

Maker Helper Sheet

Same Sky have kindly pulled together some helpful information about materials, equipment and where to look for inspiration for a fabulous children's parade 'make'.

Don't forget to look for our handy artist tutorial videos too. They guide you through making projects from everyday recycled materials such as a trumpet from cardboard and a balloon, costumes from bin bags, a tetrapak mask and some huge helping hands.

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What recycled materials make great costumes and parade structures?

1. Cardboard

Quite easy to cut with scissors, may need adult help. Easy to hold together with tape or glue. Due to being rigid it can hold structure and make things three dimensional. If using paint or light-coloured materials to decorate your make, paint it white once you've finished construction, then add colour.

2. Paper

Easy to cut, but has no integral structure unless you roll it up to form a tube. It can be curled, frilled and folded. Easy to hold together with tape, string, paper clips etc

3. Plastic bags

Easy to cut, lots of colours, super lightweight and can create movement to add interest to your make.

4. Plastic wrappers and cartons

Great for adding colour or 3D shapes to enhance your make quickly.

5. Old clothes and fabric

Create movement and bold colourful costumes quickly with fabric. Can be joined with tape, glue, paper clips, pegs and even needle and thread! Cloth is great for making headbands and strapping things to yourself with.

6. Foil packaging

Quite easy to cut with gloves and adult help if needed. Lovely glistening details can be added with foil using tape or glue.

7. Items borrowed

Saucepans, sweeping brushes, colanders, sieves, cushions, garden canes, coat hangers, clothing ..think creatively about the things in your home.. what could they be? Please ask before borrowing.

8. Dried pulses and grain.

Great for making musical shaker instruments from, put some in an empty plastic bottle, for example andlet's make some noise!

What can we use to fix our materials together?

A. **Tape...any will do**

1. The strongest is Gaffa, it has fabric meshed in it, which makes it difficult to tear without scissors but very strong.
2. Masking Tape, known as a decorators tape, it's very useful for joining plastic, paper and sticks together.
3. Cello tape can be used with most materials, it's just harder to work with because you can't see the edge of the tape so clearly and it is a little more brittle than masking tape.

B. **String and thread.** You can join cross-joints together with string and you can use it as a lace to thread things together. Needle and thread for smaller items is simple and quick. Beware of the needle hazard.

C. **Safety pins, pegs and paper clips** will work for a short while if there is not too much force being applied to the two things that you want to join together. Beware of the pin hazard.

D. **Glue.** Make sure its age appropriate for the user and that it's the right glue for the intended materials. Take necessary safety precautions.

E. **Other things you may need:**

1. Scissors
2. Pens and pencils
3. A ruler
4. Something to pierce holes in things ..a screw driver will do or the pointed end of scissors. Go careful and place something underneath what you are making a hole in, so that it doesn't make an unintended hole in something , or in you!
5. A compass ..or a piece of string attached to a pencil will do instead.
6. A knife or scalpel, if you are an adult... and be careful. Blunt knives are the worst, so check that old rusty blade. Go slowly and cut away from you, keep fingers out of the direction of blade travel, don't use a knife if you are talking to someone.
7. Paint, crayons, coloured tissue paper, anything suitable to add some colour and pattern.

Ideas of what to make from the internet

Below are some links to google images pages that I've searched to get some ideas. They may be a starting point for your own creative journey.

[recycled cardboard costumes](#)

[kids' costumes made out of recycled plastic](#)

[recycled paper costumes](#)

[recycled fabric costumes](#)

[masks made out of recycled materials](#)

[hats made out of recycled materials](#)

[kids costumes recycled materials](#)

Good luck and have a lot of fun making!

