



MAKE A 'GIANT SHINING SUN'



What do I need?

- * Paper plate
- * Stiff paper or card
- * 2 empty holders from a cardboard egg box
- * Red or orange tissue or crêpe paper
- * Paint and brushes
- * Glue
- * Optional googly eyes, glitter and any other decorative stuff you'd like to use...

How do I make it?

1. Turn the paper plate over, paint the back yellow and set aside to dry.
2. Using the stiff paper or card make lots of handprints with red and yellow paint. Discover what happens when red and yellow paint are mixed and then make some orange handprints too!
3. If you've got some glitter you could shake it on the wet handprints before they dry.
4. Next paint the egg boxes to make some eyes - they can be any colour you like! Or you could paint them yellow and stick some googly eyes on the top instead.



5. Ask an adult to help you cut or tear a strip from the tissue or crêpe paper. Twist the paper strip into a sausage shape, and bend it into a curve. Then use glue to stick this smiley mouth onto the plate.
6. Use glue to stick the egg box eyes onto the plate.
7. Add any other decoration you like to make the sun shine!
8. Cut out each handprint and stick them around the rim of the plate to form the rays.



FOR ADULT HELPERS

What will children learn?

As well as stimulating an interest in 3D shapes, making this shining sun will help children develop skills in cutting, twisting, sticking, printing, and painting. It can also be used as a starting point for talking about colour and texture. It can be exciting for a child to discover the magic of mixing colours together!

More fun ideas

To make the project a little more complex, 3D features (eyes, eyebrows, cheekbones, etc.) can be modelled out of screwed up newspaper and taped into place onto the paper plate. The plate can then be covered with strips of kitchen roll dipped in a mixture of half water and half white glue. Press the strips around the facial features. Once it's dry the papier-mâché can be painted and decorated as before.