

# Paper Mache' Flower

## For this activity you will need:

- Egg carton
- recycled paper
- sticky tape
- Glue
- Paint
- paint brush
- Scissors
- Cloth for table



## What is the learning in this activity?

**Ages:** 4+ with adult assistance

**Purpose:** Creative sculpture using recycled materials: encourages imagination and creativity, problem solving in construction, good for fine motor skills and also has a sensory component in the gluing

## Let's play!

1. To make the glue:

- ½ cup plain flour and 1 cup water

Mix water gradually into flour until smooth.

Microwave 30 seconds and stir.

Microwave another 30 seconds, mix till smooth. Let cool until comfortable to touch.

2. Cut off one of the egg cups; cut petals from egg carton.

3. Attach to the egg cup with tape.

4. Tear off pieces of paper, dip into glue and stick on cardboard, a few layers all over, smoothing down any rough edges

5. Allow to dry well then paint.

Optional – you can paint all over dried sculpture with PVA and this seals the paint giving a glossy finish when dry



## Let's talk..

**Qs** - A great 'teachable moment' Lots of opportunities for working co-operatively and building language along the way eg: mixing, sticking, tearing, smoothing down, painting, colors, wet/dry, talking about shapes and concept of recycling, creating from materials found at home.

**Extension** - Children can create their own sculpture; they may be inspired to make an abstract form, mask or different animal or object. You might explore online some paper mache creations.

*We'd love to see your creations and home based play.*

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