

DIY SUNGLASSES WORKSHOP

It's easier than you think to make your own jazzy sunglasses! Follow our easy guide to create a stellar pair of shades that will instantly brighten any day. Help the kids sneak in some sunshine with their very own pair of specs made from everyday craft materials.

YOU WILL NEED

- An A3 sheet of medium to thick card
- A ruler
- O A pencil
- O A craft knife or scissors
- \bigcirc A cutting mat
- A sheet of colourful cellophane (we recommend yellow)
- O A rubber
- O Double sided tape

Household craft materials like stickers, foil and felt-tip pens, glitter, colouring pencils, gems and more to decorate your sunglasses.



Measure your child's head by going from the back of their left ear, putting the measuring tape across their eyes, and then stopping just past their right ear to get the right measurement.







Now take your card, turn it landscape and draw a horizontal line towards the top of the card using the measurement you just took. Leave an extra cm each end to form your guide line.





Measure the front of your child's head again, putting (not wrapping) the tape just in front of their eyes and stopping where the front of the glasses would end each side.



Using a ruler, mark this width (e.g. 12cm) on your guide line with two faint lines, making sure to keep things symmetrical. Draw two vertical lines through these measurements to the bottom of the paper to give yourself an area to work in.





You're now ready to draw your template! Take inspiration from a pair of real sunglasses or a disco-inspired design like stars. Just make sure you leave room for the bridge, so the glasses fit comfortably on your child's nose. Leave a good gap between the outside and inside of the frames, so they're not too flimsy.







Once you've drawn a design, draw the rest of the frame and your sunglasses' arms. Draw the sunglasses flat [see picture] using your guide line for accuracy and symmetry. Arms: A few centimeters before your child's head stops, draw a slight curve. This is the hook that will keep the shades on your child's ears.





Using a craft knife and cutting mat – or scissors, if you prefer – carefully cut out your template and the inner frames, so you're left with a flat pair of sunglasses. Roughly check these against your child's head and cut the arms to size if they're too long.



Using your ruler, find where your sunglasses' front frames end and where the arms start (usually 0.5 cm from where the front frames end). Using a pencil score a line, making sure the fold clears the front of your child's face. Repeat this the other side.



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You should now have a pair of perfect sunglasses! Working with your child, cut two lens-shaped pieces of cellophane and stick these to the inside of your sunglasses with double sided tape.







Time to accessorise! Wrap and stick foil around your sunglasses, add stickers, glitter and whatever you can get your hands on!





Final Results



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