

MAKE YOUR OWN SUNCATCHER



For this activity you'll need:

- Paper plates (inexpensive white ones work best)
- Scissors
- String or yarn
- Crayons or markers
- Clear contact paper (works best) or clear packing tape
- Flower petals, small leaves, blades of grass, clover leaves (picked out of your own yard)
- Hole punch (optional)

Instructions begin on the next page (adult supervision will be required).

Instructions:

1. Start by going outside and collecting small items to use as the center decoration for your suncatcher. Colorful flower petals, small leaves, blades of grass, and clover leaves work best. Add them to your other supplies.



2. Back inside, carefully cut a round hole in the center of a paper plate.



3. Next, take a few minutes to decorate the outside ring of the plate, using crayons or markers. Be sure to decorate both sides!



4. Next, cut a circle out of the contact paper that is about an inch larger than the opening in the plate. Tape it to the back of the plate sticky side up. If using clear packing tape (like you see here), cut strips of the tape and cover the back of the plate opening, again sticky side up.



5. Take the flower petals and leaves found outside and arrange them on the sticky side of the contact paper or clear packing tape. Make any pattern or design you want!



6. Add either another circle of contact paper, or cut more strips of the packing tape, to cover the front of the plate and secure your flower petal design.



7. Punch a hole (or have an adult carefully use scissors to make a hole) at the top of the suncatcher. Take string and tie a loop around the hole. Make the string long enough so the suncatcher can hang somewhere.



8. Find a sunny window and hang your suncatcher in it, using tape or whatever method works best for the location. Suncatchers make great children's gifts!! Make some more and give them to loved ones for Mother's Day, birthdays, and other special occasions!

