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Summer Fun



A Week of Crafts!

With summer break soon coming to a close, you might be wondering what are some fun things you could do before heading back to school. If you're in need of some inspiration, take a look below for 5 fun craft ideas to fill your last weeks of summer!

DIY Sidewalk Chalk Paint

Materials Needed:

- 3 cups of corn starch
- Food coloring of various colors
- 3 cups of water (can use a little more or less to change the consistency)
- 4-6 plastic bowls (a 6-cup muffin pan also works well as a paint tray)
- Paint brushes

Instructions:

- This craft can be adjusted to make smaller amounts of chalk paint; just make sure that you are mixing equal parts of corn starch and water
- Mix together the corn starch and water and separate in your individual bowls or muffin tins
- Add 2-3 drops of food coloring into each bowl and mix well to create different colors, the colors will become more vibrant as they dry
- Take your chalk paint outside to your driveway or sidewalk and use the paint brushes to create some beautiful art!
- From time to time, stir the remaining paint with a brush to make sure it stays mixed together
- Paint will wash away in the rain

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<https://rockledgegardens.com/little-bugs-club/>

<https://www.argofoodservice.com/recipe/DIY-Homemade-Sidewalk-Chalk-Paint>

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Pool Noodle Race Track

During summer breaks, one of the things my brother enjoyed doing on a sunny day was racing toy cars. Sometimes, though, it could be difficult to find a flat surface that had a good slope for racing. If you're having the same difficulty, check out this fun DIY race track!



Materials Needed:

- Pool noodle
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Toy cars
- Wooden skewers
- Construction paper and markers for signs

Instructions:

- Have a parent/adult help cut the pool noodle in half down the length of the tube so that you have 2 long pieces
- Set the 2 halves side-by-side and connect the with a piece of duct tape (you can get creative and use themed duct tape if you'd like)
- Make your own start and finish signs on the construction paper - they should be about the same width as the 2 pool noodle halves taped together
- Tape a skewer to each the left and right edge of the back of your signs and insert them into the start and end of your race track
- Place the track on an incline, like a hill or set of stairs and you're ready to race!



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Squirt Gun Painting Craft

Looking for a new way to create fun designs while painting? All you need for this easy craft is some watercolor paint, a squirt gun, and some paper to decorate! Try using different color combinations to create different looks and designs!



Materials Needed:

- Squirt gun
- Watercolor paper
- Liquid watercolor paint
- Wall or easel

Instructions:

- If you have an easel, set that up and clip the watercolor paper in place
 - If you don't have an easel, find a nice flat wall or the side of a tree to tape your paper to
- Fill your squirt guns with the paint, take aim, and start shooting!
- Let the paintings dry in the grass
 - It can help to place a rock on top of the paper to stop them from blowing away



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Pool Noodle Sail Boat

Have some extra pool noodles lying around? Here's another way to turn those into a fun activity. This craft would be great for a sunny, windy day where you can set sail around a pool or even have boat races!



Materials Needed:

- Pool noodle
- Wooden skewers
- Craft foam for sails
 - Could use craft paper as well, but it won't last as long if it gets wet
- Scissors
- Markers
- Styrofoam balls (optional)

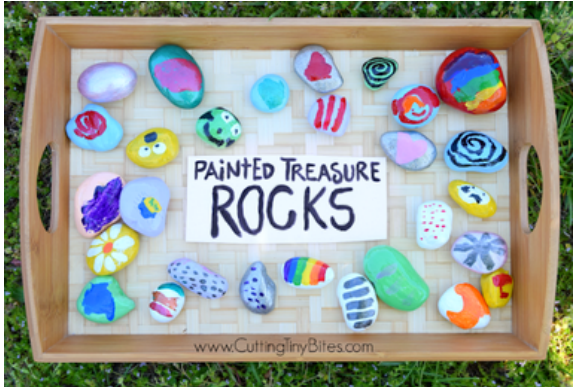
Instructions:

- Have a parent/adult cut the pool noodle in half down the length of the tube so that you have 2 long pieces
 - Cut these into shorter pieces to make different size boats
- Cut the craft foam/paper into different shapes (triangles, squares, circles...) to form the sails
- Use markers to decorate the sails
- Thread the sails onto the wooden skewer to create your mast
- Place the mast into the pool noodle, and you're all set for a day's adventure of sailing!



<https://30seconds.com/mom/tip/12537/Pool-Noodle-Crafts-for-Kids-How-to-Make-Colorful-Fun-Pool-Noodle-Sailboats>

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Painted Treasure Rocks

Our last craft for the week is the fun activity of painting rocks! Go for a walk outside to find the perfect rocks for this craft. You can turn these into pet rocks, monster rocks, or any other design you'd like!

Materials Needed:

- Rocks
- Acrylic paints
 - Can also use glow-in-the-dark paint to add some extra fun
- Paint brushes
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Glue (if using googly eyes)



Instructions:

- If you are collecting your rocks from nature, make sure you clean them to remove any dirt
- Use the paints to create different designs or faces
 - For easier painting: paint one end of the rock, let that dry and then paint the opposite side
 - Once the top coat has dried, you can flip your rock over and paint the back
 - Some rocks will need multiple coats of paint if you are making it one solid color
- If you want, you can make rock monsters using googly eyes
 - To add the eyes: make sure that your painted rock is fully dry
 - Use the glue to attach the eyes and let them dry

<https://dinedreamdiscover.com/monster-painted-rocks/>