

LET'S CRAFT

Staying creative helps us feel good!

Take a look at these fun creative activities!
All you need are the materials in your pack, things
you can find around you and, most importantly -
your imagination!



Are you ready?
Let's Craft!

In your Let's Craft packs you
will find:

Origami Paper

Pipe Cleaners

Craft Foam

Card

Straws

Glue

Wasi Tape

Wool or String

Mini Paint Set

Dolly Peg

Craft Paper

Modelling Plasticine

Paper Clips

Googly Eyes

Papercraft Origami Dog

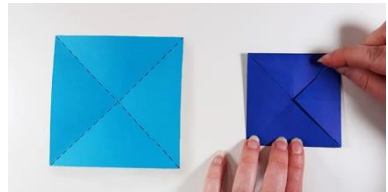
Origami is the Japanese word for paper folding. ORI means to fold and KAMI means paper. Together, they form the word, "origami."

You will need to take your time with this as the folding takes a little bit of time to get used to. Practice makes progress and there's spare paper too!

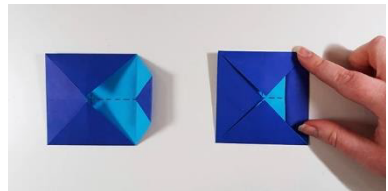
You will need:

- 1 sheet of square origami paper
- Pencil

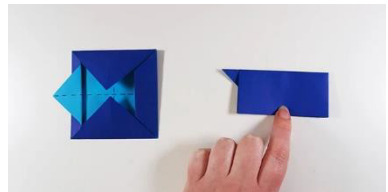
Step 1: Fold the square of paper in half diagonally. Unfold and then fold in half diagonally in the other direction and unfold. Fold all the points inwards to meet in the centre to make a smaller square.



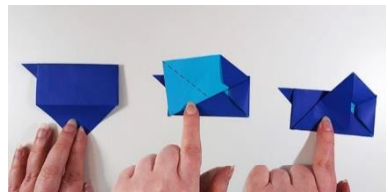
Step 2: Open out one of the points and then fold it so that the point meets the previous crease. Fold back along the crease to make it square again.



Step 3: Open out the opposite point and then fold it back on itself so the point extends beyond the square by 1.5cm. Fold in half as shown.



Step 4: Open out the front flap so the point is extended, then fold diagonally as shown in the middle picture. Then fold the point down along the crease line.



Step 5: Repeat Step 4 on the other side. Turn the fold on the front of the dog's head inside out to create a snout. Draw on eyes and nose

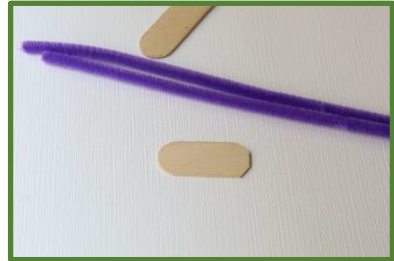


Pipe Cleaner Dragon

You will need:

- 4 pipe cleaners
- Craft foam
- 1 Craft stick
- Googly eyes
- Scissors

Step 1: Cut a small section from the end of a craft stick and round off.



Step 2: Fold the pipe cleaner in a circle to make the head. And leave some for the neck.



Step 3: Take a second pipe cleaner and wrap it tightly around the neck starting just under the head, then wrap around the body.



Step 4: Tuck a 3rd pipe cleaner under the others and keep wrapping. Leave the end hanging to be the tail.



Step 5: Add craft foam horns and tail and glue on googly eyes. Cut four pieces for the legs and glue them on. Cut and add foam wings.



Craft a Mechanical Hand

You will need:

- Paper or Card
- Straws
- Glue or Tape
- Wool/Cord
- Scissors



Step 1: Draw around your hand onto a piece of paper or card.

Step 2: Cut this hand shape out. Cut it a little bigger than the actual outline.

Step 3: Mark your finger/thumb joints on the cut out. Note that you have three joints on each finger/thumb.

Step 4: Next, draw lines straight across the joint or curve them slightly.

Step 5: Folder the fingers/thumb at all the lines.

Step 6: Cut the straws slightly shorter than each of your finger joints.



Step 7: Tape or glue the straws to the hand.

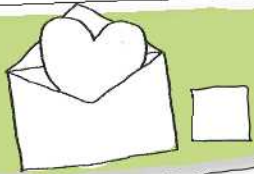
Step 8: Thread some wool through each finger. Each finger will have its own piece of wool.

Each of these threads will move a different finger or the thumb.

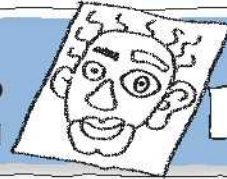
Step 9: Finally, thread all the strings through one straw that you have taped to the wrist part of your paper/cardboard hand.

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Make a card for a **special person**.



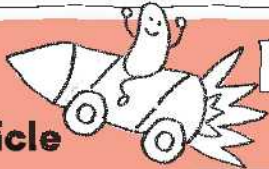
Create a **collage portrait** using scrap paper and packaging



Design a t-shirt for your own **music band**.



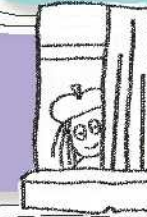
Use what's in your recycling bin to make a **mini vehicle**



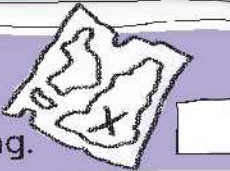
Cut out leaves and make a **habitat** for an animal you like.



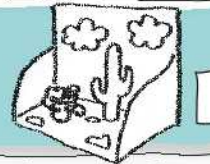
Paint the view from your **window**.



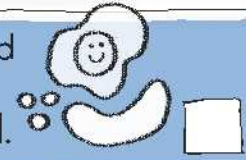
Design your own **treasure map**! Try staining it with a tea bag.



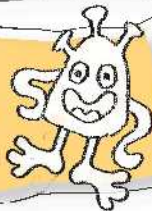
Create a mini **film set** out of a cardboard box.



Make a paper plate and then collage or paint your **favourite meal**.



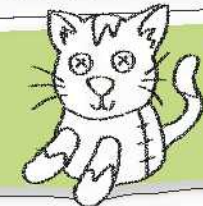
Alien Invasion! Use modelling clay to make a friend from outer space!



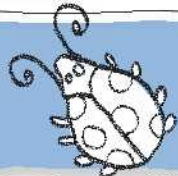
Design your name using **different fonts** for each letter.



Make a model or drawing of an **animal** you love.



How many **insects** can you draw on one page?



Invent a new **sport**, and make your own equipment for it.



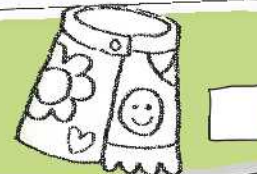
Design an **outfit** using scrap packaging from your recycling.



Find different textured objects and try **printing** with them.



Customise or decorate an old item of **clothing**.



Make a mask for a **superhero** of your choice.



This resource has been developed in collaboration with Art Teacher, and winner of the 2018 Global Teacher Prize, Andria Zafirakou and Arts Council England. Design by Epigram.

Dolly Peg Craft

In Victorian times clothes pegs were made from wood. The dolly peg was carved out of a single piece of wood with a split up the middle at one end and a ball at the other end.

We would like you to create your own dolly peg craft.

You will need:

- A dolly peg
- Glue
- Have a look around your house and see what you could use to help you with your creation. Make sure you ask first 😊. Think about what you have left over in your craft box.

Here are some ideas if you're stuck:

Cardboard,
Scraps of fabric,
Wool,
Tinfoil, Feathers,
Paint, Felt,
Buttons,



Papercraft Lantern

You will need:

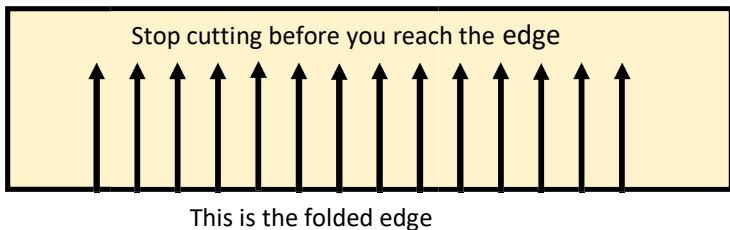
- 2 sheets of colored paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Glue, tape or a stapler if you have one.



Step 1: Begin by cutting two strips down the long side of one of the sheets of paper and put them to one side.

Step 2: Next fold the second sheet of paper in half to form a long skinny rectangle.

Step 3: Draw pencil lines on this skinny rectangle as shown here. Make sure the lines are the same distance apart. Do not draw your line right to the top of the folded paper.



Step 4: Cut along the lines with scissors. Remember don't cut all the way to the top.

Step 5: Open up the paper and roll so that the two long edges meet. Your lantern will start to look like the picture above.

Step 6: Glue, staple or stick the edges together.

Step 7: Roll the first sheet of paper up and insert it inside your lantern and secure it in place. Using the strips that you cut off, you can create a handle and decorate it as shown in the picture.

Modelling

Using the Plasticine in your box we would like you to make a model of your favorite animal or perhaps you might take up the Let's Craft Alien Invasion Challenge to make a friend from outer space.

We've kept our idea suggestion simple for this one but would love to see your finished masterpiece!



The great thing is that once you have finished one creation, you can squish it all back together again and start on something new.

How many different animals can you make?

1

2

3 or maybe 4 and beyond!

A note from Essex Children's University

I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together these Craft packs for the children. An enormous thank you to The Craft Council and ROH Bridge for supporting this project.



Children do not need to be a member of the Children's University to receive a Let's Craft Pack, but each activity will be rewarded with a Learning Credit in a Passport to Learning if they have one and will count towards their next Certificate Award.

If your child is not a member of the Children's University through their school, it would be a great thing to consider in the New Year. Speak to your school and they can help you.

Please, please, please share your child's work with us at the Children's University. We would love to feature everything in an online gallery on both our Facebook page which you can find at www.facebook.com/essexchildrensuniversity and on our website too www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk

All you need to do is take a photograph and email it to me. My email is admin@essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk. You can also share your child's work with the Let's Craft people and all the details are on the back of this booklet.

In providing us with photographs we will take this as permission for the photographs to be used on our social media and website pages. Names will not be used.

I will let you know that one item was way smaller than I expected. No prizes for guessing which one 😊!

I really hope your children enjoy their activities and I am already looking forward to receiving photos of your children craft creations.

Debbie Bennett, Manager, Essex Children's University



About Crafts Council

Hello, we're the Crafts Council—the national charity for craft. We hope you enjoy getting creative with all the art materials in this pack. Doing art and craft is a brilliant way to be imaginative and creative. It can also be relaxing as well as a lot of fun. We hope that the activity sheet in this pack will give you a few exciting ideas. We would love to see your creations - if you are on social media please post using #LetsCraft or email to participation@craftscouncil.org.uk

If you want more inspiration – including how to make a puppet out of plastic cups and string, build a den or make your own collage jewellery, visit www.craftscouncil.org.uk/learning/get-making

This pack was made possible with the help of lots of organisations who really care that children get to express themselves creatively including Hobbycraft, Cox London, Yodomo, TOAST, Immediate Media, MADE MAKERS and the Arts Council Bridge Organisations.

Parents and carers:

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