

NEWSPAPER ART

Why not create some newspaper art using old newspapers, rather than buy brand new craft paper - save money and help our planet!

You will need:

- old newspapers (clean)
- watercolour paints
- chalk pastels,
- fibre-tip pens
- coloured paper/card
- glue stick and scissors.... and a bit of imagination!

How to make your Newspaper art:

1. Find the owl/snail and hot air balloon templates on our West Cheshire Museums website, and print them off. They are simply there to give you ideas; if you wish, you can create something else altogether.

2. Lay out a big piece of newspaper on a bottom layer of newspaper (to soak up the moisture), and ask your pre-schooler to paint as many different colours onto the newspaper as possible - the more colourful the better (see photo). The more random the pattern, the better too.



3. Leave this newspaper to dry overnight.

4. Cut out the parts of whichever template you wish to use e.g. the owl, and then use these as a pattern to cut out the shape in the painted newspaper which has dried.



5. Use the chalk pastels to add details on the picture e.g. the owl's feathers, then arrange the different parts of your picture onto another piece of coloured paper. Use more little bits of plain newspaper for other details, e.g. the eyes - cut them out and glue them on.

6. You may even wish to add other details, e.g. cut out clouds from white paper - be as creative as you want.



I think newspaper art is really effective, and is certainly a good way to recycle those used newspapers - give it a go and get those creative juices flowing!