

Miriam's activities

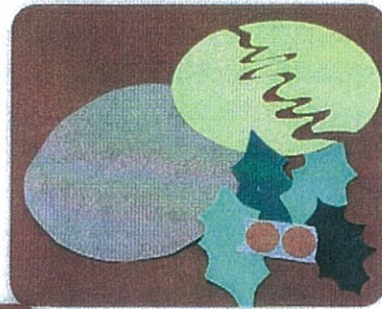
Miriam Schmidt - BECT member suggests activity ideas for you to use at your playgroup

THEME- Christmas

Christmas Collages

Activity 1: Collage Plum Puddings

- * You will need brown and yellow coloured circles, approximately 18-20 cm in diameter.
- * Cut out green "holly leaf" shapes and red "berry" circles. You can use stickers for the berries. To make the yellow custard, divide a yellow paper circle with a "custard dripping" cut.
- * To assemble, glue a yellow "custard top" onto a brown paper "pudding" circle.
- * Glue the holly leaves and berries on top of the "custard", and there you have it! A "plum pudding"!



Activity 2: Christmas Tree Collage

- * Draw or photocopy a Christmas tree shape onto green paper.
- * Decorate with stickers, cut-up Christmas cards paper, tinsel and so forth...



Activity 3: Christmas Wreath Collage

- * Decorate a paper plate with lots of Christmas collage materials, such as coloured paper and aluminium foil.
- * Thread a ribbon through the top, and hang on the front of a door.




Christmas Tree Decorations

Activity 4:

Christmas Bell Decorations

- * Take a segment of an egg carton and pierce a hole through the top.
- * Cover the egg carton segment with aluminium foil.
- * Carefully pierce a hole through the foil where you have already pierced the carton.
- * EITHER poke a pipe cleaner through the hole, bending it on the inside of the carton to stop it pulling out, and also on the other end to form a hook to hang it by.
- * OR thread a piece of string, ribbon, twine or tinsel through the hole, securing it on the inside with a knot or a piece of cut up straw that you have tied to the end.

NOTE: For Christmas Window, please see BECT Playgroup Links - Volume 5, Issue 4, Term 4, 2006.

WARNING: Ensure that you MONITOR  **the cooking to avoid burning the dough.**

Activity 5:

Microwave Bread Dough Christmas Tree Decorations

Ingredients:

300 gm flour 250 gm salt
1 cup water

Method:

- * Mix all ingredients together.
- * Roll out until approximately 1/2 cm thick.
- * Cut out shapes using cookie cutters.
- * Make a hole in each shape for the hanging ribbons (to be inserted after the shapes have been cooked.)
- * Cook on MEDIUM LOW. ONE piece will take about 3 minutes, turning once. If cooking multiple pieces, the time per piece will decrease. eg. 6 pieces will take approx. 2 minutes each, a total of 12 minutes.
- * Paint, glitter, varnish, etc, or just leave plain.

