

USBORNE

Summer Activities



Summer Activities



Fiona Watt
and Ray Gibson



Designed by Non Figg
Photographs by Howard Allman

Illustrated by Amanda Barlow, Chris Chaisty, Non Figg,
Teri Gower, Michaela Kennard, Kim Lane and Sue Stitt

Photographic manipulation: John Russell

Contents

- | | | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|-------------------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 2 | Floating fish | 14 | Concertina caterpillars | 26 | Cheesy snakes and caterpillars |
| 4 | Picnic cheese tarts | 16 | Bag and bee prints | 28 | Postcards to send |
| 6 | Printed crab picture | 18 | Pop-up card | 30 | Sunshine toast |
| 8 | Seed shapes | 20 | Parachutes | 31 | Bean sprouts to eat |
| 10 | An octopus puppet | 22 | Paper flowers | 32 | A snake pencil-top |
| 12 | Flowers to paint | 24 | Diving dolphins | | |

SCHOLASTIC INC.

New York Toronto London Auckland Sydney
Mexico City New Delhi Hong Kong

Floating fish

Hang your fish by a window, so that when it is open, the summer breeze will move the fish around.

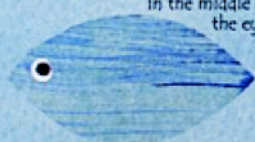
Tape some thread or string onto the back to hang your fish.

Glue another circle in the middle of the eye.

Use different types of paper, such as shiny paper and tissue paper, to decorate your fish.



1. Draw the outline of a fish's body on thick bright paper.



2. Cut out the shape. Draw an eye, cut it out, then glue it on.



3. Cut strips of paper and glue them on. Let them overlap the edge.



4. Glue shapes on top. Trim off any pieces which overlap the edge.



5. Cut some triangles of paper. Glue them along the top of the body.



6. Cut long strips of tissue paper. Glue them on as a tail.

Picnic cheese tarts

For about 12 tarts, you will need:

- 150g (6oz./1¼ cups) plain flour
- pinch of salt
- 75g (3oz./6 tablespoons) margarine
- 6 teaspoons of very cold water
- small can of corn, drained
- 50g (2oz./½ cup) cheese, grated
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons of milk
- round cookie cutter
- greased baking or cookie sheet with shallow pans

Heat your oven to gas mark 5, 190°C, 375°F

Ask an adult to help you use the oven.



1. Sift the flour and salt. Rub the margarine into the flour until it looks like crumbs.



2. Add the water. Mix it in with a blunt knife, then squeeze the mixture into a ball.



3. Sprinkle a little flour onto a work surface. Roll out the pastry until it is quite thin.



7. Put the milk and the egg into a jug. Beat them together. Pour a little into each tart.



4. Cut out 12 circles from the dough using the cutter. Cut them close together.



5. Press the circles into the baking sheet. Put a heaped teaspoon of



6. Sprinkle grated cheese on top of the corn. Try not to get any on the baking sheet.

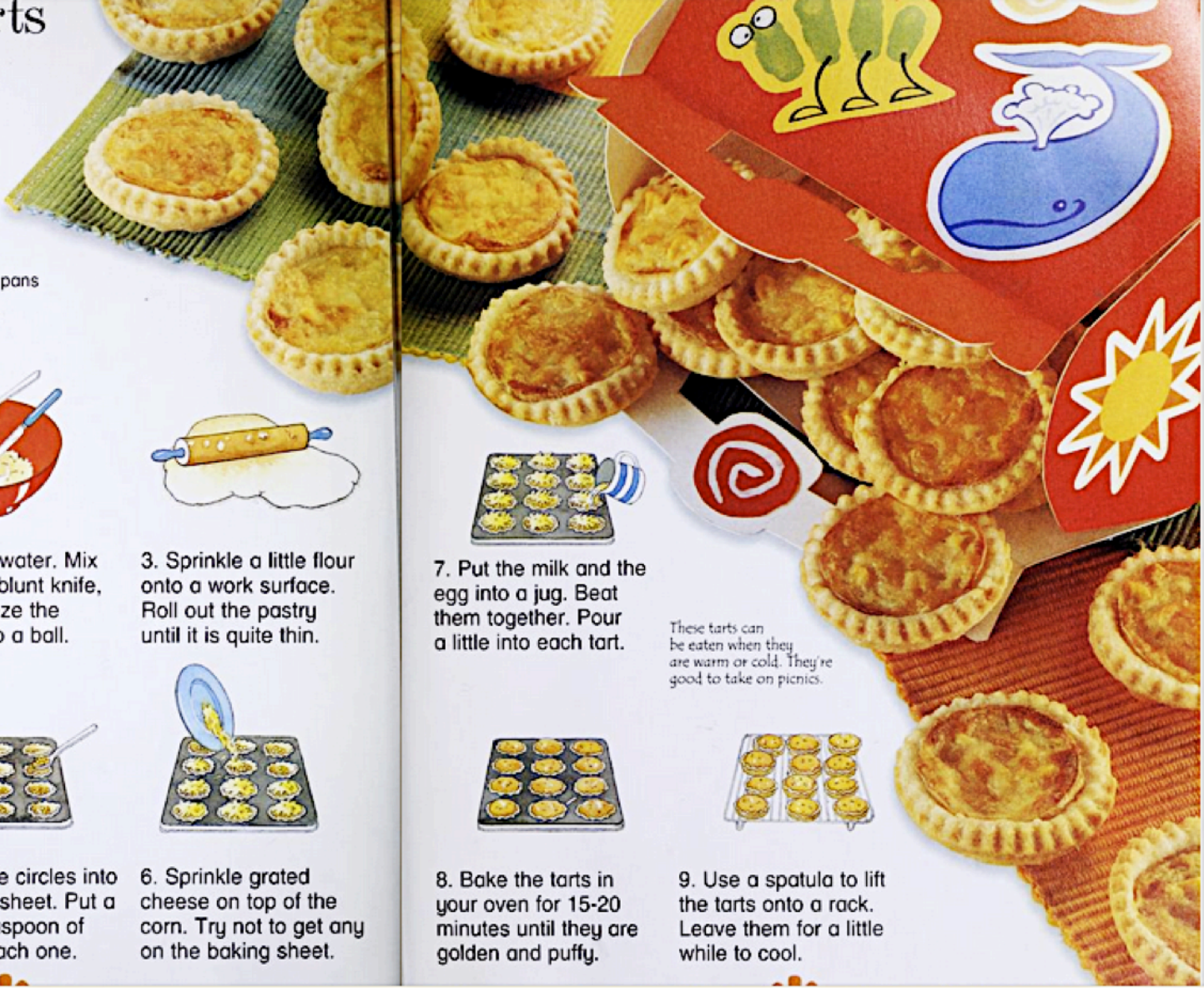


8. Bake the tarts in your oven for 15-20 minutes until they are golden and puffy.



These tarts can be eaten when they are warm or cold. They're good to take on picnics.

9. Use a spatula to lift the tarts onto a rack. Leave them for a little while to cool.



Printed crab picture



1. Lay some kitchen paper towels onto a thick pile of old newspapers.



2. Pour some orange paint on top. Spread the paint with the back of a spoon.



3. Cut a big potato in half. Then, cut away two sides like this, to make a handle.



4. To print the crab's body, press the potato into the paint, then press it on some paper.



5. Use a brush to paint two stalks. Use a fingertip to print a circle on each stalk.



6. Dip a finger in white paint and print the eyes. Paint a blue dot in the middle of each eye.



7. Dip the tip of a thin paintbrush into black paint and paint a big smiley mouth.



8. Paint four orange legs on each side of the body. Add claws on the top two legs.

Paint shells around the crabs.



You could print a crab on some cardboard to make a postcard (see page 28).

Seed shapes



1. Pile ten paper towels onto a large flat plate or a plastic tray.



2. Put water on the paper towels until they are soaking wet.



Lay the cutters with their sharp edges pointing down.

3. Lay some cookie cutters on the towels. Spread them out.



4. Carefully sprinkle lots of cress or alfalfa seeds into each shape.



5. Spread the seeds to fill each shape. Hold the cutter as you do it.



6. Lift the cutters off the towel. Put the plate or tray in a light place.



7. Water around the seeds very carefully every day. Don't put water on the seeds.

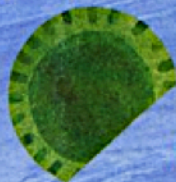


8. When the plants are as long as your little finger, you can cut them and eat them.

An octopus puppet



1. Cut a piece like this from one side of a paper plate. You will need both pieces.



Paint the bottom of the plate.



3. Wipe green paint over both sides of a big piece of thick paper. When it's dry, roll it up.



4. Cut the roll into pieces, like this. Then, unroll each piece. These will be the legs.



5. Glue each leg onto the unpainted side of the plate. Glue them close together.



6. Tape the small piece of the plate on the back, for a handle. Glue eyes and a mouth on the front.

Cut out shapes from bright paper and glue them on your octopus.

You could also tape thread on the back of your octopus puppet and hang it up.



Flowers to paint

Poppies



The shape has been drawn with an orange crayon here, so you can see it.



Daisies



1. Draw a swirly shape with a white wax crayon or a white candle.

2. Brush bright paint on top of the waxy line to make a flower shape.

1. Draw loopy petals, with the white wax crayon or candle.



Paint green leaves around your flowers.



Tulips



2. Paint a flower shape like this, over the top of the waxy petals.

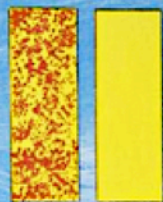
1. Draw four upright petals, like this, with the crayon or candle.

2. Brush paint over the top of the lines you have drawn.

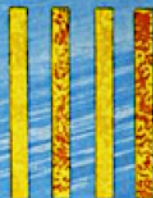
Draw, then paint a butterfly in the same way.



Concertina caterpillars



You don't need this piece.

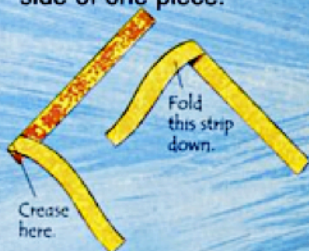
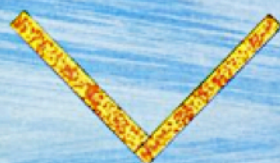


You will end up with four strips of paper.

1. Put this book onto a piece of bright paper. Draw around the book and cut out the shape.

2. Fold it in half and cut along the fold. Sponge different paint on each side of one piece.

3. Fold the painted paper in half and in half again. Open it out and cut along the folds.



4. Put some glue at the end of one strip. Press on the end of another strip, like this.

5. Fold the left strip over and crease it. Then, fold the other strip down over it.

6. Keep folding one strip neatly over the other one to make a concertina shape.

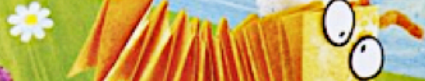


7. When you get near the end of the strips, glue on the spare strips. Then keep on folding.

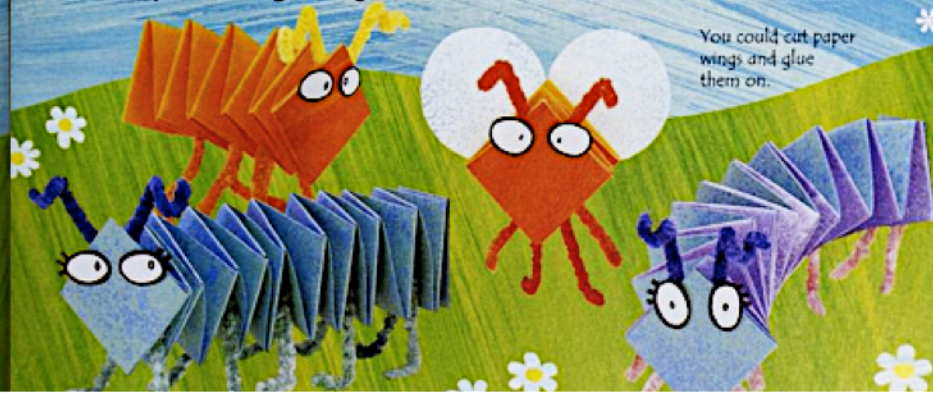
8. When you get to the end of the strips, glue them together. Glue on eyes, feelers and a tail.

9. Tape a piece of thread behind the head and the tail. Tie the ends onto a straw.

To make a caterpillar which stands up, glue on pieces of pipe cleaners.



You could cut paper wings and glue them on.



Bug and bee prints

A big bug



This part goes in the paint.



1. For a bug's body, pour a patch of paint onto a pile of folded newspapers.

2. Clench your fist, then dip the front of your fingers into the patch of paint.

3. Press your fingers onto a piece of paper. Roll your hand from side to side, then lift it.

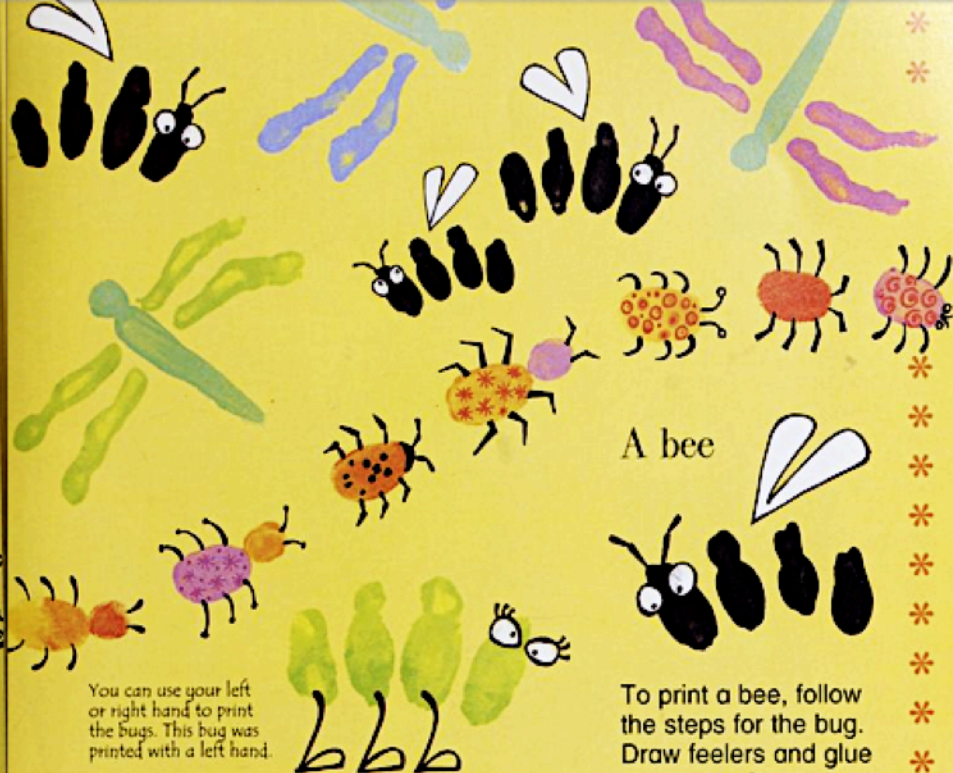
For tiny bugs, use a fingertip to print a body and head. Draw the legs and feelers, when the paint is dry.

4. Use the tip of a finger to print the eyes. Add a dot with a pen when the paint is dry.

Use felt-tip pens and paint to decorate the tiny bugs.

Add legs and feet to the bugs with a felt-tip pen when the paint is dry.

Use a fingertip to print a caterpillar.



A bee

You can use your left or right hand to print the bugs. This bug was printed with a left hand.

To print a bee, follow the steps for the bug. Draw feelers and glue on paper wings.

A dragonfly

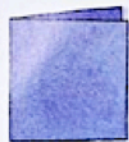


1. For the body, dip a fingertip into paint. Pull your finger quickly across the paper.

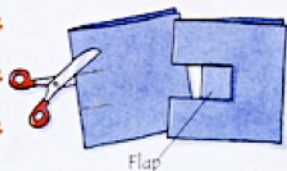
2. Dip your middle fingertip into the paint and print a head at the top of the body.

3. Dip the side of your little finger into paint. Print two wings on each side of the body.

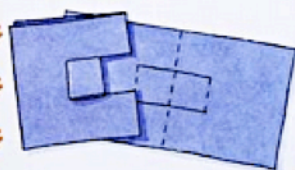
Pop-up card



1. Cut two pieces of paper, so that they are the same size. Fold one of them in half, short edges together.



2. Make two cuts, the same length, in the middle of the folded edge. Fold over the flap between the cuts.



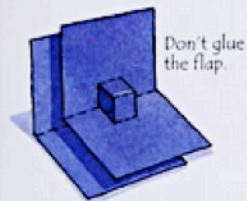
3. Turn the card over, fold the flap the other way and crease it. Unfold the flap, then open out the card.



4. Pinch along the middle fold on either side of the flap. Hold it at each end of the fold, not near the flap.



5. Push the flap down with your finger. Then, close the card carefully and smooth it flat. Open the card.



Don't glue the flap.

6. Fold the other piece of paper in half. Glue the two pieces together, like this, matching the middle folds.



7. Cut a piece of paper which is the same size as the card when it is folded. Draw a picture on it and cut it out.



8. Use felt-tip pens to decorate the inside of the card. Then, glue your picture onto the front of the pop-up flap.

You could make one of these for a summer birthday card.



Parachutes



1. Cut one side from a large plastic bag. Smooth it flat.



2. Lay this book on the bag and use a ballpoint pen to draw around it.



3. Cut out the rectangle. Then, fold one corner over and draw a line.



You don't need this piece.

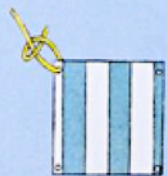


4. Fold the corner back up again. Cut along the line you have drawn.

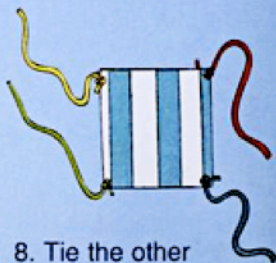
5. Carefully poke a hole in each corner with the ballpoint pen.



6. Cut four pieces of string. Make each piece the height of this book.



7. Push one piece of string through one of the holes. Tie a knot.



8. Tie the other three pieces of string through in the other corners.

Crumple your parachute in your hand and put the figure on top, then throw them high into the air.

Fly your parachute outside.

9. Bring all the ends of the string together. Tie them in a big knot.

10. Tape the knot to the back of a small plastic figure.

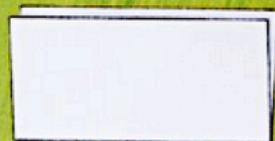


Paper flowers

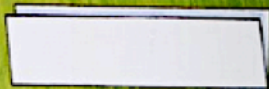
A daisy



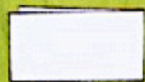
1. Put this book onto a piece of tissue paper. Draw around the book and cut out the shape.



2. Fold the piece of paper in half, long sides together. Open it out and cut along the fold.



3. Fold one of the pieces in half, long sides together. You don't need the other piece.



4. Fold the paper in half, with the short sides together this time. Then fold it in half again.



Folded edge



Don't cut all the way up to the top.



5. Make lots of long cuts from the bottom edge. Cut through all the layers of paper.

6. Open out the paper very carefully. Then lay it flat with the cut edge at the top.



7. Tape one end onto a bendable straw. Then, roll the paper tightly around the straw.



8. Fasten the loose end with tape. Pull down all the cut ends to make petals.



9. Cut pieces of yellow paper or yarn. Glue them into the middle of the flower.

Cut some leaves out of green paper.

A poppy



1. Lay two sheets of tissue paper together. Put a saucer on top and draw around it.



2. Cut around the circle through both layers. Fold the circle in half, then in half again.



3. Twist the corner and tape it onto the end of a bendable straw. Pull the petals apart, gently.



4. Crumple some tissue paper to make a ball. Glue it in the middle of the petals.



Diving dolphins

1. Use a blue crayon to draw a curved line for the tummy.



2. Draw another curved line above the first one for the back.



3. Add a long curved shape. This is the dolphin's nose.



4. Add a fin on the top of the body and one underneath, like this.

A fish



1. Draw the body with a crayon. Add an eye and a mouth.

5. Draw an eye and add a line inside the nose, for a mouth.



2. Crayon some patterns on the body. Fill in with a felt-tip pen.

6. Add a tail, then fill in all the shapes with a felt-tip pen.

Fill in the tail and fins with a pen.



3. Add a tail and two fins with a crayon. Add some air bubbles.

You could use this idea to decorate invitations for a swimming party.



Cheesy snakes and caterpillars

For about eight snakes and four caterpillars, you will need:

- 150g (6oz./1¼ cups) self-raising flour*
- half a teaspoon of salt
- 25g (1oz./¼ cup) margarine
- 75g (3oz./¾ cup) cheese, finely grated
- 1 egg and 2 tablespoons of milk, beaten together
- raisins for eyes
- a large bottle top
- a greased baking or cookie sheet

Heat the oven to gas mark 6, 200°C, 400°F

Ask an adult to help you use the oven.



1. Sift the flour and salt. Add the margarine and rub the mixture with your fingers until it makes fine crumbs.



2. Leave a tablespoon of cheese on a saucer. Add the rest of the cheese to the bowl. Stir everything together.



3. Put a tablespoon of the egg mixture into a cup. Stir the rest of the mixture into the flour. Mix it to make a dough.



4. Sprinkle some flour onto a work surface. Roll out the dough until it is as thick as your little finger.



5. Use a blunt knife to cut eight strips as wide as two of your fingers (imagine your fingers are joined together).



6. Bend the strips into wiggles. Press one end flat to make the head. Pinch the other end to make the tail.



7. To make a caterpillar, press a bottle top into the dough, then shake out the circle of dough. Cut five more circles.



8. Lay the circles in a line. Overlap their edges and press them so that they stick together.



9. Brush the shapes with the egg mixture in the cup. Sprinkle them with cheese and press on raisins for eyes.



10. Lift the shapes onto a greased baking sheet. Bake them for eight to ten minutes, until they are golden.



Postcards to send

Seashore

Postcards are usually
10.5cm x 15cm
(4in. x 6in.).

1. Cut a piece of thin cardboard into a rectangle, about the size of a postcard.

2. Dip a thick brush into some yellow paint and paint one side of the cardboard.

3. When the paint has dried, follow the steps on page 6 and print a large crab.

Dolphin

Dear Gran,
We're having a lovely time at the beach. It rained yesterday so I made you this postcard. See you soon.
Love Eric x

Mrs. R. Wells
27 Rue des Glaces
Cesare Ville
98900 Saint Denis

4. Leave the crab print to dry, then write a message and address on the back.

1. Draw a dolphin following the steps on page 24. Cut wavy edges around it.

2. Glue the picture onto a piece of bright paper. Cut around it again leaving wavy edges.

Lion

1. Use a crayon to draw a head and ears on thin cardboard. Fill them in with a felt-tip pen.

2. Draw a nose and a mouth with a black crayon, then add two green eyes.

3. Use yellow and orange crayons to add a bushy mane around the head.



Follow the steps on pages 12-13 to paint the flowers on this card.

Print a bug card, following the steps on page 16.



Make a postcard with wavy edges.



Sunshine toast

You will need:

- 1 slice of bread
- margarine
- 1 medium or small egg
- large cookie cutter
- a baking or cookie sheet

Heat your oven to gas mark 6, 200°C, 400°F

Ask an adult to help you use the oven.

Lay them margarine-side up



1. Dip a paper towel into some margarine and rub it all over the baking sheet.

2. Spread margarine on one side of the bread. Press the cutter into the middle of it.



4. Break the egg onto a saucer. Then, carefully slide the egg into the hole you have cut.



3. Lift out the shape you have cut. Put the pieces of bread onto the baking sheet.

5. Bake them for seven minutes at the top of your oven, or for a little longer if you don't like a runny yolk.



6. Use a spatula to lift the pieces of bread carefully onto a plate. Eat them while warm.



Bean sprouts to eat



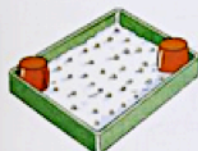
1. Put two tablespoons of mung beans into a strainer. Rinse them.



2. Soak the beans overnight in cold water. They will swell a little.



3. Lay some cotton wool* in a plastic tray. Pour on some water.



4. Put two egg cups in the corners of the tray. Spread the beans all over the bottom.



5. Slide the tray into a food bag, then into a black refuse bag. Leave it in a warm dark place.



6. Check each day that the cotton wool* has not dried out. Water it to keep it damp.

The beans take four to six days to grow.



7. When the shoots are this long, pull them off the cotton wool*. Rinse them well and eat them.

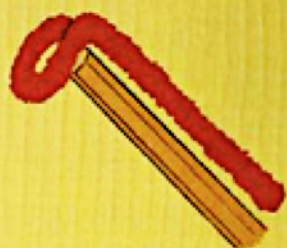


Eat the bean sprouts in a crunchy salad. You could add some seasoning or dressing

A snake pencil-top



You could make some snakes to give to your friends.



1. For the head of your snake, bend over one end of a pipe cleaner.

2. Lay the pipe cleaner along a pencil and bend the head over it.



3. Wind the long end of the pipe cleaner around and around the pencil.

4. Gently pull the snake half-way off the end of the pencil.

Use a pen to draw in the middles of the eyes.



5. Cut circles for eyes from paper and glue them onto the head.

6. Draw a tongue on bright paper. Cut it out and glue it on.



USBORNE

Summer Activities

This great book will keep children happily occupied during the long summer months. By following the really simple step-by-step instructions, even young children will be able to achieve some amazing results.

An octopus puppet, sunny postcards and fabulous picnic ideas are among the fun, summer projects included.

Adult supervision is required for all cooking activities.
Not suitable for children under 36 months



This edition is only available for distribution through the school market.

SCHOLASTIC INC.

\$3.95