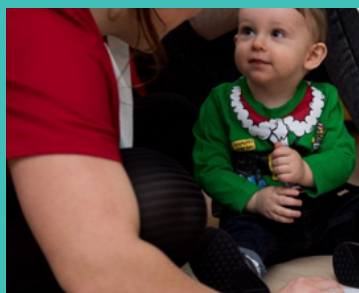


5 ways with junk mail!



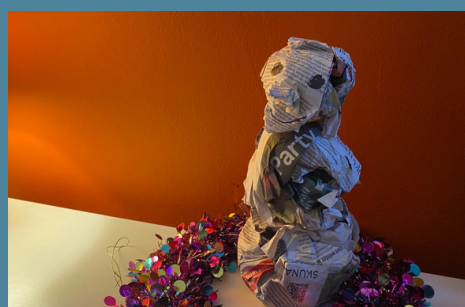
Tear away: Try ripping one sheet at a time - then two, then three, then four! Take your time and enjoy the process. Giving wee ones the opportunity to tear away is a great way to develop those fine motor skills while letting any pent-up energy out.



Floor collage: There's no need for glue - lay some good-size scraps on the floor and let your junk-mail collage roam free. What festive pictures come through? Working on a large-scale "canvas" such as the floor allows wee ones to use their whole bodies in art. Tidy away and play again another day.



Paper orchestra: Listen in - there's a festive tune to be found in every tear. Use the paper as is or make different shapes by folding and rolling it. Bring in everyday objects to see how their presence changes the sound. And, don't forget to use your bodies! Whether you blow or scrunch or hit the junk mail - it's an exciting way to explore how bodies can interact with physical objects and make some sweet music while doing so.



Paper snowmen: Scrunch up the junk mail into tight balls of different sizes. Using blue tack or staples, put the paper snowballs on top of each to make a snowman. Bring a little festive magic by adding eyes in pen and rolling up some more junk mail as carrot nose. If the snowmen don't work, wee ones will also love a paper snowball fight!



Melting icicles: Layout your collection of junk mail and using a squirty bath toy or a clean medicine syringe drip water on to the paper and watch as the colours merge into each other, the letters change their shape and the paper changes. Feel free to mix it with your hands too!

There's plenty of junk mail to go around - luckily, there's also plenty of fun to be had with it! Remember: the most exciting art can start with tearing things apart.



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