

Flower Puppet

STORE CUPBOARD

- 1 White paper plate
- 1 Gold paper plate
- Green card
- Mount board
- Decorations: stick-on jewels & foam shapes
- Paint
- Paintbrush

- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Glue

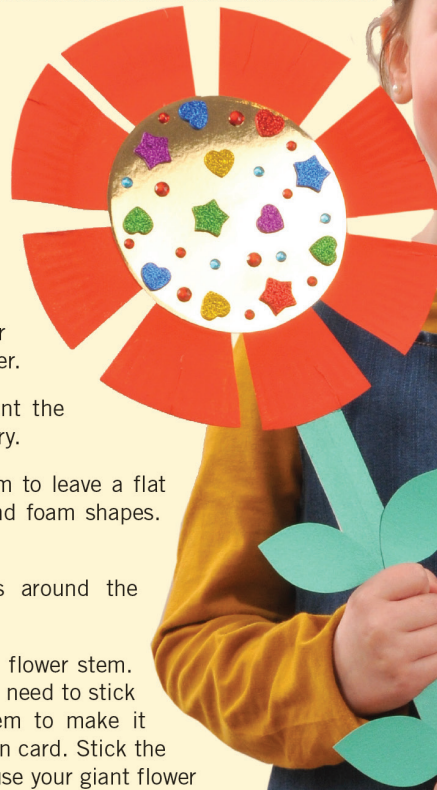
1 Take a white paper plate. Cut out the rim and discard the middle. Next, cut the rim into smaller pieces – these will become the petals for your flower.

2 Cover your work surface with newspaper. Paint the flower petals the colour of your choice. Leave to dry.

3 Now, take a gold paper plate. Cut away the rim to leave a flat circle of card. Decorate it with stick-on jewels and foam shapes. This will be the centre of your flower.

4 Construct the flower by sticking the petals around the decorated gold circle.

5 Cut out a long, thin strip of green card for the flower stem. Depending on the thickness of your card, you may need to stick a narrower strip of mount board behind the stem to make it stronger. Cut out four leaves from the leftover green card. Stick the leaves in place and let the glue dry. You can now use your giant flower puppet in shows!



STORE CUPBOARD

- Gold paper plate
- 2 pipe cleaners
- 2 small beads
- Self-adhesive plastic jewels
- Foam stickers
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Pencil

1 Take the gold paper plate and a pair of scissors. Cut out two triangles from the paper plate to make the butterfly wings.

2 Wrap two pipe cleaners around the middle of the wings to create antennae. Use sticky tape to secure the pipe cleaner ends behind the wings. Curl the ends of the antennae with a pencil then add a bead to each one to finish.

3 Decorate your butterfly with colourful plastic jewels and foam stickers.



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