



Encounter Crafts – 8th July Lolly Stick Art

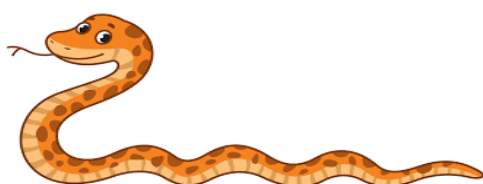
Lolly sticks are great for all sorts of artwork – from construction to patterns to making pretend lollies! You can buy plain or coloured ones from craft shops or supermarkets.

Lolly Stick Snakes



These cute little snakes are simply made by painting the sticks in bright colours, letting them dry and then adding contrasting spots, googly eyes and forked tongues. Some lolly sticks from craft shops come in bright colours that you could decorate straight on to. You could use your little snake as a bookmark!

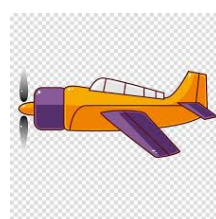
These longer snakes are decorated in a similar way but also have zigzags and buttons stuck on. Felt pens would be good for the finer detail. They have a separate head which is made up of the two ends of a lolly stick stuck down next to each other.



Stick and Peg Plane



This is so simple but so effective! Lolly sticks make up the wings and tail! Just make sure you use a good craft glue to secure them firmly. An extra piece has been added on to the tail here.





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Sticks as Your Canvas



If you attach several sticks together horizontally they can make an alternative surface to paint onto. You could stick them to card to make them more secure – just make sure the edges of the card don't show. This dog is quite a simple shape to copy – draw out your design on paper first until you are happy with it and then copy it or trace it onto your "canvas".

This sunset image is very striking. Here, the sticks have been painted in graduating colours from red at the top, through to orange and finishing in yellow. When this is completely dry you can use black paint with a fine paintbrush, or even a black felt pen, to draw a silhouette design on top. A very simple design would be effective here, too.



Lolly Bookmarks



So here you use your lolly stick as a...lolly stick! Cut out two pieces of card in the shape of the lolly and decorate both sides however you would like. You could paint them or cut out coloured paper. Try to keep the colours bright and fresh and the lines sharp for the most striking effect. Then sandwich the end of your stick between the two pieces of card and glue firmly. Make sure both sides of your lolly are the same design!



Your lolly could even have a bite out of it!





Heart Wall Decoration



This is so smart! Each heart is made up of 10 lolly sticks.



Glue firmly at the joins and then paint them in any colours you choose. When laid overlapping each other as in the picture above they look really striking. The middle one is on top of the other two. This would make a great present or decoration for your room!

Lolly Stick Collage



This looks fabulous! It's actually a very simple idea. The sticks are laid out in sets of 8, either vertically or horizontally. Start with a large piece of card and work in rows. Decorate the sticks first – and try to think of a different pattern and colour combination for every single one! Any gaps at the edges are filled with extra sticks. Like this one, when it is completed it would look amazing framed in black to make the colours “pop”. If you don't want to put it in a bought frame, you could make one out of more sticks painted black!

HAVE FUN!!