

Be Creative - July 14, 2021

Macaroni Crafts

Supplies:

Various shapes of macaroni
Rubbing Alcohol
Food Coloring
Sandwich Ziploc baggies

Recycled clear plastic lids
Cardboard (cereal boxes work great)
Tacky Clear Glue (brush or popsicle stick)
String

Gather all different shapes of pasta and then decide how many colors you want. Put a little of each pasta into large Ziploc plastic bags. I used ten different pastas and eight colors. Depending on the color you want and the amount of pasta you have it might take you a few attempts adding more food coloring or rubbing alcohol. You only need about half of a capful of rubbing alcohol. It doesn't seem like enough, but it really does work. Better to go with less to start off with and add. Close your bag and turn and shake it until you get the color you want. You can open and add more color if needed. Let it sit for about 15 minutes and then pour out onto wax paper, cardboard, paper towels or just a cookie tray to dry.

Suncatchers:



Any size of clear lids work great!



Punch hole for string and cut out a design in bigger lids.



Cover lid with glue.



Have fun designing your Suncatcher!



If you put all the glue on first you have to work fast putting on the pasta. This is like putting a puzzle together so take your time and add glue as you go along. (I learned my lesson!)

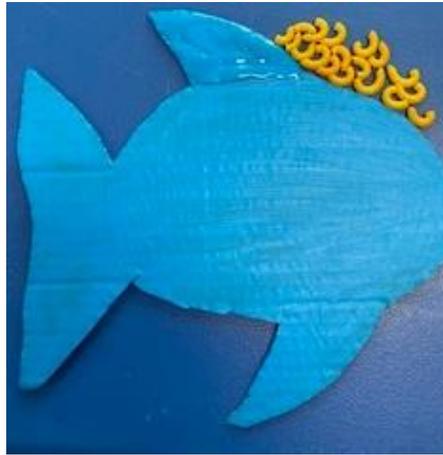
Another fun project is making Mandalas. You can use paper plates or different size lids in any color. Pour a pile of pasta shapes in front of you and enjoy making original designs. This could be your next Suncatcher!

Simple subjects (sealife, houses, animals or plants):

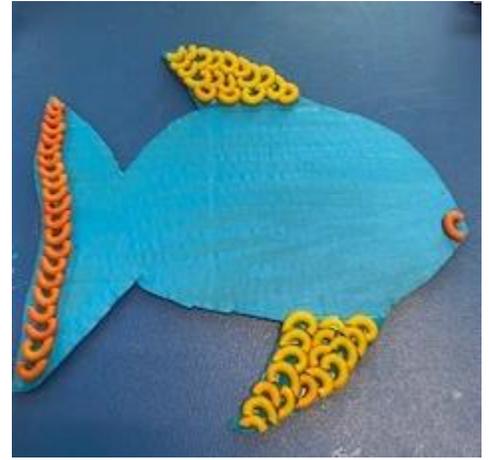
Draw and cut out any simple picture and have fun adding your pasta to make a masterpiece!



Cereal boxes are great for this project.



Paint before you glue pasta.



You don't have to fill the whole space.



Fun project. My fish needs a friend!



Springtime flowers and butterflies.

Try some of these crafts using pasta:

Write your name out with pasta.

Make necklaces and bracelets.

Picture frames are fun to give as gifts.

Make a rainbow!

HAVE FUN!