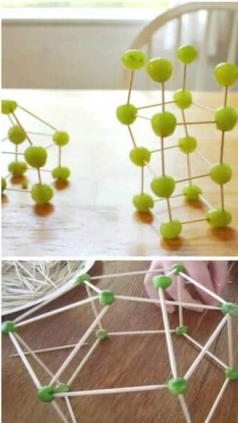




Toothpick Sculptures for Kids



[Toothpicks, Playdough, and Pony Beads](#)



Edible Toothpick Sculptures

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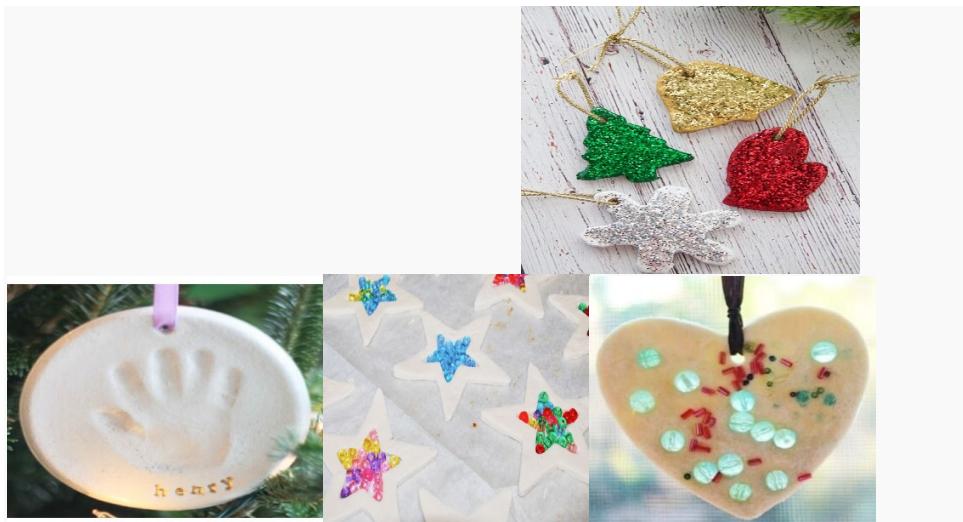
[Marshmallow and Toothpick Sculptures](#)

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11 SALT DOUGH ORNAMENTS for Christmas



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Ingredients

- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 1/2 cups cold water (+ extra 1/4 cup of water if needed)

- Mix flour with salt then stir in water. If the dough doesn't come together, add another 1/4 cup of water or so.
- Turn out the salt dough onto a countertop and work together with your hands until evenly mixed.
- Store in a plastic bag in the fridge until ready to use.
- Place a fist-size piece of dough on a sheet of parchment paper and cover with a second sheet of parchment paper. Roll dough out with a rolling pin to an 1/8 – 1/4 inch thick.

- Use **cookie cutters** to cut out the desired shapes. Pull away the extra dough from around the shapes with the cookie cutters still in place.
- Use the end of a drinking straw, a skewer, or a chopstick to **poke a hole at the top of each ornament** for hanging.
- **If you plan to decorate the ornaments, do that step now. I recommend:** a.) stamps and a stamp pad, b.) poking a pattern of holes in the dough with the end of a straw, c.) poking glass beads into the dough.
- Gently move the sheet of parchment paper with salt dough ornaments onto a cookie sheet at **bake in a 275F oven for 2-3 hours** or until the salt dough is hard, but not browned. Let cool.
- (Optional) Add a coat of Mod Podge or some paint (we like Bio Color paint for these) and glitter.
- Add a ribbon through the hole and hang in the window or on the tree!

Easy 2 Ingredient Cloud Dough – Ready in 5 minutes!

CLOUD DOUGH RECIPE:

INGREDIENTS:



1 cup baby oil

8 cups flour

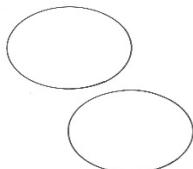
TO MAKE YOUR CLOUD DOUGH:

Simply add the [baby oil](#) to 8 cups of flour. Stir well. I used a pastry cutter to mix ours, but a spoon or whisk would be fine.

DIY Paper Spinner

Supplies:

- twine
- cardboard circles
- printer paper with circle template, see below
- markers
- scissors
- glue sticks



1. Make 2 circles



2. Add color to these circles, the more colorful, the more fun it is to see as it spins



3. Cut out paper circles.pins...



4. Use these to trace on a cardboard box and cut out 1 cardboard circle.
5. Glue on the paper circle to the cardboard. (one for each side)



6. Poke two holes right in the center of the cardboard circle.



7. Take a piece of twine, or rope, about 28 inches long. **TIP:** I used a match to burn the ends of my rope so they wouldn't unravel. Run the rope through the holes and tie a knot.



How to Make Playdough

Playdough Recipe

The Best Homemade Playdough Recipe

Prep Time 5 mins

Cook Time 5 mins

Total Time 10 mins

Keyword: homemade playdough, playdough, playdough recipe

Servings: 1 batch of playdough



Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp [cream of tartar](#)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup water
- [food coloring](#)

Instructions



1. In a large bowl, combine all of your dry ingredients (flour, salt, cream of tartar) and mix well.



2. Mix food coloring with your water first. Then add the vegetable oil and water with food coloring to a large pot. Mix together.



3. Add the dry ingredients to your pot and mix well.

4. Cook over low to medium heat until the dough starts to form and becomes dry.

5. Once it starts to form a ball together and looks fully cooked, take off the heat. Let the dough cool first before touching.

6. Once cool, knead the dough for 5 minutes to make the dough soft.



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Here are the supplies you'll need to make these scratch art designs

- Cardstock
- Black Paint
- Wooden Rods
- Dish Soap
- Oil Pastels

Steps to Make Your Scratch Art for Kids Design

1. Put some wax paper down to protect your surface
2. Color your cardstock with your oil pastels! We used different colors and made it on a diagonal design. Use color themes that may match your design. If you're doing unicorns like we did – use pinks, purples and blues! Color any way you'd like but mix it up so when you scratch it shows a different set of colors.



3. Now mix a bit of the dish soap (a drop or two) in a bowl with your paint.
4. Now paint all over your page covering the entire page.



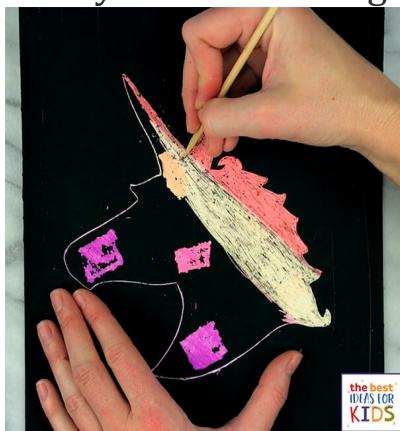
5. Print and cut out your silhouette designs on cardstock paper.



6. Tape the back of your silhouette image and tape to your painted cardstock page. Now you can use your wooden rod to trace around your silhouette image.



7. Pull off the silhouette and now the fun part! Scratch until you have your whole design showing.





Mix Colors in a Bag

So your kids want to paint. But you have 10 minutes of free time left in your day. Okay, no problem here. Add a dab of each primary colored tempera paint into a clear zipper baggy. Tape the end after closing it. Your child can mush and swirl the colors through the outside of the bag.



=EASY TO MAKE=

Bath Paints

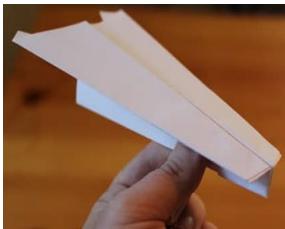


Here's what you'll need:

- 1/2 cup of Johnson's® Baby Head to Toe Wash
- 1/2 cup of corn starch
- 2 tablespoons of water
- food coloring
- some kind of divided tray (I used [this silicone tray](#))
- [kid paint brushes](#)

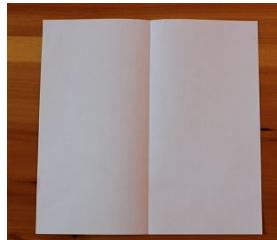
Here's how to make it:

1. In a medium bowl, mix Johnson's® Baby Head to Toe Wash and corn starch together.
2. Add in water...if you think the consistency is still too thick, feel free to add more water. *You want it to be thick enough to stick to the walls/not too runny.*
3. Take your soft tray ([this is the one I have](#)) or whatever you're using to hold the paint and evenly distribute the mixture into the compartments.
4. Use 1-2 drops of food coloring to create different colors.
5. Now grab those paint brushes ([these are great for little kids/easy to hold](#)) and you're ready to let your little one paint. Have fun!

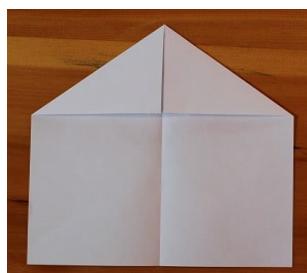


How to Make the World's Best Paper Airplanes

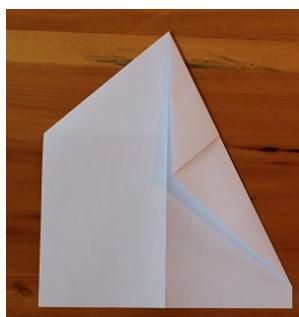
Beginner Level: The Bulldog Dart



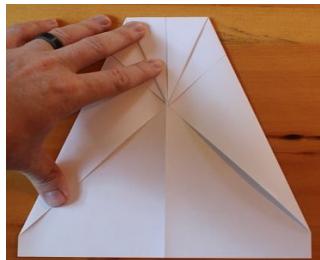
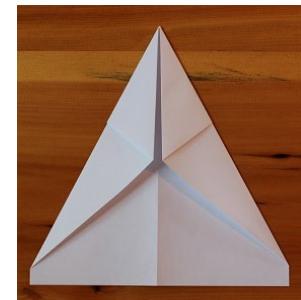
1. First you fold the paper in half lengthwise, and then unfold. This initial crease is simply a guideline for the next folds.



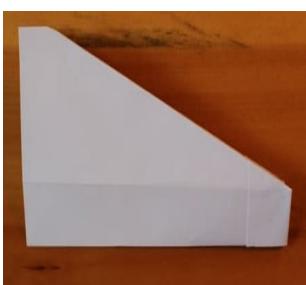
2. Fold the top two corners down so they meet the center crease. This is the classic way to start a paper airplane, and probably what you first learned as a kid.



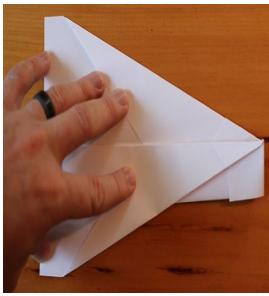
3. Flip the plane over, and fold the corners in again to the center crease. You want the diagonal line coming off the top of the plane (on the left side) to be lined up with the middle (like on the right side).



4. Fold the top point down so that the tip meets the bottom of where the previous folds come together.



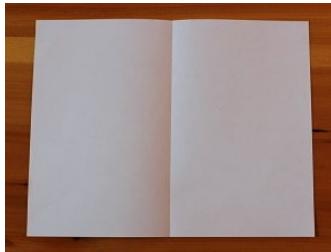
5. Fold the entire plane in half, in on itself. This creates the snub nose, which gives the Bulldog Dart its name.



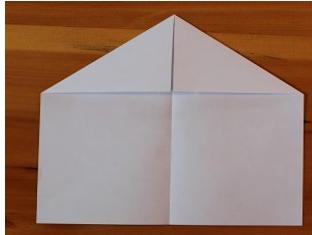
6. Fold the wings down so that you're making a straight line across from the top of the snub nose. Repeat on the other side



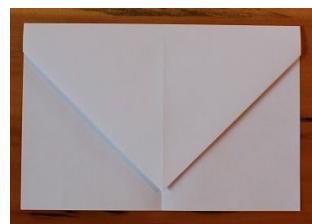
Intermediate Level: The Harrier



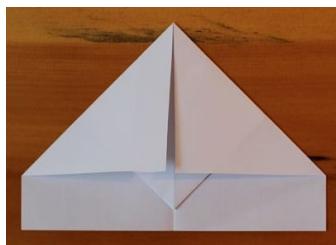
1. Fold in half lengthwise and then unfold. As with the Bulldog above, this center crease is just a guide for future folds.



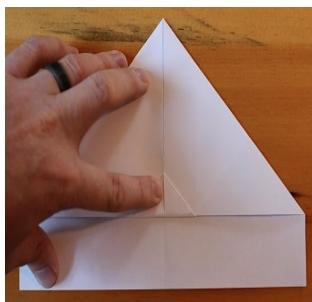
2. Fold the top corners in so they meet at the center crease.



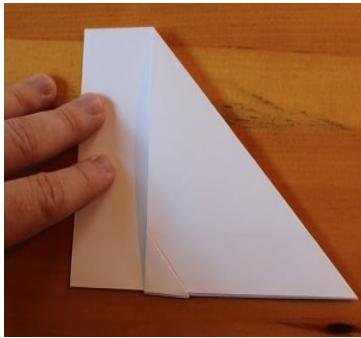
3. Fold the entire top down so that it resembles an envelope. Make sure you leave a half inch or so at the bottom — you don't want the top point to evenly meet the bottom edge.



4. Fold the top corners in so they meet at the middle. There should be a small triangle tail hanging out beneath these folds.



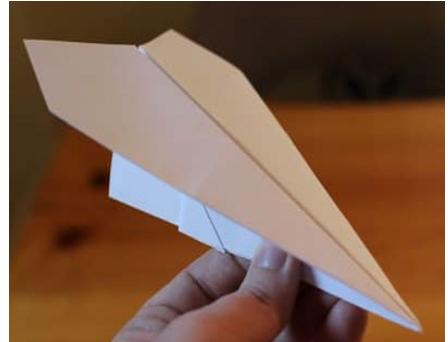
5. Fold that small triangle up to hold those previous folds in place.



6. Fold in half, but make you sure you fold it outwards on itself, not inwards. You want the previous triangular fold to be visible on the bottom edge.



7. Fold the wing down so its edge meets the bottom edge of the airplane. Repeat on the other side.

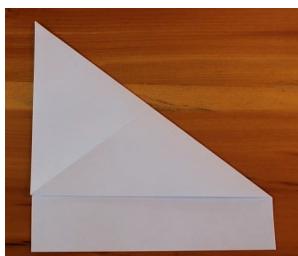


The finished Harrier.

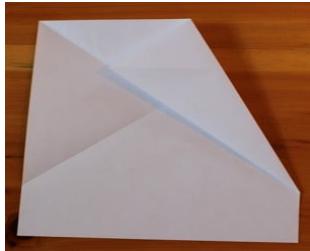
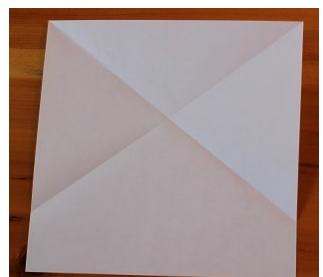
Expert Level: The Hammer



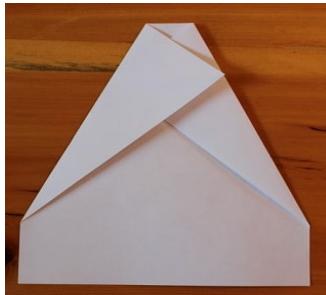
1. First, fold the top left corner all the way down so it meets the right edge of the paper. You'll then unfold, as this will be a guiding crease.



2. Repeat the same thing with the top right corner and unfold.



3. Fold the top right corner down so that its edge meets the crease that goes from top left to bottom right.



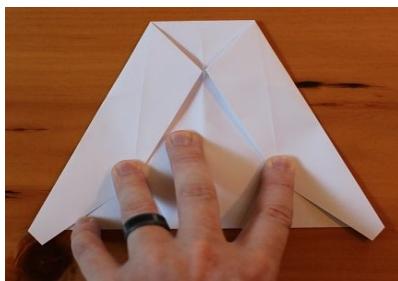
4. Do the same with the left corner. The top left point should exactly meet the diagonal right edge of the airplane.



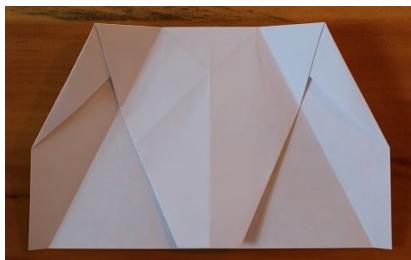
5. Fold the plane in half in on itself, then unfold. You'll use that middle crease as a guide.



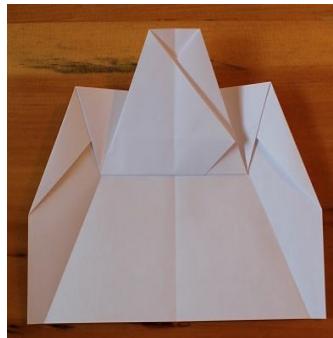
6. After you've unfolded the previous step, fold the top down so that its edge meets the bottom edge.



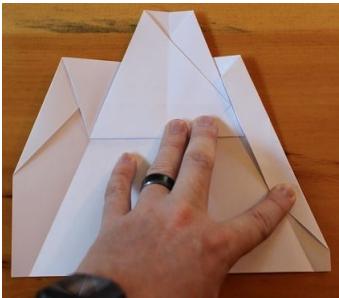
7. Fold the top corners down so that their points meet at the middle crease.



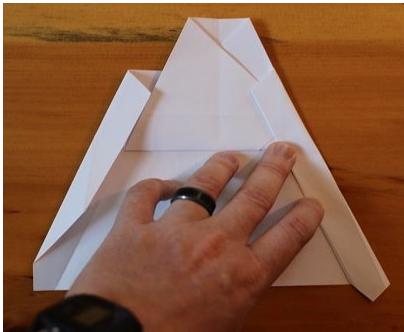
8. Unfold — as with many steps in making this airplane, these creases are a guide.



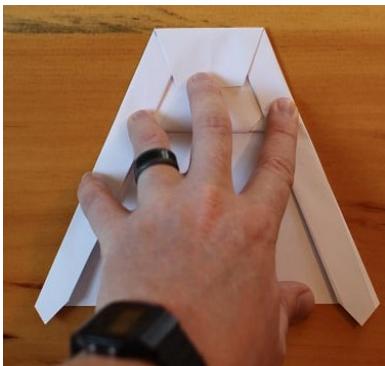
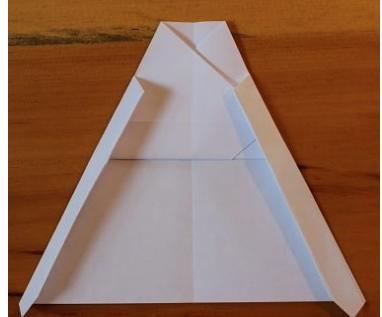
9. Now take what was the top edge that you previously folded down (Step 6) and fold it back up at the point where its edge meets the creases from the previous step.



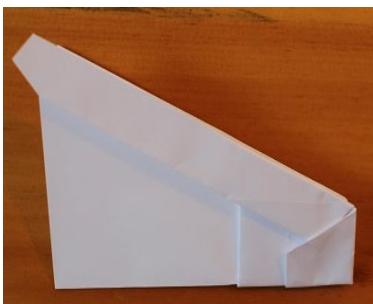
10. Fold the corners in yet again so that their edge meets both the edge of the top flap and the crease from Step 7.



11. Fold the wings in once more, this time simply folding along the crease that you already made. After this step your plane should have straight lines down from the top to the bottom.



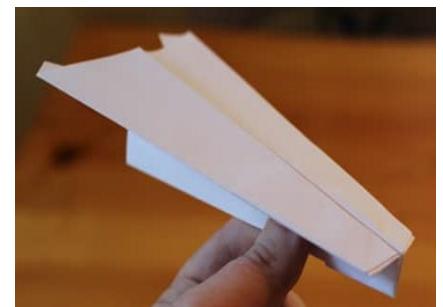
12. Fold the top down from where it meets the top of the wing flaps you created in the previous step.



13. Fold the whole thing in half outward. You want all the paper flaps on the outside of the craft. At this point, folding can become a little tricky because of the thickness of the paper, so take extra care in making good, clean folds.



14. Fold the wings down so that their edge meets the bottom edge of the plane. This creates a small snub nose. Again, this can be a tough fold, so be precise and take your time if you have to.





This clay is gooey fun and it dries after a couple of hours just sitting out in the open air; there is no need to bake it! So your kids can have some sensory fun but also work on art projects which will last.

In case you can't watch the video, here are the ingredients:

- 4 ounces of [cornstarch](#)
- 4 ounces of [glue](#)
- 1 tablespoons of [vegetable](#) or [baby oil](#)
- 1 tablespoon of [lemon juice](#) or [white vinegar](#)

You just mix it all together and it is ready to go! If you want, you can add in food coloring to get fun colors—or you can just leave it white so your kids can paint it for even more creative fun!



Clay Animal Craft –

Materials:

[air-drying modeling clay](#)

knife

cardboard

[acrylic paint](#)

brush

glue

scissors

Instructions

Step 1

Cut off a slice of the modeling clay with a knife and shape it into a ball. Gradually shape all the animal small parts such as ears, nose and mane.

Step 2.

Connect the pieces together well. Sometimes it helps to use a little bit of water and a knife or spoon to smooth out the transitions.

Step 3.

Now you let your work of art dry really well. At least overnight or a couple of days.

Step 4.

Now the animals can be painted. To do this you first apply the base color with acrylic paint and then add the details. Let the paint dry well.

Step 5.

In the meantime, you can cut picture frames out of cardboard. A glass, bowl or ruler will help you draw the shapes.

Step 6.

Then you can glue the animal head in the middle of the frame with craft glue or a hot glue gun.

