

St Neots Museum – Easter Hat

You will need:

Template (we've used the chick but you could use the other figure for a rabbit or person)

Paper or card for the folding and curling (plain or you could colour or paint it)

Old magazines, comics or food packets for the collage

A piece of card for the headband (we used an old pizza box)

Sellotape

Glue stick

Pencil

Scissors

Felt pens, pencil crayons or crayons

To make:

1. **FOLDING** - Cut out some long triangles from coloured card or paper and fold them down the middle to make spikey grass. Different sizes and shapes look great.
2. **COLLAGE** - Print out the template and cut out the shape you want. You can do your own shape if you like. I chose the chick shape.
3. Cut out small pieces from your magazine or comic. I chose yellow pictures and cut out triangles to look like the chick's feathers. Think about the texture and colour of the animal or thing you are making when you're choosing your colours and shapes.
4. Stick on the cut out shapes to the template. Don't worry if they go over the edge – you can always turn it over afterwards and cut off the spare pieces.
5. Cut out two long thin strips of card and fold them to make long zig zag legs. Stick them to the body.
6. Draw some features, like eyes, and feet for your animal and stick them on. This is a chance to give your animal some character.
7. **CURLING** - Tear some strips of coloured card or paper and wrap them around a pencil tightly.
8. Cut a headband from a piece of card. This should be about the width of a ruler (3/4cm) and at least two centimetres longer than the circumference of your head. Cut it out.
9. **Now it's time to put it all together.** Lay your headband flat on the table and add your leaves first. We used sellotape to stick things at this stage as it sticks firmly. Then think about where you want your animal to go. Stick it on and add the curls around it. You will need to unwrap them a bit but be gentle so they don't go back to straight again.
10. Take your finished band and measure it against your head to get a good fit and mark where it overlaps. Sellotape it in place.
11. You could add lots of different decoration like eggs or smaller chicks or rabbits or make smaller or bigger grass and curls. Experiment and make it as fun and bold as you want.
12. You can send us a photo of your creation to engagement@stneotsmuseum.org.uk or to our Facebook page but please remember we cannot publish any pictures of you unless we have your grown up's permission so either just a picture of your hat or include parental permission in the e-mail.

Happy Easter!!