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MAKE AND TAKE WORKSHOP: EARLY LITERACY TOOLS FOR ADULTS

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DESCRIPTION

Are you a parent, grandparent or caregiver looking for new ideas to make learning fun for your little ones? Leave the kids at home for an evening and attend a workshop for fresh ideas, literacy tips, book suggestions and materials to use with your young children at home. Adults who care for kiddos ages birth to 5 years old are welcome to attend.

HISTORY

- Began as a partnership with Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council
- Grant: 10 sessions/year
- Reach home daycare providers

EACH SESSION INCLUDES

- Project
- Booktalks
- Opportunities for sharing
- Handout and free book

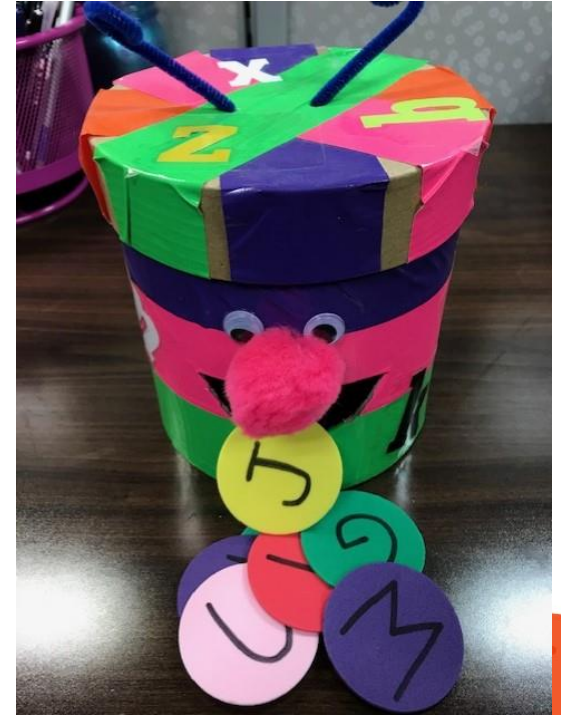


PROJECT EXAMPLES





- Squishy writing bags
- Pizza box felt board
- Glove stories



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EARLY LITERACY TO GO



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LET'S MAKE: FELT FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT?

- **USE WITH SUPERVISION IF YOUR CHILD IS UNDER 3**
- Buttoning helps grow fine motor skills! Children need to strengthen their fingers in order to be able to hold a pen or pencil when they start writing.
- Draw a color pattern for your child to match when buttoning the rings or putting the petals on the flower.
- Threading the shapes on the ribbon also grows fine motor skills! Make a shape pattern for your child to match. Can you put the shapes in a color order?



ACTION RHYME: RED IS THE COLOR I SEE

Red, red is the color I see
If you're wearing red, then show
it to me

Stand up, take a bow, turn
around

Show me your red and sit back
on the ground.

Continue with other colors!



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HOW TO:

FABRIC CHAIN

- Cut strips of felt
- Sew (or glue) button* on to one end of strip
- Cut slit in other end of strip

FABRIC FLOWER

- Cut 2 circles of felt
- Sew (or glue) buttons* in a circle on one felt circle
- Hot glue two circles of felt together, leaving an opening for batting
- Stuff circle with batting; glue opening closed
- Cut out petals equal to number of buttons
- Cut a slit in each petal.



RIBBON SHAPES

- Cut a strip of ribbon 1 foot long
- Fold ends of ribbon to avoid fraying and sew (or glue) buttons* on to each end
- Cut several shapes out of stiff felt; cut slit in each

*Reinforce buttons with a dot of hot glue on the underside.

TRY THESE BOOKS ABOUT SHAPES AND COLORS!

- [Colors](#) by Shelley Rotner
- [Brown Rabbit's Shapes](#) by Alan Baker
- [One Shoe, Two Shoes](#) by Caryl Hart
- [The Color Monster](#) by Anna Lenas
- [Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets](#) by Hena Khan
- [Sweet Shapes](#) by Juana Medina

Next Make and Take:

Monday, Jan. 6

6:30 – 8 pm

Smoky Hill Library

Wednesday, Jan. 15

6:30 – 8 pm

Southglenn Library

For even more resources, visit arapahoelibraries.org/ 0-5 or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).
Questions? Contact Mary Kuehner, Make and Take facilitator, mkuehner@arapahoelibraries.org.



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