

Cute Pinecone Autumn Craft

How cute are these wee Pinecones hedgehogs, such a simple craft? Take a walk-through copper park or Grant park and collect lots of pinecones. The children will absolutely love collecting pinecones. You could make it into a little scavenger hunt game.



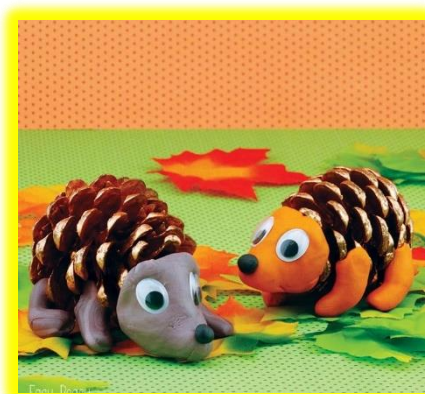
What you can use:

- Materials
- A selection of pinecones
- Felt – black, brown, and pale beige- you can use paper or card
- Felt pens, sharpies, markers, or crayons
- Glue stick PVA glue
- Googly eyes or draw eyes with felt pen or marker
- Scissors for adults to use



- 1) For the face - cut felt or if using paper/ card into the shape of a triangle with the corners rounded.
- 2) Cut circular noses out of the black felt or draw a friendly face onto your paper
- 3) Stick googly eyes on to the felt or paper or use a maker to draw eyes
- 4) Stick your friendly hedgehog face onto your pinecone and you are finished your cute little hedgehog.
- 5) You can make as many as you like.

You can use salt dough or play dough to make the face and legs of hedgehog - just search online for lots of different ideas 😊



Why is art and craft important for toddlers?

Art and craft activities give children a sense of achievement and allow them to take pride in their work which builds confidence. Kids get to try new things and also develop their “self-regulation skills” (e.g. when waiting for paint or glue to dry). This helps them develop patience.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Helps improve their coordination and fine motor skills
- Helps them express themselves and boost self-esteem
- Language development
- Problem solving
- Colour and shape recognition
- Role-play

Storytelling and songs:

Reading isn't the only way to help with your child's language and literacy development.

Telling stories, singing songs, and saying rhymes together are also great activities for early literacy skills – and your child will probably have a lot of fun at the same time. Sometimes your child might enjoy these activities more than reading.

You might like to make up your own stories or share family stories. Your child will learn words and develop language skills from the songs, stories, and conversations you share together.

When to read, sing and tell stories with your child

Bedtime, bath time, potty time, on the bus, in the car, in the pram, in the cot, any time is a good time for a song or story! You can make it part of your daily routine.

Story time:

Start with the listening song:

Click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/tAytsLbkTzI>



Then finish off with Twinkle Twinkle Little Star:

I hope you have lots of fun with this week's craft
Love Annie Walker x

