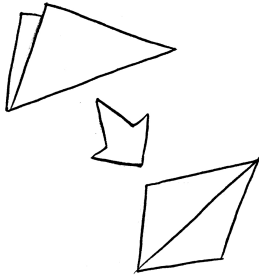


Paper Dolls

Age: Toddlers (18-36 months)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Language and Literacy

What You Need:



- A sheet of paper
- Scissors (for adult use only)
- Jumbo crayons or washable markers

What To Do:

1. Let your child color both sides of the sheet of paper.
2. Fold the paper as if making a fan.
3. Using one folded edge as the center of the body, draw an outline of half a body. Extend the arms to the other folded edge of the paper.
4. Cut out the paper doll along the outline, making sure to leave the hands connected.
5. Show your child how to gently pull open the paper dolls.
6. Decorate your windows with the paper dolls.

Variation:

Make up a story or sing a song about the paper doll. For example, when it rains, Japanese children put up their paper dolls and sing this song to ask for good weather:

Teru Teru Bozu. Teru Teru Boza. (Teru Teru Bozu. Teru Teru Bozu,)



Ashita tenkini shiteokure. (Please make the weather fine tomorrow.)

Itsukano yumeno soranoyoni, (If the sky is like the one in my dream sometime,)

Haretara kinno suzuageyo! (I'll give you a golden bell!)

Safety Alert: Scissors should be used by adults and kept out of reach of young children. Toddlers do not yet have the coordination to use adult scissors. When your child gets older (three to four years old), use blunt child-sized scissors to let her practice cutting.

