

EYFS activity ideas (home learning)

- Cutting activities - ask children to find particular photos in magazines and catalogues (by colour or other categories) to cut out and then stick them into their own pictures
- Creating simple finger puppets - use paper, scissors and tape. Children will enjoy transforming the figure that they draw into a puppet that they can use to make up their own story!
- Alphabet hide and seek - hide letters around your home and encourage children to go on the alphabet hunt to find all the letters
- Egg box garden - Fill each cup with a little compost then add some seeds: fast-growing ones like grass or cress are ideal. Talk with your children about what plants need for growing and observe them each day to see which one grows tallest or has the biggest blooms etc.
- Shape hunt - set up basic shape cut-outs and encourage children to go around your home and find lots of different shapes which they can sort e.g. can you find something that is a square shape?
- Junk modelling home-made instruments - e.g. easy way to make a guitar is to use an empty shoe box + elastic bands + a cardboard tube, or shakers made of plastic bottles filled with rice etc.
- Skittle bowling - use plastic bottles and write numbers on them. Children can try to knock them down using any kind of

ball and try to count how many they knocked down or subtract number of the points from each bottle. It's a great way for practising their gross motor skills, counting and number skills.

- Painting with toy cars or plastic animals - let children discover all the marks that appear when they dip a car in the paint and try to make some marks or discover different footprints that animals leave after dipping them in the paint
- Create a nursery rhyme box - use simple props you find at home, e.g. a star for Twinkle Twinkle or a pig for Old McDonald. Encourage children to find some items too and use them when singing their favourite rhymes