

Oasis Craft – 20th August This week – Fun with Letters

Making letter shapes introduces letter recognition, can be fun and is great for practising fine motor skills.

Wool and Sandpaper

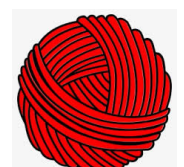
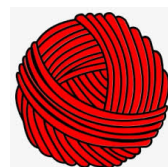
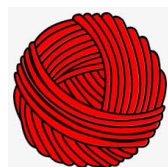
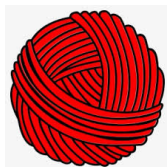
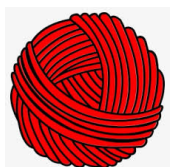
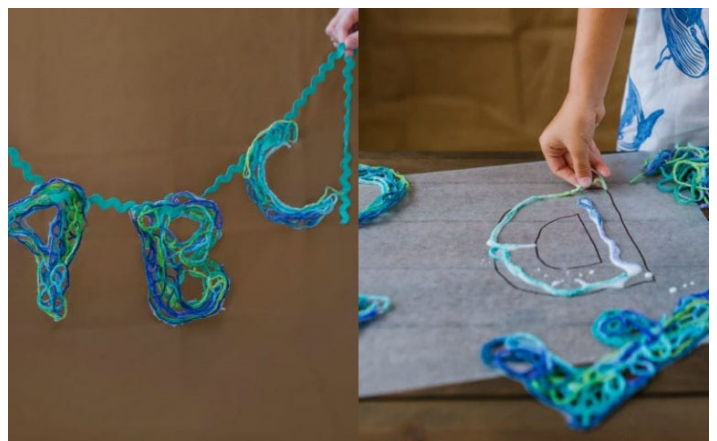


This is a great way to practise letters and it stays put, too! Draw a letter onto a piece of sandpaper with a thick crayon or oil pastel. Then help your child to fit the wool to the letter. (Always supervise young children with string or wool). Practise the sound of each letter as you do it! It is best to use lower case

letters when first exploring letters and to say the letter sounds rather than the names.

Wool and Glue

Draw a letter shape onto a sheet of waxed paper. Dip lengths of wool into a suitable washable glue and then your child can push it around and arrange it until it fills the letter shape. When it is dry you can peel it off. You could do several letters and then string them up as a garland.



Magic Letters



This is great fun and can be done with letters, numbers or images of any kind. Using a white wax crayon, draw the letters onto a piece of white paper. Your child can then use water-based paints – mixed reasonably thickly – to paint over the page and see the invisible letters appear!

Take a zip-lock bag and add in thick dollops of different coloured paint. Seal carefully. You can lay it on a flat surface to then press on the surface to draw shapes, letters or numbers. Alternatively, you can tape it securely to a window so that the light comes through it. Messy fun without the mess!

Paint and Plastic



Puffy Paint Letters



There are two ways to do this. You could mix up the paint, paint the letters yourself and allow them to dry, and then help your child to trace along the shape with his or her fingers. If your child is a bit older, you could draw a large version of the letter onto paper, and then help them to squeeze the paint out of the container along the lines. To make the puffy paint, mix 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of salt and $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water, mix in food colouring or paint and transfer to a squeezezy bottle.

HAVE FUN!!