

Make a beautiful mess.

Have a lovely time making a shiny messy picture. Try to involve your child in the clean-up afterwards.



Adult supervision is essential when making and playing with home made toys.

Involve and talk with your child as much as possible while creating this activity.

Warning

This activity may include small pieces. Children under 3 years must be supervised by an adult at all times.

MESSY PICTURE

You will need:

- roll of clear contact paper
- cellophane paper - various colours
- coloured feathers, pieces of coloured ribbon or wool
- scissors

Instructions

1. Cut 2 pieces contact paper exactly the same size, approximately 50cm in length.
2. Help your child make random shaped pieces of cellophane. Try making a small cut with scissors and get your child to tear the cellophane into strips and shapes.
3. Peel the backing paper off one of the pieces of contact paper and lay it on the floor, sticky side up.
4. Drop or place pieces of cellophane on the sticky contact paper. It doesn't matter where the cellophane is placed or if pieces overlap. Try including coloured feathers or pieces of ribbon or wool as well.
5. When your child has decided the picture is finished, peel the backing paper off the other piece of contact paper and stick it over the top of the artwork. It's okay if the contact paper is a bit wrinkly and the edges don't match up. Hang the finished picture up in a window or on a pinboard.

Idea

You and your child could make hand and foot prints using water based paint. Once the paint is dry, cut the hands and feet out and make a shiny picture using the prints.