

WEEK 1 BOX

AGE: 0-2 YEARS

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CRAFTS FOR THE WEEK

For this age group you may not have actually made any real craft projects with your little one. Many projects were probably just open ended which is great, but I am hoping we will be able to make a completed project.

I think you will love watching their faces as they complete the steps and see everything come together. I am sure they will be really proud of their projects.

1. Decorate Box
2. Foam Crown (decorate crown)
3. Tissue Flower
4. Butterfly
5. Sun Catchers

FOAM CROWN

Decorate your foam crown with the stickers provided!



POM POM CATERPILLAR STICK

YOU WILL NEED:

- Pom-poms, various colors and sizes
- Popsicle sticks
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Optional: red construction paper, scissors, black pipe cleaners, scotch tape

How to make your Caterpillar:

- If you would like to make the version with antennæ, cut a couple two inch long pieces of pipe cleaner. Glue and tape these pieces onto the back of a popsicle stick. The tape just provides extra support (see image at right). Turn the stick over to go to the next step.
- Glue the pop-poms to the popsicle stick (so that the stick is completely covered), making the first pom-pom the largest one used.
- Glue two googly eyes onto the face of the caterpillar.
- If you would like to make the happy version with a nose, cut a smile and a nose out of construction paper and glue them onto the face of the caterpillar.



DOT BUTTERFLIES

SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAKE SPOTTED BUTTERFLIES

- Markers
- Craft Stick
- Googly Eyes
- Black Marker
- Glue
- Pipe Cleaner
- White Paper (wings)



If you want to start off by reading a book about butterflies. This way the kids can associate the craft with a book. One of my favorites is the [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#).

We will start off by coloring our craft stick with a black marker.

I have printed butterfly wings, let your little one explore coloring the wings with crayons or markers.

If you have dot markers those are also great for little ones. Put glue dots on the googly eyes and let the lil stick them on, just make sure they don't swallow them- if you are not comfortable with them just draw on eyes. Try to guide them in the right direction with the first eye, the second one see if they can figure out where to put it. For the antenna glue a black pipe cleaner on with the hot glue gun or tape it.

SUN CATCHERS

An easy to make & fun seasonal craft to do with your little ones!

YOU WILL NEED

- Tissue paper
- Outline of Flower (construction paper)
- Paper cupcake holder (for center of Flower)
- Contact paper

Even though it is technically spring, the weather in Chicago rarely does what we hope it will. The warm weather that we are craving could still be weeks (or months) away, so in the meantime we have been doing a lot of spring inspired crafts and activities to hold us over until we can enjoy the real thing.

These fun floral sun catchers are bright and cheerful to look at, especially when the view outside our windows is not so desirable!



To start our sun catchers, I cut out flower shaped frames using construction paper. I traced the bottom of a muffin liner (eventually the trumpet of our flower) and lightly drew six petals surrounding the center. This has been done for you. Cut out the drawing on the construction paper.

You will then cut out an outline of the flower.

To complete our sun catchers, I removed the paper lining off of the flower frames (the adhesive foam is incredibly sticky and so easy to use for this project - but you could use regular foam or yellow construction paper to frame the flowers as well) and placed them on the non-stick side on a piece of contact paper.

For the trumpet of our flower, we are going to use a cupcake liner. You can take a marker and color the liner on the edge.

Next we will be using contact paper to use as adhesive to attach the window. Contact paper is one of my favorite materials to create with!

SUN CATCHERS (continued)

Especially love using tissue paper because it sticks so easily to the contact paper and when the sun shines through it is absolutely beautiful - and can be a great way to show color mixing with primary and secondary colors!

Have your little one fill their flowers with the colored tissue paper. Don't cover all of the space, so there is some sticky areas open this is helpful so we can stick them directly to the window. If your contact paper ends up entirely filled and there is no stickiness left to adhere it to the window, just use a small amount of tape to stick it to the window!

As soon as the flowers are complete, have your little one help you pick a place on the window to hang it up. he had a blast with that part of the project! Once they were all on, I glued the back of the muffin liners and stuck them in the center of each flower. Our bright floral sun catchers were complete!

Between the smooth and slightly bumpy contact paper, the crinkly paper, and the squishy foam, these sun catchers are not only fun to look at, but very exciting to touch and explore!

