

Binocular Craft



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Preschoolers
2.5 - 4 years

Ready for an outdoor adventure? Don't forget your binoculars so you can see the animals in the forest! This fun craft uses recyclable materials and allows children to use their creativity when decorating their binocular and exploring the great outdoors.

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

Social

Indicator:

Exchanging ideas and materials during play

Skills:

Co-Operating



Materials

- Toilet paper rolls (2 per child)
- Construction paper
- Double-sided tape or glue sticks
- Scissors
- Washi tape
- Stickers, markers and/or crayons
- String
- Hole punch or sharp scissors

Instructions

Step 1: Cut your construction paper to a rough size to cover your toilet paper tube fully. Repeat this step with the other roll.

Step 2: Join the two tubes together using washi tape across the tubes near the end. You'll need two strips of washi tape. If you don't have access to washi tape, masking tape works well too.

Step 3: Decorate the outside of the tubes with stickers, markers, glitter, etc.

Step 4: Once decorated, make a hole near the washi tape on the sides of the tubes.

Step 5: String through some string through the holes and knot it to prevent the string from coming out.

Step 6: Ta-Da — you now have your own binoculars! Use this outside on your next adventure to see what you'll find! adventure to see what you'll find!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: Ta-Da! Your own binoculars! Use this outside on your next adventure to see what you'll find!

For younger toddlers: Decorating the binoculars may be the most accessible part of this activity for them and that's ok! Let them put as many (or as little) stickers/paint/drawings on their binoculars as they want to increase their autonomy and help with decision-making skills.



Playful Questions

- If I stand beside you and you look straight ahead, can you see me through the binoculars? Why not?
- What types of instruments do we use to look at things up close?
- Have you ever used real binoculars? What did you notice?
- Do the binoculars help you see further?