

Dress-Up Wings

Explore wing shapes and create your own dress-up wings!

Materials Needed:

Large piece of cardboard (such as an unfolded cereal box), scissors, tape, ribbon, large binder or kitchen clip, decorating materials (streamers, tissue paper, paint, markers, yarn, etc.)



Instructions:

Step 1: Look at the pictures of winged animals and aircraft on the next page. What kinds of shapes do you see? Choose what kind of wings to make!

Step 2: Measure the length from your child's shoulder to fingertips. Trace a wing shape on piece of cardboard to match the length. Cut out the shape.



Step 3: Using the first wing as a template, trace the shape on the second piece of cardboard to create a second matching wing. Place the template face down so the wings are mirror images, instead of identical!

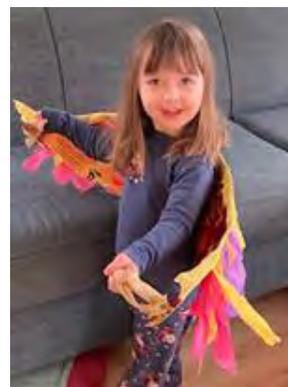


Step 4: Attach the shoulder sides of the wings to each other using heavy duty tape. Attach a piece of ribbon in a loop to each wing tip.



Step 5: Test out your wings! Use a binder or kitchen clip to clip the back of the wings to your child's clothes. Let her flap the wings using the ribbon loops on the wing tips. Adjust to fit.

Step 6: Decorate your wings! Use any craft materials you have available. Make your wings look realistic, or use your imaginations!



Have fun pretending to fly! Can you feel the wind under your wings?

Explore Wings

From bats to dragonflies, animals have adapted to fly with many different types of wings. Can you see the different shapes?



Trumpeter Swans



Rufous Hummingbird



Dragonfly



Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly



Flying Fish



Ladybug



Little Brown Bat



Pteranodon

Humans don't have wings, but we build aircraft inspired by nature!



Hang Glider



Float Plane



Space Shuttle

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