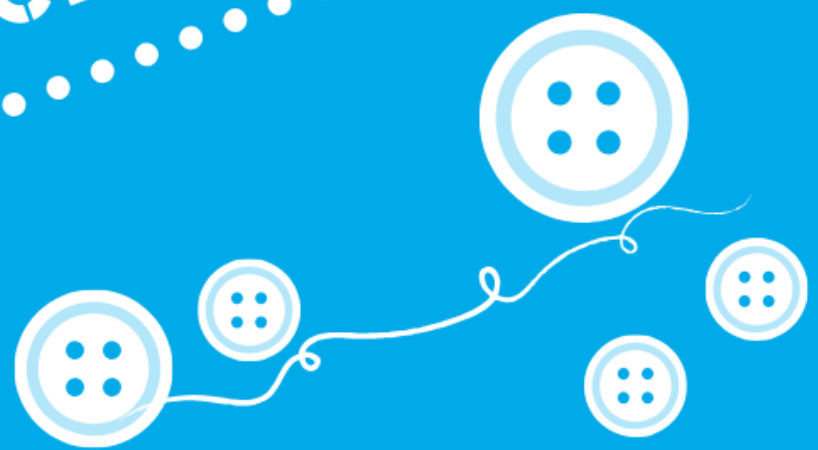




Textile Tuesdays
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Make your own French Knitting Toy

Have you ever fancied learning how to knit?

Follow these step by step instructions to make your own french knitter and then wow your friends with your knitting skills.

You will need:

- A cardboard tube
- An elastic band (optional)
- 5 lolly sticks or plant lables or thick card
- Wool
- Sticky tape (any type)



Arrange your 5 lolly sticks or plant labels evenly around your tube,, leaving about 4.5cms poking over the top. hold in place with an elastic band.



Secure in place with sticky tape, near the top of your tube and around the bottom of your sticks. If you don't have an elastic band ask someone to help.



Take a ball of wool or string and poke it down through your tube so the end comes out at the bottom.



Wrap the wool around your first lolly stick and then continue onto the rest of your sticks in turn clockwise.



You have completed your first row!



make a loop exactly like the loops you make in your first row above your first stick. this is the start of your second row.

Make your own French Knitting Toy

What will you make?

Here's our very own, french knitted, cat toy!



Push the bottom loop over the second row loop and pull the wool poking out underneath



Continue making a loop on each stick and pushing the wool from the bottom loop over the top loop.



You can see that your knitting is starting to grow.



When you have knitted the length you need for your project, cut off your wool leaving about 20cm loose at the top and loop the end through each of your loops and tie a knot.



Pull your knitting free of the tube.



What will you make with it? A scarf for a teddy?, a coaster? a pet worm?

Make your own Crazy Construction

Have fun with colour and shape to make your own amazing artwork!

You will need:

cardboard,
paints, tissue paper, newspaper,
sheets of paper from an old book,
felt pen,
maps, silver foil, food wrappers,
PVA or glue stick, scissors



Make a collage on the cardboard using torn strips of paper stuck on with glue, along with painted shapes and hand drawn felt tip squiggles, lines and dots.



There is NO right or wrong way, fill your card with as many shapes and colours as you can.



Finally splash and splatter watery paint over the whole design. Allow to dry and repeat on opposite side of card.



Draw around a cup or the inside of a sellotape roll to create your crazy construction shapes. You can make squares, triangle or any shape you like. You might need to ask an adult for help.



Cut some slots in your shapes. You can then start assembling your sculpture.



Join the shapes together in any way you choose and you will have your very own unique 3D art work.

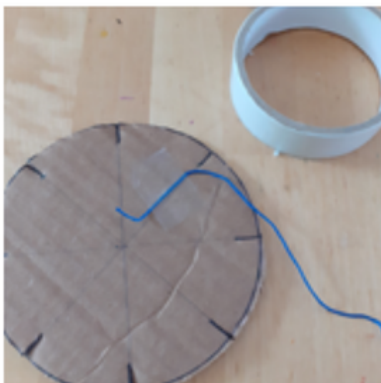
Make your own Geometric Weaving

You can create really intricate patterns with a piece of card and some thread.

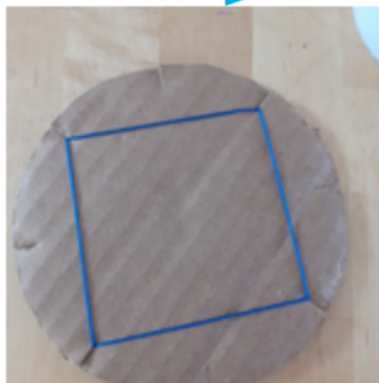
What pattern will you make?

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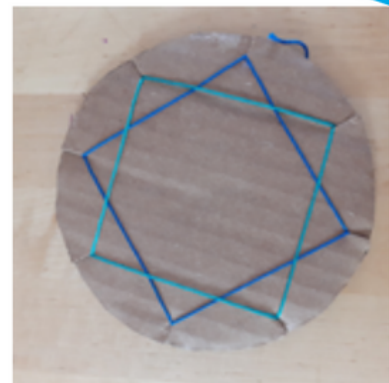
- Cardboard, can be any size.
- Wool, string, cotton thread.
- Something circular to draw round (a DVD or CD).
- Pencil, pen, ruler.
- Scissors (H&S supervision by adult)



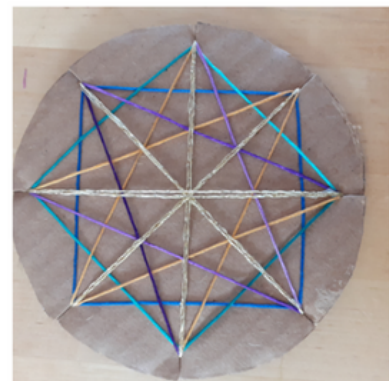
Firstly draw around your circular object on the cardboard then cut it out to create a disc. Draw lines across the diameter of the circle (find this by measuring the widest part). I drew four lines evenly spaced but you can do more.



Cut slots about 1cm into the lines, these will be used to thread your thread. Secure the thread on the back with tape and then turn over the disc and then work the thread into other slots.



You can create lots of shapes, a square repeated from different slots will make a star pattern, triangles can be added, use different colours for each shape. Thread across the centre from each slot too.



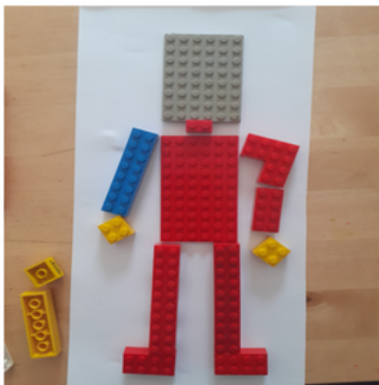
Make your own Lego Block Print

Why not use lego to create some really interesting block prints?

Remember to put down something to cover your table and wash your bricks straight after.

You will need:

Building blocks of different sizes
Paper plates
Paints
Sponge
Paper
Paint brush
Newspaper
or something to cover table



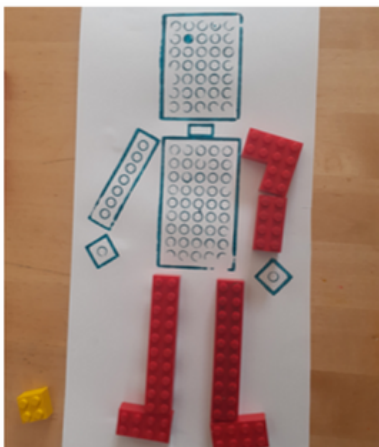
Decide on your design by laying blocks on your paper.



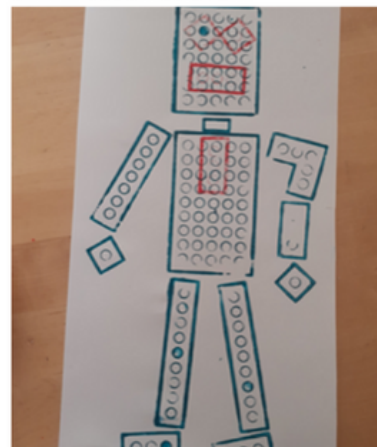
When you are happy with it you can put some paint onto your paper plate. Using a small piece of sponge dab the blob of paint until it becomes even.



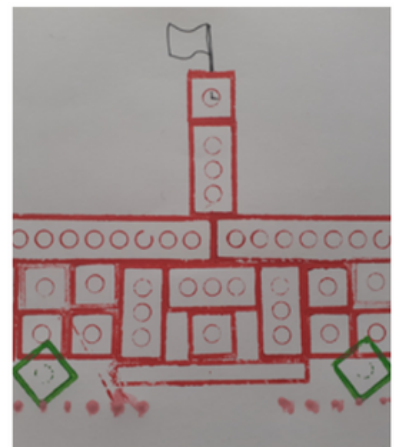
Now press your first brick into it and then carefully press the block onto your paper



You are now ready to start making your own designs. Printing a block at a time is a good idea but you can draw around your blocks so that you remember what goes where too.



Add more prints over the top for a more detailed design



Let your imagination run wild. You can use more than one colour, as well as different sizes and shapes of blocks, both sides of the blocks make good prints.

Make your own Pom Pom Monster

Over the centuries people at times of strife have turned to textile crafts for fun and to make useful and beautiful objects. Just think of groups of women knitting in air raid shelters in WW2 and recovering soldiers learning embroidery in WW1. Why not make your own textile crafts each week and learn lots of new skills.

Remember to share your makes on the Barnsley Museums Social Media Channels. We'd love to see them.

You will need:

Wool
pom pom maker or card disks
scissors
googly or sticker eyes or card
card or foam for feet
pipe cleaner or other monster like
bits and bobs to stick on



Make a pom pom either using a pom pom maker or 2 circles of card



If you are using a pipe cleaner try twisting the ends around a pen to shape it



Wrap your pipe cleaner around the middle of your pom pom. twigs and feathers would work well too



Add eyes and feet. you can use paper or card if you don't have any googly eyes



Your finished monster



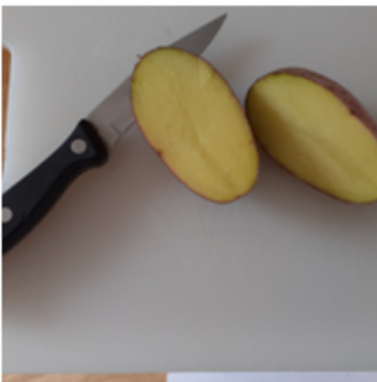
Why not use your imagination and make all sorts of different designs

Make your own Perfect Prints

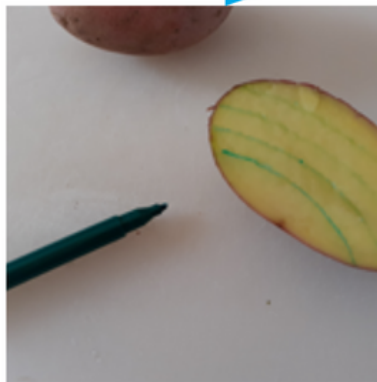
The technique we are going to use is called 'reduction printing'. We are going to cut away the parts of potato/veg which we DON'T want to print.

You will need:

Potatoes or carrots
Paper
acrylic paint.
A knife (and an adult!)
A palette or paper plate.
A brush or sponge,
Paper
Newspaper or plastic tablecloth to protect table.



Start by cutting (supervised by your adult) your potato in half, dab it dry with kitchen paper so paint will stick to it better.



Draw your rainbow design on it, keeping it simple. I created 2 curved lines which I wanted to print. Very careful with your adult cut away the part you DON'T want to be printed.



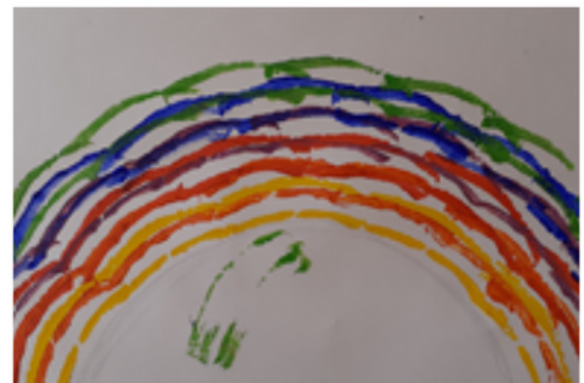
Put your chosen colours out onto palette or paper plate and if you have sponge use it to smooth the blobs of paint before printing.



Press your potato into the paint and then onto the paper you are using.



Repeat this with each colour of the rainbow. (Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple should make a good one)



Ta da! Your rainbow is complete! Wait for it to dry and then perhaps put it in your window to cheer up passers by.

Make your own Perfect Prints

Potato Print Wrapping Paper

You can make any shapes and colours you like for your wrapping paper, try to keep your shapes in a pattern but it doesn't really matter. The idea is to enjoy printing and using your imagination. I made a star, heart, fish, sunshine, football shirt but you can make whatever you like. Have fun.

You will need:

Potatoes or carrots
Paper
acrylic paint.
A knife (and an adult!)
A palette or paper plate.
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Paper
Newspaper or plastic tablecloth to protect table.



Stars



Fish



Love heart



More potato prints



Stars and hearts



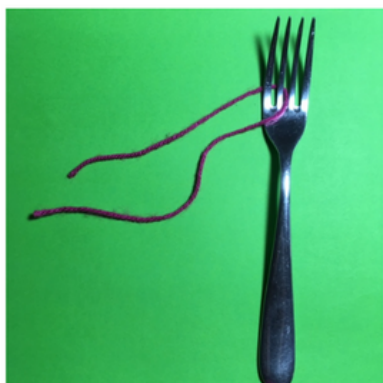
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Make your own Sock Puppet

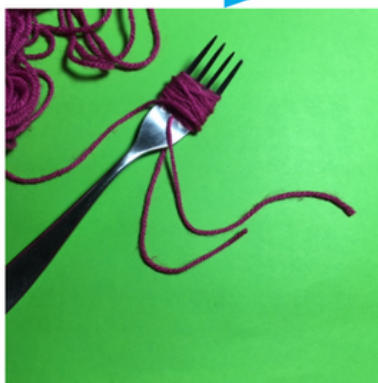
We have lots of items in our collection at Experience Barnsley made with odds and ends as over time, due to necessity people have had to make do and mend with what they have to hand. Can you use these skills to make your own puppet toy using an old, odd sock?

You will need:

- A fork
- Wool
- Needle and thread or glue
- A sock
- Buttons, googly eyes or eyes drawn on paper/ card to stick on
- Scraps of fabric, paper or even lolly sticks for ears and tongue



Start with making a pom pom. Cut a piece of wool about 20cm long and place between the middle tines of a fork.



wrap your fork with wool. The more you wrap, the fluffier pom pom you will make.



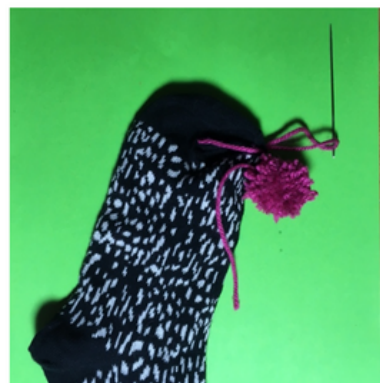
Use the piece of wool you cut off first to tie a tight knot around your wrapped wool



Cut the wool on each side of your fork. It might help to ease your wool off your fork if you have blunt or large scissors.



Your pom pom is finished.



Either sew or glue your pom pom on to the middle front of your sock toe to make your doggy's nose. If you don't have wool a nose made from a button or piece of card will work just as well.

Make your own Sock Puppet

... and they call it puppy love..



Put your hand in your sock and a mouth by holding your fingers against the toe of the sock and your thumb on the bottom.



Cut out a tongue out of scrap fabric or paper and glue or sew in place



sew or glue on two eyes on the top of your sock. Buttons, paper, card or googly eyes all work well.



Cut out two floppy ears from scrap fabric or paper and stick or sew in place.



Your sock puppet is now finished.



Why not make it a friend...

Make your own Twig Weaving

Immerse yourself in Barnsley's industrial past and try your hand at weaving your own twig wall hanging

You will need:

4 sticks, of same length,
Ribbon, old fabric scraps, or strips
of paper
Wool or string.



Join sticks to create a square by tying with wool .



Make a warp, by fastening wool to top stick in your frame and wrap your wool up and down, all the way across the frame.



Cut strips of your scrap fabric longer than the width of your frame. The more different patterns and colours you can use the better.



Weave these in turn under and over the strings of the 'warp' across the frame leaving the ends loose. Remember each strip or ribbon is woven the opposite to the row before. Do this all the way to the top.



Tie the ends of 2 rows together at each end. Cut off any surplus fabric to make neat.



Weaving on an industrial scale in Barnsley.

Make your own Woven Flower Wand

Celebrate May with your own magical woven flower wand.

You will need:

A stick
shaped like the letter 'y'.
Wool or string
Some leaves
(or green card or paper to make
your own.)
Scissors



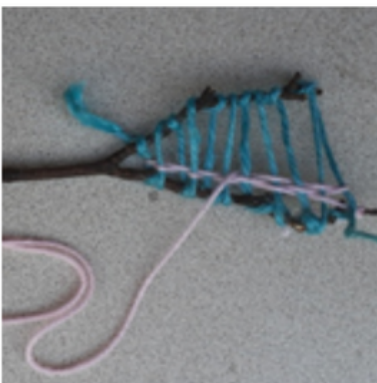
Choose a Y shaped twig



Tie a knot at the top of one of your arms with your wool and create a warp by wrapping your wool around your twig and then over until the other side.



Knot securely when you get to the bottom.



Turn your stick 90 degrees so the 'warp' goes from top to bottom. We can now begin to weave and create the 'weft'. Tie your next piece of wool/string to one of the arms of the 'Y'.



Using your fingers you should be able to push the wool under and over the 'weft' strings to the end. When you get to the end come back pushing wool with the opposite motion over and under. Repeating over and over until you fill the shape in the stick.



Hold some leaves around the base of your V and wrap the stalks with string and tie in place.