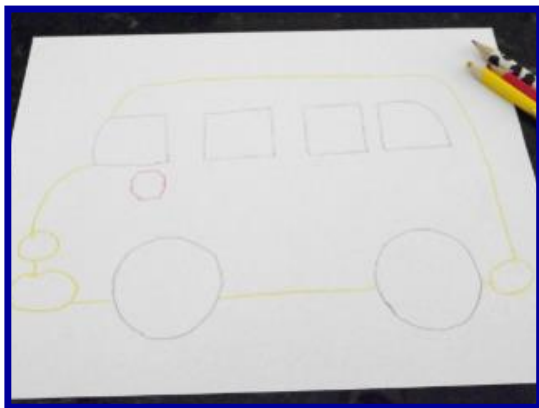


Sketch out an outline of a bus onto the paper, or print out a template from the internet.

Show your child how to use the dot markers to trace around the outline of the bus. This really works on fine motor skills!

Complete the bus picture using different colored dot markers.

For bonus fine motor practice, invite them to cut out the bus afterwards!



# London Bus

## Materials:

- Red and black card or construction paper
- Scissors
- Printed or drawn picture of a driver
- Glue stick or glue dots



Prepare the driver window by gluing the picture behind two flaps of black card.

Cut the red card to the shape of a London bus by curving the top two corners.

If using glue dots, position them on the red card in advance.

Invite your child to complete the picture!



# School Bus Footprint

Materials:

- White paper
- Yellow washable paint
- Black marker pen



This is a super cute project that even toddlers can help make! Paint their foot with the yellow paint, then press it firmly onto the paper.

Quickly clean up your child's foot (a baby wipe works well!) and leave the paint on the paper to dry. *Note: The best time to get footprints from a toddler is when they are in a high chair!*

When the paint has dried, add on details like wheels, windows and doors with the black pen.

*I've used a lot of footprints in this book instead of handprints - they seem much better suited to turning into vehicles!*

*Try adding squares of silver foil for windows, craft foam wheels, and more! Or how about making a double decker bus from footprints?!*

# City Bus Collage

## Materials:

- Bus outline printed or drawn onto white card
- Assorted scraps of blue paper
- Black card
- Magazines
- Glue stick



Cut the blue paper into small pieces. Depending on the age of the child they might like to help with this.

Invite them to glue the pieces onto the bus, avoiding the windows and wheels.

Cut circles from the black card for the wheels (or you could also use a circle paper punch) and glue them into place.

Look through some magazines and cut out some pictures of people who might be on the bus (or perhaps use photos of people your child knows in real life!). Glue them into position, not forgetting the driver!



# Shoe Box School Bus

Materials:

- Shoe box
- White paper
- Yellow paint
- 2 Cardboard tubes
- Black Card
- Metallic paper and signs



Cover the shoe box in white paper and invite your child to paint the whole thing yellow. They might like to do this in a few different sessions!

Glue circles of black card onto the ends of each tube and let dry.

Add additional detail like windows, and side stripes from the black card. Use circles of metallic paper for the lights, and print out (or draw) some signs like "School Bus" and a stop sign. Glue everything into place to complete the bus!





# ***Train*** ***Crafts***



# Trains in Ice

Materials:

- Large ice cube tray (or small baby food containers)
- Small toy plastic trains
- Eye dropper (pipette)
- Salt



To prepare the “train cubes” place the toys in the containers and cover with water. Place them in the freezer until frozen.

Place them in a bowl and invite your child to work out how to help the trains escape!

Provide a small bowl of warm water and the eye dropper and ask your child to see if it helps to melt the ice.

Try spooning salt over the ice to see if that melts faster!

This activity can actually be done with any small plastic item!



# Egg Carton Steam Train

Materials:

- Egg carton
- Cardboard tubes
- Paint
- Black card
- Scissors and glue
- Hole punch and string



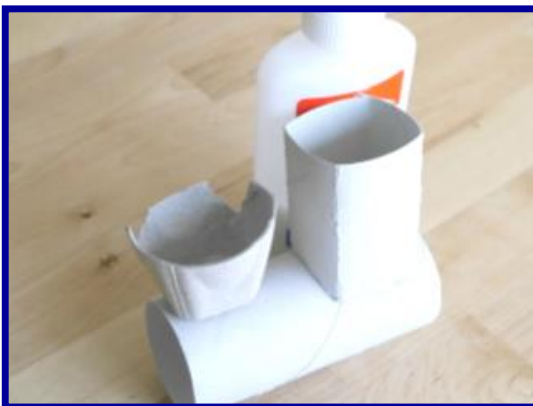
Cut the lid off the egg carton and discard it. Cut the remaining egg cups into pairs of two. Cut one of the pairs in half - one of these will become the funnel.

Cut a tube in half, then push it into a square shape to form the train cab. Shape one end so it fits onto the other cardboard tube, and glue it into place along with the funnel.

Now it's time for painting the engine and all the train cars.

When everything is dry, punch two holes at the back of the engine and on each end of the cars. Link everything together with short lengths of string.

To finish, cut circles of black card and glue them on for wheels!



# Thomas Pumpkin

Materials:

- Pumpkin (real or fake)
- Cardboard tube
- Black and blue paint
- Craft foam sheets
- Googly eyes
- White glue and hot glue
- Fake spider web or cotton wool



Paint the pumpkin with blue paint - it may need two coats. Paint the cardboard tube with black paint to become the smokestack.

While the paint dries, assemble the face by layering circles of gray foam on top of black foam. Cut out eyebrows, nose and mouth. Glue everything into place using the white glue. Don't forget the eyes!

Once everything is dry, a job for an adult is to hot glue the smokestack and face into place.

To finish, push the fake web into the smokestack to resemble smoke!



# Train Bath Bombs

Materials:

- Small plastic toy trains
- Muffin tin

Bath bomb recipe:

- Two parts baking soda
- One part citric acid
- Food dye and water mixed together in a spray bottle
- Essential oil (optional)



Mix the baking soda and citric acid together. One cup of baking soda makes about four bath bombs. Add a few drops of essential oil if using. Spray the mixture with the dyed water, just enough so it starts to clump together like breadcrumbs.

Spoon it into a muffin pan, place a train inside when they are half full, then cover with the remaining mixture and pack it down.

Leave the bath bombs overnight and they will harden. Pop them out of the muffin pan and enjoy! Kids can either help you make them or you could prepare them as a surprise!



# Q-Tip Train Art

Materials:

- Q-Tip Train Art Printable (see link below) on white card
- Q-Tips (cotton buds)
- Paint



Download and print the free template onto white card.

Set out a selection of paints (you won't need too much) and a Q-Tip for each color.

Invite your child to dip the Q-Tip into the paint and press it into the dots on the page. This will work on fine motor skills as well as show them a different art technique!

They can complete each section in a different color as shown above, or why not make it a whole rainbow of colors!

*The free printable for this art project can be downloaded from [Craftulate](https://www.craftulate.com).*



# Cardboard Tube Train

## Materials:

- Print out or hand-drawn outline of a train on white card
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons or paint
- Cardboard tube
- Scissors



Find an outline of a train on the internet (or draw one!) and print it onto white card.

Invite your child to color in the picture however they would like. When they have finished, cut out the shape, but cut straight across the wheels in line with the rest of the train.

Cut a cardboard tube in half, then pinch it in the middle to help you cut a slit reaching half way into the tube. Repeat with the other half of the tube.

Slide the train into the cuts so that it can now stand upright!



# Craft Foam Train Puzzle

Materials:

- Train Puzzle template (see link below) printed onto white paper / card
- Scissors
- Craft foam
- Magnetic tape (optional)



To prepare this activity, print out the template. Then cut out each shape, and cut the same shape and color from sheets of craft foam.

Print out another template (preferable onto card) and present your child with the pieces and the complete template.

Once they have mastered this, can they complete the train without using the template? The pieces will also stick to the side of the bath when wet which is another fun way to play.

For yet another variation, attach small pieces of magnetic tape to the back so that the puzzle can be completed on the fridge!

**To download your free  
template, go to [Craftulate!](#)**





# ***Airplane*** ***Crafts***



# Craft Stick Airplanes

Materials:

- Colored craft sticks
- White craft glue



Use craft glue to attach two sticks together on top of each other to make a fuselage - or maybe try even more!

Glue another craft stick across the fuselage to make the wings. Snap a stick in half or into thirds (file down any rough edges if you like) and glue it on as the tail fin.

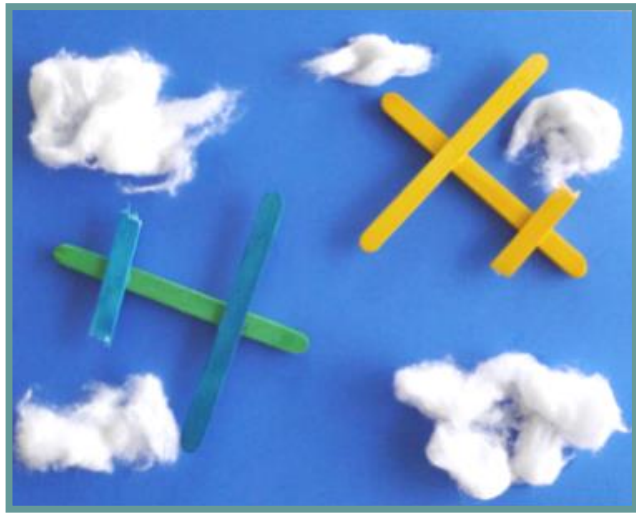
These airplanes are fun, quick and cheap to make! Kids will love choosing the colors and making them fly through the air - as soon as the glue has dried of course!



# Airplane Art

Materials:

- Craft stick airplanes from the previous page
- Blue card
- Glue
- Cotton wool balls



If the kids have finished playing with their craft stick airplanes, turn the craft into art!

Invite the kids to glue the airplanes onto the card - they may only get one or two to a page depending on how they place them.

Fill in the gaps by gluing on pulled-apart cotton wool balls to resemble clouds.



# Paper Helicopters

Materials:

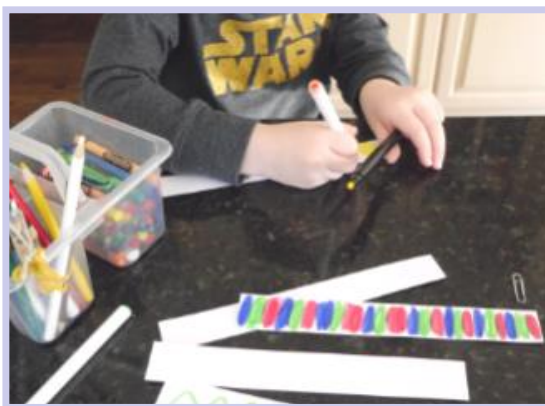
- Strips of card approx. 10 x 1" each
- Paperclips
- Crayons, pencils and/or marker pens



Fold each strip of card in half. Fold the ends down by about two inches BUT at a slight angle rather than straight down towards the fold at the bottom.

Push one or two paperclips over the fold and open up the “wings”. Throw it into the air and watch it twirl as it descends.

To personalize their new “papercopter” your child may like to decorate the card on both sides - either before or after folding. Alternatively, you could cut strips from an existing piece of their artwork (with their permission, of course!)



# Styrofoam Airplane

## Materials:

- Thin Styrofoam sheet (or a clean takeout container!)
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)



Cut three shapes from the Styrofoam as shown: a fuselage, tail fin and the wings. You might like to mark it out in pencil before you cut.

Carefully cut a hole in the center of the fuselage for the wings to poke through. Cut matching slits in the tail fin and the back of the fuselage for the fin to slot in.

Invite your child to construct the simple airplane, and then they can decorate it with stickers!

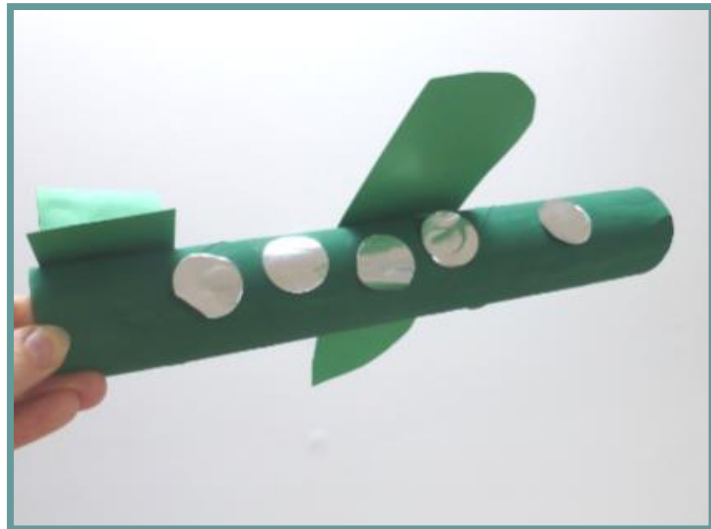
If it doesn't fly perfectly, try adding a little extra weight to the nose of the airplane with tape.



# Cardboard Tube Airplane

Materials:

- Kitchen cardboard tube
- Paint
- Card
- Metallic paper or foil
- Circle punch
- Glue



Invite your child to paint the cardboard tube and leave it to dry.

Cut out some wings and tail fin from the card. Punch out some circles from the metallic paper for the windows (or cut them out with scissors).

Help your child to glue the wings, tail fin, and windows into position. Leave the glue to dry.

They might decide that this is a cargo plane - because you can fit cars inside the tube!



# Airplane in the Clouds

Materials:

- Blue card
- Airplane outline on white card
- Painter's tape
- White paint
- Scrubbing brush or similar



Make the airplane outline by printing out a template from the internet, or drawing one freehand.

Roll small pieces of tape (sticky side out) and attach them to the airplane. Place it on the blue card.

Pour the paint into a paper plate or similar, and invite your child to dip the scrubbing brush into the paint and cover the picture. Circling motions work really well to create the look of clouds.

When the paint has dried, carefully remove the white card airplane to reveal the image underneath!







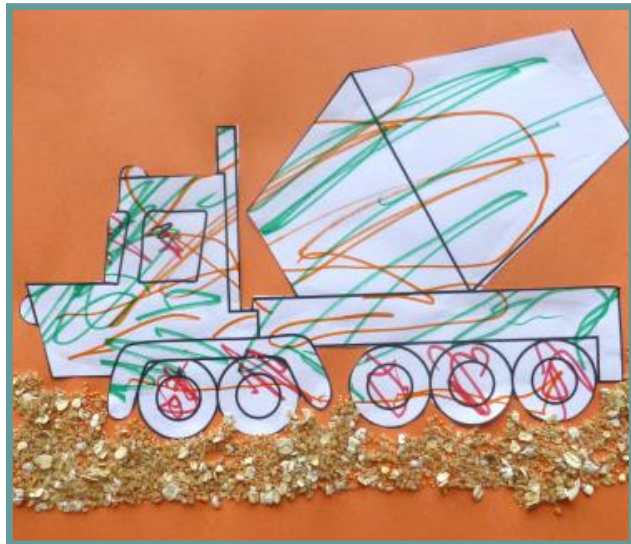
# **Truck Crafts**



# Construction Truck Art

Materials:

- Truck coloring pages
- Crayons, pencils and/or markers
- Card
- Old pantry ingredients (eg oats, grains, cereal)
- Glue

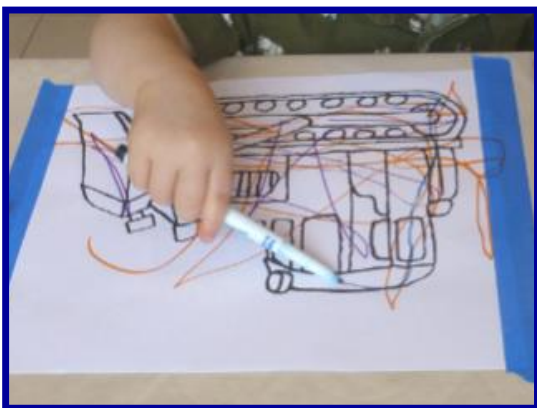


Print out some coloring pages (you can search for them online) and invite your child to complete the pictures.

Cut out the trucks and glue them onto some colored card.

Provide your child with extra glue (or spread it on for them), and a bowl of the old pantry items. Spread them around on the glue to resemble dirt!

This activity can be a great way of using up ingredients that are out of date, and they add wonderful texture to the picture.



# Paper Plate Monster Truck

Materials:

- Two small paper plates
- Black paint
- Card
- Scissors
- Kitchen foil
- Glue
- Stickers



Paint the plates black and leave them to dry.

Cut the body of the truck out from the card. Cut two hub caps and a driver window from the foil.

Set everything out and invite your child to construct the monster truck! Glue the hub caps to the wheels, and the wheels to the truck.

Add detail by gluing on the driver window and using stickers to add extra design elements.



# Tractor Tracks

Materials:

- Lint roller
- Extra thick craft foam
- Hot glue gun
- Large piece of paper
- Paint



Prepare the track roller in advance by cutting up small lengths of thick craft foam and using a hot glue gun to attach them to the lint roller. Position the foam so that it makes a tractor track when rolled.

Pour a little paint into a paper plate or similar and roll the lint roller in the paint so it is coated all the way round.

Show your child how to press it onto the paper, then roll the roller along so that it leaves track marks on the paper.

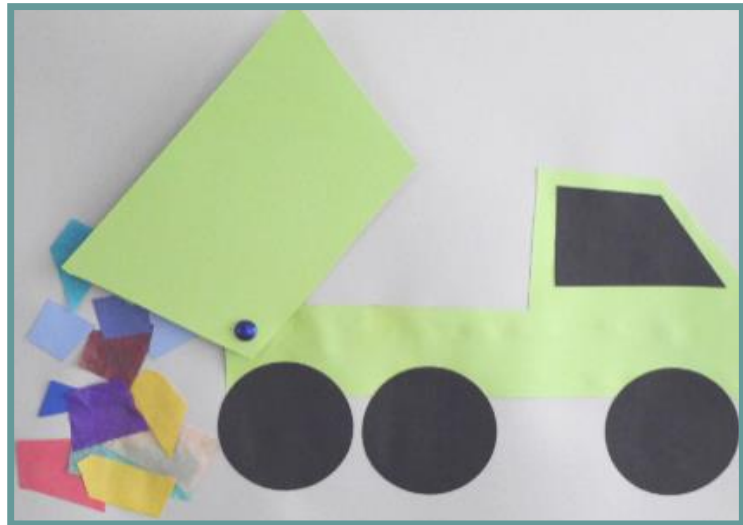
It's quite a fun technique - and you could even use the result as wrapping paper!



# Dumping Dump Truck

Materials:

- Colored card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Brad
- Scrap paper



Cut out the parts of the truck in advance: a cab with a truck bed, the hopper, two to three wheels (a circle paper punch is useful for this) and a driver cab window.

Attach the brad through the bottom left corner of the hopper to the rear of the truck bed. Glue the rest of the cab and truck bed to another piece of card, ensuring that the hopper can still move.

Your child can complete the truck then glue on scrap paper pieces to resemble the load being dumped out of the truck.



# Ice Cream Truck Puzzle

Materials:

- Picture of an ice cream truck
- Craft sticks
- Glue
- Craft knife and cutting board

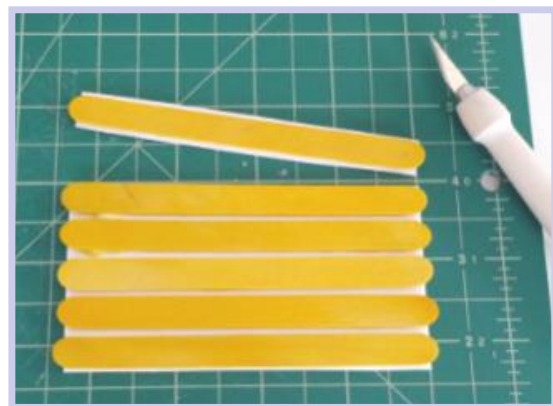


Find a picture of an ice cream truck (eg photo, drawing, download from the internet, magazine cutting) and trim it to size.

Flip it over and lay the craft sticks across the back of the picture, leaving a small space between each one. Glue the sticks into place.

When the glue is dry, use a craft knife to score between each stick (this is a job for an adult).

Mix up the pieces and invite your child to complete the puzzle! This technique can be used with all sorts of pictures to create simple homemade puzzles.



# Marble Painted Truck

## Materials:

- Drawing (or printed outline) of a truck on white card
- Tray or container
- Tape
- Paint
- Marbles



Draw an outline of a truck on white card (or find an outline from the internet and print it out). Tape it to the bottom of a container, cutting it to fit if necessary. A deep sided baking pan is ideal.

Pour some paint onto the sides of the picture and drop in a few marbles. Show your child how to tip the container so that the marbles roll through the paint and start coloring the picture. If you're worried about the marbles falling out, cover the container in a layer of plastic wrap (cling film)!

Allow the picture to dry then cut it out.



# Footprint Fire Truck

Materials:

- Red washable paint
- White card
- Background card
- Marker pens and extra paint



Get your child seated and paint their foot with red paint. Carefully but firmly press it onto the white card, then quickly clean your child's foot with a baby wipe or wet cloth!

When the paint has dried, cut out the footprint and glue it onto the background card.

Start adding details like driver, door, wheels, ladder, and lights with the pens and paint.

*Footprint (and handprint!)  
crafts make such cute  
keepsakes!*

*Getting footprints while  
your child is sitting in their  
high chair often works well,  
especially if they have  
snacks!*

# Garbage Truck Collage

## Materials:

- Printed outline of a garbage truck on white card
- Paint
- Clear Contact paper
- Construction paper
- Tape
- Assorted “trash”



Search for a garbage truck outline online and print it onto white card. Invite your child to paint it. Once it is dry, cut it out.

Cut a piece of Contact paper the same size as the construction paper. Remove the backing and place it sticky side up on top of the construction paper. Tape the edges together. If necessary, also tape it down to the table.

Set out a bowl of “trash” eg shredded paper, bottle caps, wrappers, paper, foil etc. Your child can complete the collage by attaching the items to the sticky paper - no glue required!



# Trucks and Play Dough

Materials:

- Play dough
- Toy construction trucks
- Assorted construction site items (eg balls of kitchen foil, pebbles, straws, craft sticks, corks etc)



Although this isn't technically a craft, I wanted to include it as it is a really fun way to play with trucks - and you can work in some craft materials as pretend building materials around the construction site!

Set everything out in advance in a tray or shallow container. You might like to use a few different colors of play dough - and if you have any old play dough that would be perfect!

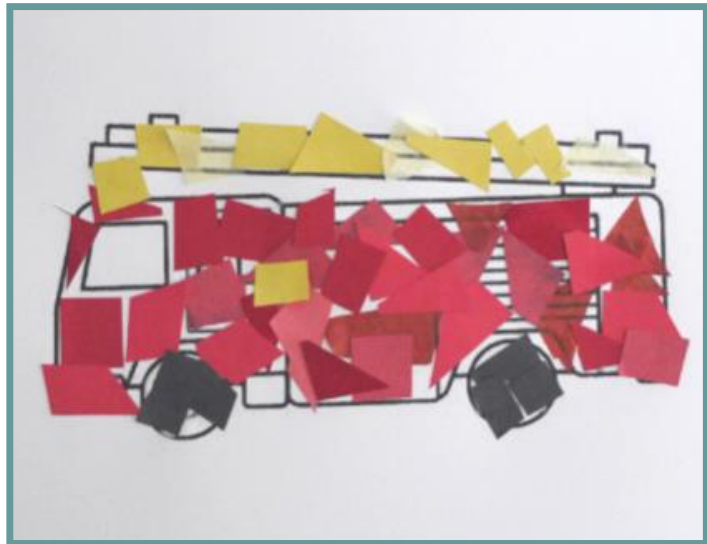
Let your child investigate all the textures and materials, then watch as they indulge in some wonderful pretend play! You could also add other sensory elements like sand or water beads.



# Fire Truck Collage

## Materials:

- Printed outline of a fire truck on white card
- Glue or glue stick
- Small pieces of red, yellow and black scrap paper

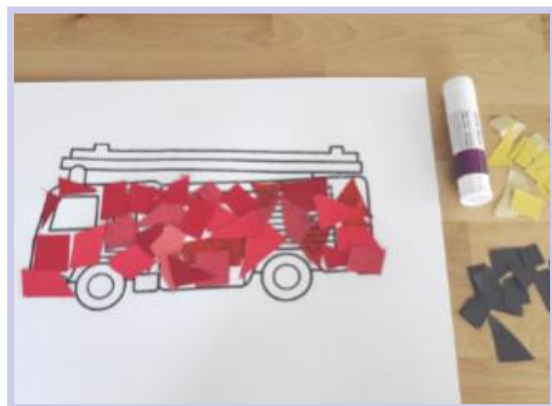


Find an outline of a fire truck on the internet and print it out onto white card.

Provide your child with a glue stick and the red paper. Show them how to build up a collage on the body of the truck.

Then provide yellow and black paper, and they can add detail. If you provide everything together, the result may not be very realistic!

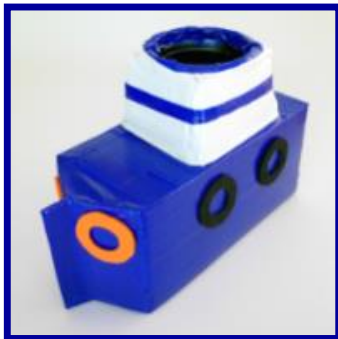
If you have an older sibling they might like to prepare the paper pieces and/or apply the glue for the younger one.







# ***Boat Crafts***



# Paper Plate Sail Boat

Materials:

- Two white paper plates
- Paint
- Scissors
- Small dowel or stick
- Glue and/or tape



Invite your child to paint ONE of the paper plates in the color of their choice. This will form the hull of the sail boat.

Once the paint has dried, cut it in half but in a slight arc.

Cut the unpainted plate into two pieces, one larger and one smaller. These will form the sails.

Glue or tape the stick into place - over to one side at the back of the hull - to form a mast. Attach the sails to the hull so the tips just touch the mast. Flip the boat back over to the front and glue the tips of the sails to the mast.



# Cork Boats

## Materials:

- Corks
- Strong elastic bands
- Wooden pick (cocktail sticks)
- Craft foam sheets
- Scissors



Use one or two elastic bands to hold two or three corks together. How many bands depends on how long they are and how strong.

Cut triangles from the craft foam and push the wooden picks through them twice to make sails. Finally, push them into the center of the corks to complete the boat.

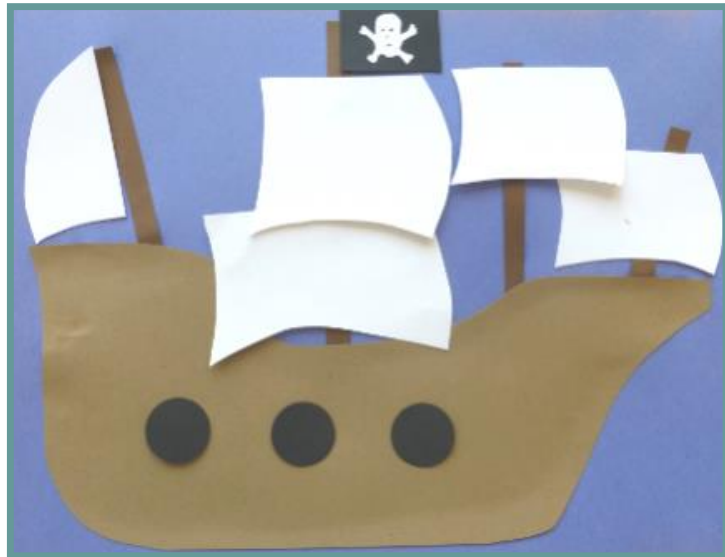
Kids loved playing with these simple boats, and the corks float really well. You could even add a little blue food dye to the water to really help set the scene!



# Pirate Galleon

## Materials:

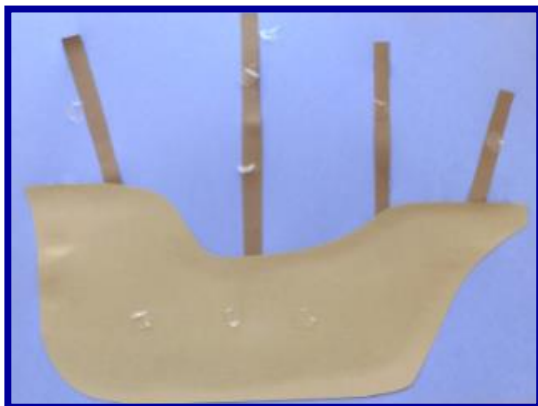
- Blue, brown, white and black card or construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue and/or glue dots



Prepare the craft by cutting out the hull and masts from the brown card. Glue these items to a piece of blue card.

Cut out the sails, portholes (a circle paper punch is useful if you have one), and make a “jolly roger” flag.

Place glue dots in the correct areas that these details should go and invite your child to complete the picture. Alternatively hand over the glue and see what they create on their own!



# Boat Collage

## Materials:

- Blue paper in various tones
- Glue
- White card
- Pictures of boats



Collect the blue paper (construction paper, tissue paper etc) and run it through a shredder. If you don't have a shredder you could use a paper guillotine or cut it by hand.

Spread glue onto the white card and invite your child to fill the page with the shredded paper.

Look through magazines to find pictures of all kinds of boats: cruisers, speed boats, sail boats, cargo ships etc. Travel magazines are useful sources of photos!

Glue the pictures on top of the “sea” to complete the collage.



# Plastic Tray Boat

Materials:

- Plastic or Styrofoam tray or container
- Wooden skewer
- Plastic grocery bag
- Scissors
- Glue
- Play dough

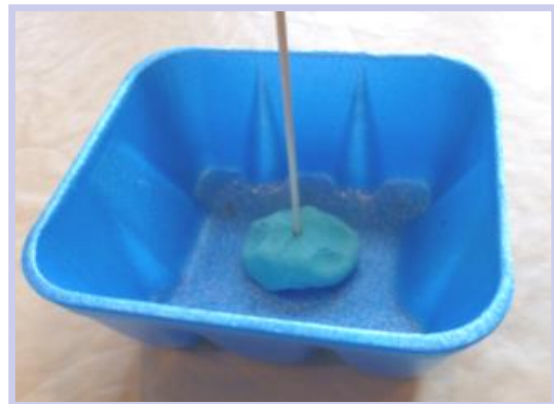


Cut a large triangle from the grocery bag and glue it to the wooden skewer, which will become the mast.

Push the pointed end of the skewer into a ball of play dough and place it in the middle of the plastic tray.

Try this boat outside on a windy day! The mast is able to turn within the play dough, so the wind really catches the sail and pushes it along!

*The play dough acts as a weight as well as securing the mast to the boat.*



# Paper Plate Boat Scene

Materials:

- White paper plate
- Blue paint in two tones
- Craft foam sheets
- Craft stick
- Glue
- Craft knife and cutting surface



Invite your child to paint the paper plate - lighter blue for the sky and darker blue for the ocean.

While the paint is drying, cut some sails and hull shapes from the craft foam. Attach the boat parts to the top of a craft stick.

Use a craft knife to cut a wavy line into the lower part of the ocean (this is a job for an adult).

Insert the craft stick through the cut and make the boat bob up and down on the waves!



# Footprint Boat

Materials:

- Washable paint
- Craft stick
- Plastic grocery bag
- Scissors
- Glue
- Construction paper or card



Paint your child's foot in their chosen color and press it firmly onto the canvas. Wipe your child's foot clean with a baby wipe or wet cloth, and leave the canvas to dry.

Cut out the sails from the grocery bag and glue them to the top of a craft stick. Glue the craft stick to the construction paper or card.

To finish, cut around the cute footprint and glue it over the base of the craft stick to form the hull of the boat.

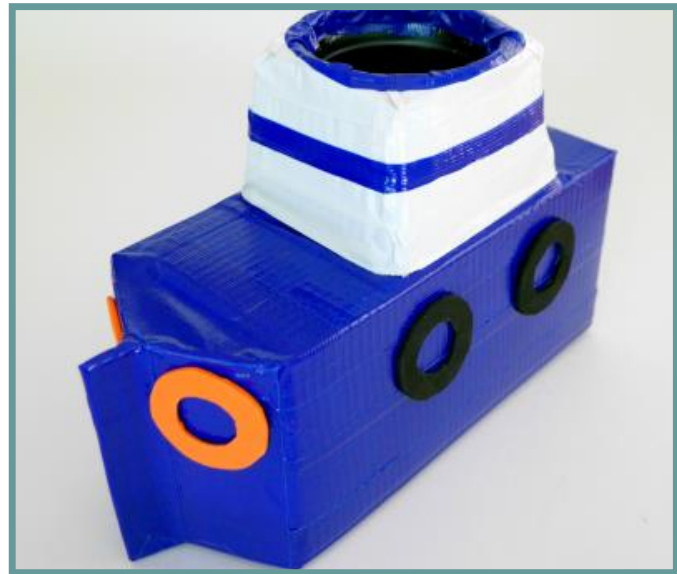
*Footprints make wonderful keepsakes and will always be treasured.*

*This would be fun to make as a birthday card for someone who loves sailing!*

# Milk Carton Tug Boat

## Materials:

- Empty milk carton
- Blue, black and white duct tape
- Square container
- Round container
- Craft foam
- Hot glue gun



Cut a hole in the square container, big enough to fit the round container when the square one is inverted. Tape them to the top of the milk carton.

Start applying layers of wide tape until the whole milk carton is covered. Use additional tape to secure joins and to add detail.

Cut circles from the craft foam and use the hot glue gun to attach them.

The boat floats really well and little toys will love going for rides in the round container on the top!





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# Outer Space Crafts

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# Name Rocket

Materials:

- Construction paper
- White paint
- Q-Tips (cotton buds)
- Scissors
- Marker pen
- Glue



Prepare the background by asking your child to make dots with white paint on some black construction paper using a Q-Tip.

While the paint dries, prepare the rocket. Cut out a square for each letter of your child's name, then extra pieces to resemble the top and bottom of the rocket. If your child has a long name you may need to use smaller squares!

Write the letters of your child's name onto each square, and invite them to complete the picture by gluing everything into place!



# Balloon Rocket

Materials:

- Straw
- String or thread
- Balloon
- Tape
- Picture of a rocket
- Clothespin or clip



Thread the straw onto the string and tie each end of the string to handles, chair backs or anything sturdy so that the string is taut.

Blow up the balloon and secure the clip at the end. Tape the balloon to the straw. Tape the rocket picture (print one out from the internet or ask your kids to draw one!) to the top of the straw.

Move the balloon to one end of the string, remove the clip, and the rocket will be released!

Keep repeating for lots of rocket fun. Move the string to a different location to keep the activity going longer!



# Alien Spaceship

Materials:

- 2 white paper plates
- Silver paint
- Patterned card
- Clear plastic cup
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes



Turn the plates upside down and paint them with the silver paint.

When the paint has dried, use pieces of patterned card to add detail to the plates.

Cut an alien shape from card and make a duplicate. Glue them together but leave the base open. Fold it back so it can be glued to the top paper plate. Glue on some googly eyes.

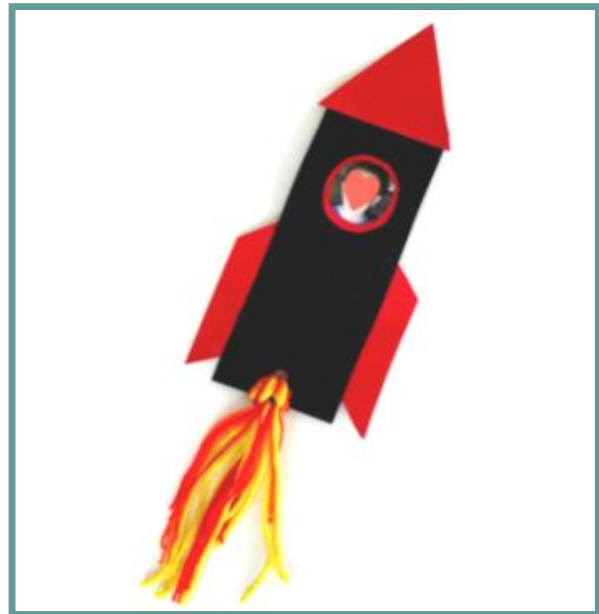
Glue the alien to the plate and glue the plastic cup over the top. To finish, glue the two plates together, silver sides facing out.



# Rocket Bookmarks

## Materials:

- Black and red card
- Scissors
- Small photo of your child's face
- Glue
- Single hole punch
- Red, yellow and orange thread or yarn



Cut a long rectangle from the black card. Cut a red triangle for the top of the rocket and two long thin parallelograms for the wings.

Cut the photo into a circle, and cut a piece of red card just larger than the photo.

Invite your child to glue all the pieces together.

When they have finished, punch a hole in the base of the rocket. Grab some lengths of thread, double them over, then feed the loop through the hole, pulling the loose ends through the loop to make a knot. Trim the ends if necessary.



# Cardboard Tube Rocket

## Materials:

- Cardboard tube
- Silver paper
- Black card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Red, orange and yellow tissue paper or crepe paper



Cover the cardboard tube in silver paper by cutting the paper to size and gluing it around the tube.

While the glue is drying cut two triangles and a small circle from the black card. Draw a large circle on the black card about 4" wide (use a cup or small bowl as a template). Cut a slit in the circle from the edge to the middle. Wrap it round into a cone and glue it into place.

Cut two slits up opposite sides of the tube and slide in the triangles. Glue on the cone, black circle and any other details. Glue strips of tissue paper to the inside edge of the base of the tube.



# Rocket Art

Materials:

- Black, red, and silver card
- White crayon or pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Red, orange and yellow tissue paper
- Kitchen foil



Prepare the background by asking your child to make stars on the black card with the white crayon or pencil.

Cut out the rocket shape from silver card. Cut out a triangle for the top of the rocket and three exhaust funnels from the red card.

Invite your child to glue everything into place.

Cut up some tissue paper into small strips and glue them at the back of the rocket to resemble flames.

To finish, add small pieces of foil for detail on the rocket. Whooosh!



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