



Pipe Cleaner Animals - Have you got pipe cleaners? Then you have fun!! *You will need: pipe cleaners, googly eyes, small black beads, hot glue, large pom pom ball.* For a step by step guide for making these super cute little animals

<https://frugalfun4boys.com/adorable-pipe-cleaner-animals/>.



Check out these awesome straw ninjas – *You will need: pipe cleaners(3 pipe cleaners for each ninja), a ruler, colored drinking straws, plastic pony beads, wooden beads for the heads, scissors, glue, sharpies –fine tip black sharpie for the faces, and thicker tipped colored ones to color the heads.* To start twist 3 pipe cleaners together in the middle and bend them to look like the above red pipe cleaner picture. Make sure that you do at least a couple of complete twists, to secure it. Next, slide 3 pony beads over the bottom 2 pipe cleaners (combine the 2 legs with the beads for the body)- these will be the legs. Next, cut a drinking straw into (8)1” pieces. Slide two straw pieces onto each arm and two straw pieces onto each leg with a pony bead in the middle of the leg segments. Finish off the arms and legs by twisting the extra pipe cleaner into hands and feet. For the hands, you can make one loop for the “hand” and a smaller loop for a thumb. If there is extra pipe cleaner wrap it around the wrist to help keep the straws from sliding off. To make the feet, create one loop and then wrap the excess around the ankle. Next, draw a face on a wooden bead and slide it over the top two pipe cleaners. To finish off the head you can either twist the excess pipe cleaner, cut off the extra and secure it with a bit of hot glue on top or you could have the children make the ninja’s a ponytail. These ninjas are super fun and ready for battle!

Check out these fun and educational, free online resources

Kid Safe Youtube channels - www.youtube.com

-Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems

-MovetoLearnMs -GoNoodle -Cosmic Kids Yoga

-**Telus World of Science** website posts videos of easy DIY science experiments that can be done at home.

www.telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/

-**Edmonton Public Library website (epl.ca)** Visit EPL to view their learning tools and classes

- [Tumble Math](#) - [CreativeBug](#) -[Kanopy KIDS](#)

Build a Lego Boat – *You will need: Lego, a medium size container, water, coins or, pencil paper.* Show pictures of huge cruise ships and tankers to the kids, ask them how they think something that is so heavy can float? Challenge the children to come up with a Lego boat – start by having them draw out a design, build it and test to see if it floats. Once they know that the boat will float have them predict how many coins the boat can hold before it starts to sink. Have them slowly add one coin at a time. When the boat sinks ask the children what adjustments they could make to the design to increase its buoyancy.



Uno Card Math Games – Many games that can be played with a pack of Uno cards, younger children you can practise color matching, number memory game and sequencing with the cards. For older children you can help them work on addition and subtraction equations. Write +, -, and = on a Post It note the have the children flip a card to create and equation. They can write the equation out on a piece of paper to practise their writing or go through the equations quickly like a race.



May 2020 Activity Calendar – Many changes have happened in the last month and there is a good chance that you are now caring for school age children. This month's activity calendar will focus on activities that are best suited for school age children to assist you and them during this period where they may be feeling the lose of their school routine, missing friends and having to get used to distance learning.



If possible, create a space inside or outside your home that allows for older children to work on **long term projects**. These types of projects are great for school age children, because they can keep coming back to continue to work on and expand on their creations. Using cardboard and recyclables to create a city landscape is a great project that can be expanded in a variety of ways and encourages many opportunities for open-ended play, creativity and problem solving. Gather craft materials like large and small cardboard pieces, popsicle sticks, egg cartons, paper towel tubes, cleaned milk cartons construction paper, glue, scissors, markers and masking tape or duct tape. Other items like dinosaurs, cars, action figures or bugs can be added – let the children take the lead!



Make your own birdfeeder – You will need: a milk or juice carton enamel paints (or acrylic is fine if you use a waterproof varnish after painting it), a knife, scissors, plastic bottle lids, googly eyes, popsicle sticks and a hot glue gun. Begin by having the children paint the cartons – you may need multiple coats to get a nice even color. Once the paint is dry use a knife to cut out the wings and tummy for the bird (do not cut the wings off just cut a little flap). Next have the children attach the beak and googly eyes to the carton. Attach a ribbon or string to the top of the feeder, hang it and fill with bird seed.



Continuing with a city theme this is a fun **art project** that can be created using paint sample strips. *You will need: A variety of paint samples, construction paper, glue, black markers and scissors.* This is a simple and easy art project that can be created by a variety of ages. The bright colors make this art really pop. Have the children start by planning out what they want their city scene to look like, then start gluing strips in place and adding details with the black markers.

Make Soft Pretzels – Older children can be awesome helpers in the kitchen, so let them show off their skills with this easy and tasty pretzel recipe. *Ingredients:*
 1 1/4 cups water lukewarm -1 tablespoon yeast -1/4 cup brown sugar
 3 to 3 1/2 cups flour

Dipping Solution: 1/4 cup baking soda, 1 1/2 cups hot water

Topping options: melted butter & coarse salt, Cinnamon & sugar, Shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions: Start by dissolving the yeast and sugar into the warm water. Add in the flour and mix until combined. No need to knead. Let the dough rise in a warm place until it is almost doubled in size which should only take about 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Divide the dough into golf ball sized lumps. Roll each ball into a snake or rope. Twist them into pretzel shapes (or whatever shape you like!). In a small bowl or a liquid measuring cup, dissolve the baking soda in the hot water. Dip the pretzels into the solution and place on a well-greased cookie sheet or baking pan. Bake for about 6 minutes at 500 degrees until they are golden brown. Remove from the oven and dip the face of the pretzel in melted butter or your chosen topping. Enjoy!

