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Botanic Garden

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT HOME

Dandelion Art

Ages
3+

You will need:

- A toilet roll tube
- Something to spread paint on (e.g. plate, plastic lid)
- Scissors
- Yellow paint
- Paper
- Paint brush
- Pens
- Glue



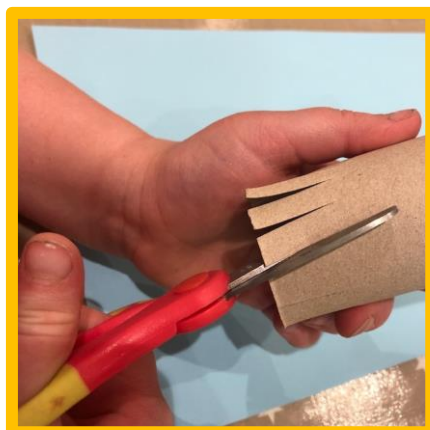
These famous yellow flowers provide food for insect pollinators in springtime.

Make your own cheerful dandelion artwork like this one using a toilet roll tube as a stamp.

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Instructions:

1. Use your scissors to make lots of cuts around one end of your toilet roll tube. These should be about 3cm long.





2. Bend all the cut pieces backwards to make a flower shape. This is your stamp.



3. Put out some yellow paint on a plate or plastic lid and spread it around a bit.



4. Dip your cardboard flower shape into the paint and then stamp onto paper.



5. To give your dandelion a face, cut out a circle of paper and draw on a lion's face. Use glue to stick it on.



6. Make leaves by folding strips of green paper in half, drawing on half a jagged leaf shape and cut out. Adults can help.



7. Draw a stem using a pen. Stick your leaves to the base of the plant.

Dandelion Facts

- Each dandelion flower is actually made up of lots of tiny flowers, each one has one yellow petal.
- Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans ate dandelions and used them to make medicines.
- Their seeds have parachutes attached that help them travel to new places. Some travel more than 1km!

