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Fun & educational activities to do at home

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Make a bird feeder

It's messy fun children love, it helps wildlife and can include bird watching & counting.

Smother a cardboard tube in something sticky like peanut butter or jam. Roll in bird seed or breadcrumbs and hang from a

tree branch or use string to hang from a bird feeder. Watch how many birds visit, how many different types can you spot?



Mosaic chalk colouring

Creative fun that children will love, on paving or walls.

Simply find an open area such as a garden path or garden wall. Using masking tape mark an area. Then divide the area multiple times with the tape until your happy.

Using chalk colour-in each section, changing the colours as many times as you can. Once finished remove the tape.



Make a herb/plant garden

Recycle old milk bottles or plastic bottles and watch your herbs or plants grow!

Cut off the top of the milk bottle and cut off the handle. Make two vertical slits on the longest face about 4cm long and 3cm apart.

Stand them up or use the slits to hang the planters with string or a wooden batten. Plant with herbs and water regularly.



Paper plane flight school

Create, test & develop your paper aeroplanes skills.

Make a target out of cardboard boxes, decorate and cut different sized holes big enough to allow your planes to fly through. Have a competition, who's plane is the

fastest, can you get your plane through the holes? how can get the highest score. Stand back to make it harder.



Make a pitfall trap

It's a bit messy, but can be a lot of fun finding & identifying different types of mini-beasts.

Dig a hole in an area to be explored & place an old tin/cup in the hole so that the sides are level with the soil. Place something sticky (jam)

or smelly (tuna), cover leaving a slight gap to allow crawlies in & leave overnight. Check the next day & see what you find



Homemade bubbles

Fun for all children.

The recipe: One part washing up liquid (50ml) to six parts warm water (300ml). Put the soap liquid into a container & slowly add the warm water (you don't want any bubbles yet). Gently stir & leave to

rest as this makes the bubbles better. Make a wand out of paper clips, straws, baking cutters, pipe cleaners then dip & blow!



Painting on ice art

Have a blast in the garden using ice as an canvas to paint on.

Use a Pirex dish and fill the bottom with water. Put them in the freezer and remove when frozen. Use water colour paints or paint sticks to create your fabulous designs.

Using a clear dish allows the vibrancy of the colours to show. Watch the design change as the ice melts.



Magic drawing science

A fabulous experiment that children will love.

Fold a piece of kitchen towel in half, with paper/card behind to stop felt tips from going through. Draw a design with the felt-tips on the top cover then open like a book & colour-in on the inside face with

bright colours. Pour a small amount of water into a white dish/ plate. Fold the kitchen towel back & submerge to see the magic.

Parent or carer assistance and supervision is required for all activities.

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