



Mother's Day Fun

Mother's Day is a modern celebration that can be a fun time for children to recognise that special person in their life - mum, grandmother, auntie or carer. Children often enjoy making something special and spending quality time with mum.

Fun ideas to do on Mother's Day

- Go for a bike ride, take a walk along a beach, or go to the park and feed the ducks.
- Have a picnic or make a special breakfast or lunch.
- Encourage children to make something themselves - that makes it extra special!
- Spend time together making a yummy treat.



Flower Bouquet



Accordion Butterfly

- A4 sheet white paper
- Coloured crayons
- Dye or water paints
- Glue or tape
- Paint brush
- Ribbon or string

Draw patterns in coloured crayon on both sides of the paper. Then paint over the entire page with dye or water paints. Allow to dry. Press the page between heavy books or iron flat. Draw a square 12cm x 12cm at the top of the page, then draw a circle 12cm in diameter overlapping the square (as per diagram). Cut around the shape. Starting at one end - fold over the edge approximately 1cm then fold back the other way 1cm - continue a concertina fold until the shape is completed. Tie a piece of ribbon firmly around the folded butterfly and spread the wings.

Rosette Flower

Cut an A4 sheet of paper lengthwise into 3cm or 4cm wide strips. The wider the strips the larger the flower.

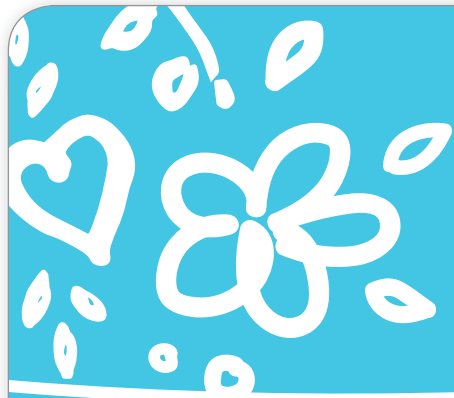
Starting at the short edge, fold each strip back and forth at 1cm intervals (creates a concertina). Round the edges of the flower by cutting a curve on the tips. Join two or more strips together with glue or double-sided tape, eventually making a ring. Flatten the ring so that one side forms the centre and it fans out into a circle shape. Glue the centre so it will stay in place - hot glue works best. Cut out a small circle to make the centre of the flower (you can also use card, felt, buttons and sequins), glue in place. Glue a stem to the back of the flower using a straw or stick.

Cut a few leaf shapes out of paper and stick to the stem.



Flower Holder

Take a square piece of card (18cm x 18cm) to make a cone shape. Secure with tape. Punch two holes in the sides at the top and thread ribbon through so that it can be hung. Place the flowers inside the cone adding twigs, bunny tails, or other flora!



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Apple Pie Cupcakes

- 1½ cups flour
- ½ tbsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 110g butter (room temperature)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup milk

Preheat the oven to 180°. Line cupcake trays with cases or use the free standing cupcake cases. Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs (one at a time) and vanilla essence, mix well. In an additional bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add the dry ingredients to your mixture, alternating with the milk. Stir until just combined. Fill your cupcake cases about half way. Allowing for the cupcake to rise. Bake for about 18 - 22 minutes or until golden brown or a cake tester comes out clean. Remove from oven and allow to cool in the trays.

Apple Filling

- 2 tps butter
- 2 tps cinnamon
- 2 tps sugar
- 3 large apples

Peel, core and dice your apples. Heat the butter in a pan over medium heat. Add the cinnamon and sugar and cook until the mixture begins to bubble, about 1 minute. Stir in the apples. Mix well. Cook until the apples are slightly tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cool.

♥ Icing

- 250g cream cheese
- 2 cups icing sugar
- 2 tps vanilla essence
- 50g softened butter

Combined all the ingredients with an electric beater until creamy and fluffy. When the apple mixture has cooled, remove the middle of each cupcake (making sure to leave a rim around the top). Fill the holes with the cooled apple mixture. Decorate the top of each cupcake with a swirl of icing.



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- Card or felt
- Drinking straws
- Piece of ribbon/string

Draw some flowers onto your card/felt.

Cut around the flowers. Poke a small hole in the middle of each one. Cut up straws into 1cm pieces.

The straws will create dividers to separate the flowers. Keep threading the flowers and straws - alternating them until you get the required length. Leave enough string at the ends to tie the necklace.



Another great idea is to make some shortbread heart biscuits. Decorate them and package them in a cellophane bag with a ribbon.

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- Craft felt, foam, or card
- Medium-sized pom-pom
- Googly eyes
- Craft glue or hot glue

Cut a heart shape out of a 5cm x 5cm piece of foam. Glue the pom-pom onto the heart shape so the heart becomes the feet. Glue the eyes on the front (middle) of the pom-pom.

Then decorate with glitter, sequins, buttons, cut out flowers, or any other little flourishes you can think of!



Salt Dough

- 1 ½ cups plain flour
- ½ cup table salt
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- ⅔ cup chilled water

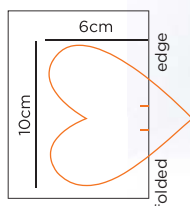
Preheat oven to 120°C. Line two baking trays with baking paper. Mix flour and salt in a bowl. Make a well in the center and pour in the oil. Gradually add water, stirring mixture with a wooden spoon until combined. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead to make a smooth ball.

Roll dough out between two sheets of baking paper until 7mm thick. Use cookie cutters to cut out decorations. If you want to hang the decoration, use a chopstick or skewer to make a hole at the top of the decoration. The children can also use the off cuts to sculpt anything they want.

Place decorations on trays. Bake decorations for 2 1/2 hours or until firm and dry. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Love Butterflies

- A5 piece of card
- Red or pink lollypop
- White crayon and water paints
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaner



Using a white crayon, draw hearts and designs on both sides of the card. Then, dip either a large paint brush or cotton ball into water then into your water paints. Lightly brush the colour over the card - this will make the drawing appear. When the card is dry, fold in half to create an A6 size.

Lightly sketch a heart shape on one side of the page with the point of the heart overlapping as per diagram above. Cut two little slits .5cm in the middle of the fold, approximately 1cm apart. Open up the wings and slide the lollypop stick into the slots created. Wrap the pipecleaner around the stick under the lolly and twist to secure. Twirl the tops of the pipecleaner to make antennae. Glue on some googly eyes and write a special message on the reverse of your love butterfly. Give to someone special.

