

Kaleidoscope

ELECT :1.3; Co-operating and sharing

ELECT:1.4: Helping skills

ELECT:2.6: Self-esteem-showing pride in work and achievement.

Kaleidoscope craft materials:

- Paper towel tube
- 12 x 12 card stock or scrapbook paper
- Thin clear plastic (can be scrap from packaging)
- Colorful translucent beads
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Marker
- Washi tape or other decorations (*optional*)

Procedure:

- Start by gathering up all of your supplies.
- Squeeze glue all over the scrapbook paper and roll the paper towel tube up in it. Hold it together for a few seconds to give the glue time to stick.
- Cut any excess paper from the ends.
- Trace the end of the paper towel tube on the scrap plastic three times and cut out all three circles.
- Hot glue one circle on the bottom end of the paper towel tube
- Drop your beads into the tube. Put enough to almost cover the plastic. Then place the second plastic circle inside the tube.
- You will need to use a pencil or marker to push it down to the bottom and loosely cover the beads.
- Do not push it snug up against them! If it is too tight, then the beads won't move around between the plastic discs.
- Cut three strips of cardboard that are 1 inch wide and almost as long as the tube you are using.
- Cover each strip with foil.
- Glue them into a triangle shape and place inside the tube.
- This will create the kaleidoscope effect when the kids look inside!

Almost done! Now, glue the last plastic circle on the open end of the paper towel tube. This will be the end they look through. Let the kids decorate with Washi tape, stickers, or color on it if they didn't already.

Once they are done, hold your homemade kaleidoscope up to the light and turn to view!

