

May Calendar

The Joyful Play Project

Sunday

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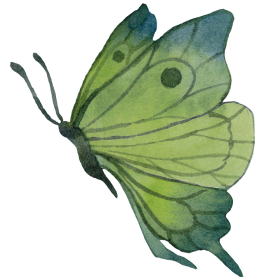
Tuesday

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Saturday



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Make a bug hotel outside

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Draw with sidewalk chalk

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Take a bark rubbing of the trees in your yard

06
Spread bird seed outside and wait to see if birds come

07
Find a stick to make a magic wand out of

08
Make a card for a woman who means a lot to you

09
Make tissue paper butterflies- string them together to make a garland

10
Have a picnic dinner outside

11
Invent your own machine

12
Paint with water on the sidewalk or fence

13
Build a "tiny world" outside

14
Play hide and seek outside

15
Put a seed in a ziplock bag with wet papertowel and watch it grow

16
DIY rainsticks

17
Build a fort using outdoor furniture or a blanket

18
Make shadow art

19
Create stamps out of things you find in the yard

20
Make a dandelion lion

21
Make sun prints using construction paper and objects left in the sun

22
Play sponge toss game

23
Make a DIY slip path using a hose on the grass

24
Have a waterfight

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Make red, white and blue coffee filter fireworks

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Freeze small toys in ice and "rescue" them outside

27
Create a fairy path in your yard outlined by sticks

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Make wind streamers using ribbon or scrap fabric

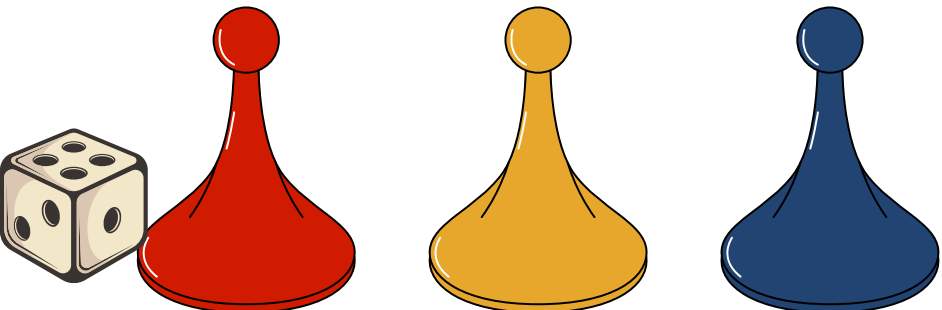
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Create stamps out of things you find in the yard

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Make a simple kite using household materials

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Make an obstacle course outside



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Supplies

Sidewalk chalk
Paper (printer and construction paper)
Crayons
Markers
Scissors
Glue
Tape
String or yarn
Pipe cleaners
Tissue paper
Coffee filters
Ribbon or scrap fabric
Hot glue (with supervision)
Glitter (optional)
Paint
Paintbrushes
Paper towel or toilet paper rolls
Ziplock bags
Paper towels
Spray bottle (optional)
Sponges
Small toys
Ice cube trays or containers
Rice, beans, beads, or small pebbles
Bird seed
Seeds for planting
Cardboard
Tin foil

Activity Details

Make a paper boat and see if you can get it to float

If you live near water, walk it to a river or lake, if not use your bathtub or pool

Make a bug hotel outside

Use sticks, leaves, and natural items to build a space for bugs.

Find a stick to make a magic wand out of

Find a stick and turn it into a magic wand. Older kids (or with parent supervision) can use hot glue to add designs, wrap it with string, or decorate it with glitter. You can also tie streamers or fabric to the end to make it feel magical when it moves.

Make tissue paper butterflies

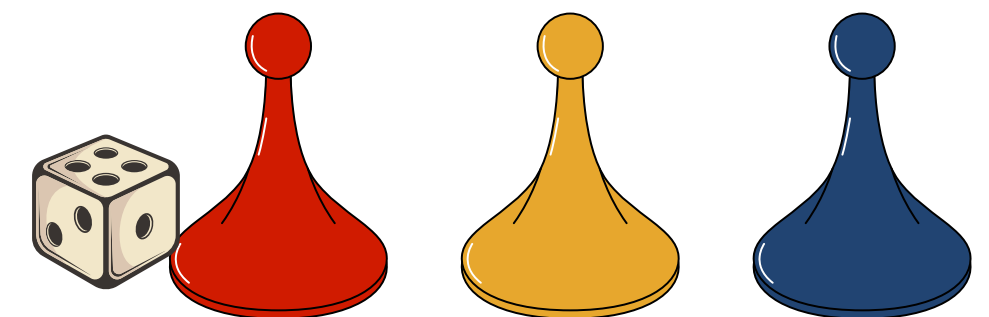
Fold tissue paper accordion style. Place a pipe cleaner in the middle and twist it to hold the shape. Spread out the wings to form a butterfly. Make several and string them together to create a garland.

DIY rainsticks

Decorate a paper towel or toilet paper roll. Cover the ends with construction paper or tin foil to seal it. Fill it with materials you think will make interesting sounds (rice, beans, beads, small stones). Seal the other end and gently shake to hear your rainstick.

Make shadow art

Line up toys, flowers, or other objects outside and trace the shadows they create on the ground or sidewalk. Move them around and see how the shapes change throughout the day.



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Activity Details

Make a dandelion lion

Draw a lion on a piece of cardboard and poke holes where the mane would be. Collect dandelions and push the stems into the holes until the mane is full.

Make sun prints

Place leaves or flowers on construction paper and leave it in the sun. The areas covered will stay darker while the exposed paper fades, creating a natural print of the objects.

Make red, white and blue coffee filter fireworks

Use markers to color coffee filters in red, white, and blue designs. Spray lightly with water using a small spray bottle and watch the colors spread like fireworks. Once dry, hang them in a window so the light shines through.

Make wind streamers

Tie paper streamers or strips of fabric to a string or stick. Hang them outside and watch how the wind moves them throughout the day.

