

Title: Birds' Nest Craft

Age Group: Preschool

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Type of Activity: Art

Materials:

- Large paper plate
- Brown paint
- Brown tissue paper
- Coloured paper or card stock
- Wiggle Eyes
- Yellow foam
- Glue
- Scissors

How to Do it:

- Have your child paint the back of the plate brown (or a colour of their choice)
- Once dry, encourage them to cut the plate in half
- Shred tissue into strips and glue to the base of the plate
- Next, cut 3 ovals out of card stock
- Glue the ovals to the inside of the plate's edge
- Add yellow triangles for beaks and wiggle eyes to the ovals

Root Skill / Extension:

Physical: 5.3 Fine motor & Social: 1.5 Interacting positively and respectfully

In this activity, your child can work together with you to make 3D art while practicing their cutting skills.

Extend the learning: In addition to parent-led activities, allow your child to get creative with open-ended art. Giving children the opportunity to explore diverse materials, even when the end-result is unrecognizable, encourages their independent thinking and self-expression. Introduce unusual art materials and/or tools such as paper bags, bubble wrap, branches, bolts, an old t-shirt, pebbles, or coffee grinds, for instance. The possibilities are endless.