

SIZZLING SUMMER CRAFTS!

Summer is here! But no matter what the weather throws at you, here are four crafty projects from Creative Steps magazine, guaranteed to keep boredom at bay!

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FLOWER MOSAIC

STORE CUPBOARD

- Large sheet of white card
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Dried sheets of lasagne
- Paints
- Paintbrushes
- PVA glue

1 Using a pencil, draw a flower shape on a large sheet of white card and cut it out.

2 Then let the children paint sheets of dried lasagne in different colours and leave to dry.

3 Break the painted lasagne sheets into smallish pieces and place each colour in a different pile on the table for the children to choose from.

4 Encourage the children to brush some PVA glue onto sections of the flower and then start laying out the coloured pieces of pasta in a pattern of their choice. Make sure they leave a space between each piece to give the best mosaic effect.

5 When the whole flower shape has been covered with pasta, leave it to completely dry out.



SUNFLOWER BOWL



1 Lightly grease the inside of a plastic bowl with vaseline, then cover with cling film, smoothing out as you go.

2 Get the children to tear up strips of green, yellow and brown tissue paper, putting them into separate piles.

3 To start making your tissue paper bowls, brush PVA glue mixed with water into the base of the plastic bowl and begin lining it with green tissue paper strips. Make about 6 layers before leaving to dry slightly.

4 Then repeat the process with layers of yellow tissue paper strips. The more layers the better! In the base of the bowl add some brown layers.

5 Leave to completely dry out (overnight) and then remove from the plastic bowl and peel off the cling film.

STORE CUPBOARD

- Sheets of tissue paper in yellows, greens & browns
- PVA glue & water
- Plastic bowls & brushes
- Cling film & vaseline



Use brown tissue paper in the bottom of your bowl to make the sunflower seeds.



By using green tissue paper for the first few layers you can create the leaves of your sunflower.