

# Paper Mache' Wombat

## For this activity you will need:

- Egg carton
- Recycled plastic bags
- recycled paper
- sticky tape
- Glue
- Paint
- paint brush
- scissors



## What is the learning in this activity?

**Ages:** 4y up & some help from an older person

**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 process

## Let's play!

Recipe for home made glue:

- ½ cup plain flour    1 cup water
- Mix water gradually into flour until smooth  
Microwave 30 seconds, stir. Microwave for another 30 seconds, mix till smooth. Let cool until comfortable to touch

1. Scrunch up the plastic bags to make an oval shape ball; use the tape to secure.
2. Cut off 5 of the egg cups from egg carton Attach to the plastic ball with tape – 4 legs and 1 for the nose
3. Tear off pieces of paper, dip into glue and stick on cardboard, a few layers all over, smoothing down any rough edges
4. Allow to dry well then paint



## 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 a different animal, dinosaur, mask or abstract form. You might explore online some paper mache creations.

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

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