

Homemade Stamps

Great for ages 2-6

Ocean plastics are threatening our oceans now that some animals like sea turtles and sea birds mistake plastics as their food. With over 8 million tonnes of plastics entering our ocean every year, we can help save the environment by practicing 4Rs (Refuse, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse) in our daily life. Upcycling is one of the ways to reuse plastics and turn them into something useful!

Here is a fun quick craft for your little ones at home. This craft uses materials that can be found easily in most households. The aim for this craft is to have something fun to make other crafts with, but for tots around your home, this will help develop their fine motor controls. If they have an older sibling, maybe big sister/brother can help make a new toy for the tot!



Materials Needed:

- Small wood blocks
- Small foam blocks
- Bottle corks
- Foam shapes
- A hot glue gun or white glue
- Paint
- Paper

Steps:

- Find one of the bases (wood/foam/bottle cork) and the foam piece of your choice
- Using the glue on hand, paste the foam piece to the base of choice
- Press together and then let dry for 10 minutes
- Dip the stamp into some paint and let your little one go crazy on a piece of paper!

Tips:

- If you made some stamps of animals or plants, you could make this an educational game! Have some habitats on paper (examples: oceans, jungles, and deserts) and have your little ones match their animals to the habitat!
- Make sure to use washable paint! In case someone gets really excited and stamps something else around your house!

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