



ARTS PLUS

PAL at Home

Preschool Art Lab activities for families to make together

“Build a Bug”

This activity is appropriate for ages 3 and up

Time from start to finish = 15 – 30 minutes

You will need the following materials:

- Construction paper
- Round objects to trace in various sizes
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Crayons/markers
- Tray

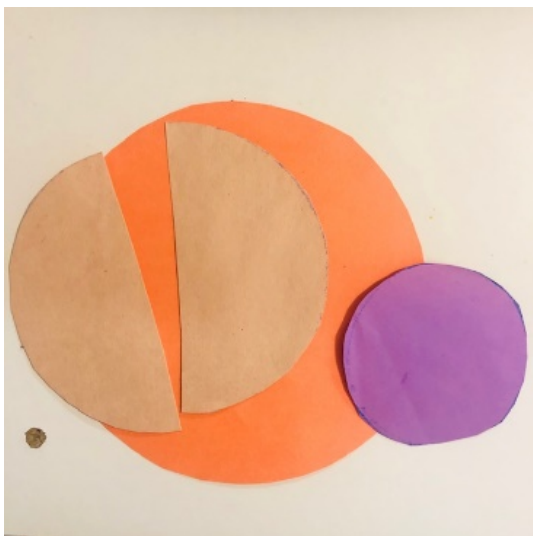
Brief project description:

Create wacky, colorful bugs with this mixed media collage project.



Steps

- **#1:** Trace various round objects on different colors of construction paper. Cut out the circles. Leave some circles whole and cut the others in half. Cut out different smaller shapes also. Small rectangles and triangles are great! Your child will use these shapes to create a bug so make sure you cut out large shapes for bodies and smaller shapes for legs, wings, and antennae.



- **#2:** Lay out all the circles, semi-circles and other paper shapes on a tray. Space them out so that you can see all the different shapes. Your child will pick from this assortment to create a one-of-a-kind bug.
- **#3:** Now your child can pick out various shapes to create their original bug design. Have blank paper and glue or glue sticks ready. Encourage your child to choose a few shapes (maybe three or four) and arrange them on the paper in a bug-like configuration. Glue the shapes down.
- **#4:** Add details to your bug using crayons or markers.



- **#5:** Try building a whole family of bugs! Work on one large sheet of construction paper and see how many different combinations of paper shape bugs you can create!

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