

Category: Circus

Title: Amazin' Raisin Nibble Mix

This treat tastes great anytime - and it's good !

For Amazin' Raisin Nibble Mix, use 4

cups popped popcorn, 1 cup peanuts, 1 cup round toasted oat cereal, and 1 cup raisins. Mix everything in a bag just as you would for Big Top Nibble Mix.

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Title: Be A Clown

This clown face will make everyone laugh. For eyeglasses, cut the top rims from an empty egg carton, and paint it a bright colour. For the nose, cut a bottom cup from an empty egg carton, and paint it a bright colour. Now, cut a half-circle, about four inches in diameter, from black construction paper. Then, for a mustache, cut a half-moon shape. Now you're ready to put your clown face together from the back. With the smooth edges of the rims facing you, tape them to the top of the nose. Then paste the mustache to the bottom of the nose. Roll up a piece of cellophane tape, so the sticky part is facing out, and put on the inside of the nose. Stick the whole thing onto your face and presto. You're a clown!

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Title: Big Top Nibble Mix

Mix 4 cups popped popcorn, 1 cup peanuts, 1 cup animal crackers, 1 cup chocolate pieces.

Put above in a plastic bag and shake. You can decorate bags with stickers before putting treats in bags.

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Title: Cereal Box Elephant

You will need an oats box for each child in your classroom, construction paper, toilet paper rolls, tape, and scissors.

The oats box is the body of the elephant. Cut out the trunk and ears from construction paper. Tape them to the body. Tape a piece of yarn to the bottom of the oats box for a tail. Use the toilet paper rolls for legs. Eyes can be added with colour crayons or markers.

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Title: Circus Ponies

Use paper bags, cut as shown. (They may need to be tied under the chin.) For the mane, use a 6 in. wide strip of construction paper. Fold back 1 in. of the strip, lengthwise, and glue to the horse's head. Paste on eyes, triangle ears, and if desired, some brown or black spots. Add a plume. Measure a band to fit around the child's waist. Staple on a crepe paper tail, made the same way as the Lion Tamer's whip.

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Title: Circus Tent

Materials: 9X12 in. construction paper, crayons, markers, stickers, tape, glue, toothpick, wooden clothespins, glitter, pompoms, beads, yarn.

Procedure: Decorate paper with markers and stickers. Turn paper upside down and fold up the triangular sides and tape points of 2 opposite triangles. Tuck the points of the 2 remaining triangles under the taped points. For the flag, fold a small piece of paper in half. Cut out a triangle with one side on the fold. Unfold. Glue the toothpick along the fold. Fold and attach to big top. Make circle rings with three 1 in. rings. Decorate rings. Make circus performer with clothespins glue yarn hair and construction paper hat.

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Title: Circus Time

Teacher: We will see a big parade.

All: The circus is coming to town. (Repeat after each 'Teacher' line.)

Teacher: We'll have pink lemonade.

Teacher: The horses will put on a show.

Teacher: The clowns will march in a row.

Teacher: There will be some acrobats.

Teacher: There will be some tiger cats.

Teacher: There will be a buffalo.

Teacher: Come on! Let's go! Let's go!

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Title: Circus Train

The children may draw any animal they wish, (or the teacher can provide an outline of an animal). The children should color their animal. Paste the animal onto a styrofoam meat tray. Make the bars of the cage with pipe cleaners. The animals in their cages can be displayed up on the wall as if they were in a circus train. Add black circles at the bottom of the cage if you want it to look even more like a circus train.

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Title: Clown Hats

Give each child a piece of yellow butcher paper. Put small amounts of red fingerpaint in the centers of the papers. Encourage the children to leave some areas of their papers yellow as they fingerpaint. When the paint has dried, cut the papers into semi-circle shapes as shown. Roll the shapes and tape them in place to form pointed clown hats. Make tassels from the remaining paper and tape them to the tops of the hats.

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Title: Did You Ever See A Clown

Sung to: 'Did You Ever See A Lassie?'

Did you ever see a clown,
A clown, a clown?

Did you ever see a clown
Move this way and that?

Did you ever see a clown
Move this way and that?

Move this way and that way,
Move this way and that way.

Did you ever see a clown

Move this way and that? (Have child form circle. One child in middle should perform actions. Take turns.)

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Title: Elephant Headdress

Materials: 4 - 2 1/4 X 12 in. strips of construction paper, crayons, markers, or coloured pencils, scissors, tape, one 9 in. paper plate or one 9 in. paper circle, ruler, one 9X12 in. piece of construction paper.

Procedure: Make headband with one of the strippes of paper taped or glued together to go around the child's head. Cut a paper plate in half and attached to headband for ears. Draw or attach eyes. With the final strip of paper turn and fold until all the paper is folded. Tape to headband. Tusks can be added if desired.

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Title: Five Big Elephants

Five big elephants - oh, what a sight,
Swinging their trunks from left to right!
Four are followers, and one is the king.
They all walk around in the circus ring.

(To pantomime, the children crouch over and clasp their hands, then move arms left and right as they walk. Choose four children to be elephants who follow one chosen to be king. The 'elephants' walk around the room several times as the rhyme is recited.)

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Title: Flying Trapeze Performer

Materials: One 9 X 12 in. piece of construction paper, crayons or markers, scissors, tape, 2 pipe cleaners, white craft glue, glitter and buttons for decorations, 1 plastic drinking straw.

Procedure: Fold paper in half crosswise. Draw a circle on the folded edge and then draw the body below the circle. Cut out. Draw a person's front and back. For arms, bend one pipe cleaner to look like the letter C. Use another pipe cleaner for legs. Decorate costume and then attach straw to pipe cleaner. Performer will do a 'flip' if straw is twirled. Item can be suspended from ceiling.

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Title: Four Little Clowns (cut outs)

This little clown is jolly and fat.
This little clown wears a big red hat.
This little clown is strong and tall.
This little clown is wee and small,
But he does the funniest tricks of all!

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Title: Funny Clown Bows

Materials: One 7X12 in. piece tissue paper, gift wrap, or construction paper, ruler, tape, 1 pipe cleaner.

Place the tissue paper on the work surface so one of the long sides is closest to you. Make a fold on a long side 1/2 in. from the edge. Press hard to make the fold stay in place. Turn the paper over and make another fold about 1/2 in. from first fold. Turn and fold again and again until all the paper is folded. Wrap a piece of tape around the center of the folded paper. Unfold the ends to make the bow. Bend the pipe cleaner into the shape of the letter C. Tape the center of the pipe cleaner to the center of the bow. Wear bow around your neck as a clown's bow tie or in your hair as a headband.

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Title: Funny Clowns

Sung to: 'Frere Jacques' ('Are you sleeping?')

Funny clowns, funny clowns,
Jump around, jump around.
Sometimes making faces,
Sometimes running races.
Funny clowns, funny clowns.

Funny clowns, funny clowns,
Spin around, spin around.
Sometimes with a big nose,
Sometimes with two big toes.
Funny clowns, funny clowns

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Title: Hoop Fun Movement

Let the children pretend they are circus animals who have been trained to jump through hoops.
Have the children line up in a single line and take turns stepping or jumping through a hula hoop.
Adjust the height of the hoop according to the age and skill of each child.

Explain to the children that sometimes at the circus the lion tamer will have lions jump through a flaming hoop. Have the children pretend that they are animal trainers and are teaching their animals to jump through a hoop. Let the children take turns throwing stuffed animals through a hula hoop or other large ring.

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Title: Let's All Go to the Circus Today

Sung to: 'Mary Had A Little Lamb'
Let's all go to the circus today,
The circus today, the circus today,
Let's all go to the circus today
And watch the animals play.

See the lions jump through the hoops..At the circus today
See the big seals spinning balls..At the circus today
See the little dogs jump and twirl...At the circus today

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Title: Little Color Clown (felt cut out)

Little clown, little clown with a big red nose,
Little clown, little clown, with funny clothes.
Little clown, little clown with a suit of yellow,
Little clown, little clown, a happy fellow.
Little clown, little clown with a blue pointed hat,
Little clown, little clown, short and fat.
Little clown, little clown with a fancy green collar,
Little clown, little clown, wants to be taller.
Little clown, little clown with hair orange and bright,
Little clown, little clown, a jolly good sight.
Little clown, little clown with two purple feet,
Little clown, little clown, a real circus treat!

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Title: Little Sad Clown (page 1)

Once there was a little clown
Who looked so very sad,
No matter what trick he did,
It always turned out bad.

He tried juggling balls
And running up the aisles,
But no matter what he did
The crowd would never smile.

Everybody liked him, But he always looked so sad,
Everyone would start to cry, And for a clown that's bad.

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Title: Little Sad Clown (page 2)

Then one day he tried a trick
Of walking upside down,
Soon everyone was laughing
At this funny clown.

He wondered why they all would laugh
When he was upside down,
He didn't know that turned this way
His face was not a frown.

For when he stood upon his hands,
And walked around a while,
The frown that was upon his face
Turned right into a smile

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Title: Magnificent Megaphone

Materials: Scissors, One 9X12 in. construction paper, decorate with crayons, markers etc., Tape or glue, buttons

Procedure: Cut 9 in. square from the paper. Save both pieces. With a crayon, draw a line to round off one corner of the square. Cut off. Draw designs on the paper. Bring paper together and tape. If necessary, cut off the top of the cone to make an opening you can talk through. If you like, make a handle for your megaphone. Cut a 1 X 9 in. strip from remaining paper and make a ring. Flatten ring and glue to megaphone. Or use pipe cleaner for handle.

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Title: Miss Mary Mack

Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack
All dressed in black, black, black,
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons,
All down her back, back, back,
She asked her mother, mother, mother,
For fifteen cents, cents, cents,
To see the elephant, elephant, elephant,
Jump over the fence, fence, fence,
He jumped so high, high, high,
He reached the sky, sky, sky, (Touch, knees, shoulders,
And never came back, back, back, (clap hands together,
Till the first of July, ly, ly. (clap partner's hands 3X
(Spin around at end)

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Title: Mr. Google Eyes

It's easy to make a Mister Google Eyes. First, trace around the top of an unbent bottle cap on white paper. Cut out the circle and paste it inside the cap. Put a small dark button inside the cap. Next, cut out a square of clear plastic wrap and cover the entire cap, letting the wrap stretch across the open part. Tape the wrap in place. You've finished one google eye! Now make another. To complete Mr. Google Eyes, cut a square, with sides about four inches long, from light cardboard or construction paper and paste the two eyes close together as in the drawing above. Now draw a smiling mouth. Jiggle Mr. Google Eyes and his eyes will roll and roll!

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Title: Ringmaster

Measure construction paper to form a tube to fit the child's head. Staple. On another sheet of paper, draw around the tube to form a circle, then draw another circle about two inches larger. Poke a scissors through the center of the small circle. Cut wedges to the line of the small circle. Fold the wedges upward and paste to the inside of the tube to form a hat with a brim.

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Title: Roaring Big Cats

Materials: 6X9 in. red construction paper, crayons, scissor, black paper and appropriate 'cat' colour paper.

Procedure: Fold 'cat' paper in half, cut one side of paper out in the shape of a circle. (Do not totally cut out.) Cut red paper in the shape of an hour glass and glue into the of coloured paper. Glue another piece of paper for the tongue. For teeth draw or paint white dotes around the edge of the mouth. Glue the flap on each end of the Big Cat Nose to the face. Glue buttons onto the face for eyes. Draw the whiskers or glue pipe cleaners to either side of the Big Cats nose. Glue on eyes.

Category: Circus

Title: Silly Clown Shoes

Materials: 20 gummed paper reinforcements (optional), 2 clown shoes (shoe boxes), 2 60-inch lengths of ribbon or yarn or 2 60-inch shoe laces, 2 pot scrubbers of pompoms (optional). Lick and stick the paper reinforcements over the punched holes on each of the Clowns Shoes. This creates eyelets. Fold the front end of each shoe down into the box. For each shoe, thread 1 ribbon through the 2 eyelets at the end of the shoe. Lace the shoes, threading the ribbon through the holes and crossing in the center. Pull the ribbon firmly to fold down the sides. Tie ribbon in a bow. Decorate with pot scrubbers. Attach paper fasteners through socks and box to hold sock in place.

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Title: This Circus Clown

This circus clown shakes your hand. (shake hands)

This circus clown plays in the band.(play flute)

This circus clown has enormous feet. (show foot)

This circus clown dearly loves to eat. (pretend to eat)

This circus clown has a round red nose. (point to nose)

This circus clown has white teeth in rows.(point teeth)

This circus clown has very sad eyes. (look sad)

He laughs, and frowns and then he cries. (demonstrate)

This circus clown bends away down. (bend down)

What would you do if you were a clown?

(Draw a large clown face on durable tagboard. Colour features and cut a large opening for mouth.

From a red scrap of felt or coloured paper, make a tongue. Now make clown talk.

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Title: Under The Big Top (felt cutouts)

Under the big top, what will I see?
Look there's an elephant smiling at me.
Behind the elephant, what will I see?
Look there's a bear dancing for me.
Behind the bear, what will I see?
Look a wild lion is roaring at me.
Behind the lion, what will I see?
A little seal doing tricks for me.

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Title: We Are Clowns Today

Sung to: 'The Farmer in the Dell'

We are clowns today,
We are clowns today,
Heigh-ho the derry-oh,
We are clowns today.

Additional verses: We do tricks today. We make faces today. We fall down today.

Category: Circus, Zoo

Title: Circus or Zoo Cage for Animals

To make a circus cage, you'll need an empty cereal box. Cut the flaps off the opened end. Then carefully cut out a large rectangle on each side. Tape some straws to the box. Do this on both sides and your cage is complete. Now put your tiger in. Wow! Looks like the circus has come to town!

Category: Circus, Zoo

Title: Make A Circus Tiger

To make your circus tiger, first cut out a piece of paper about five inches long and four inches wide. Fold it the long way so it's about two inches high and five inches long. With crayon draw stripes. Keeping the paper folded, cut a small triangle from the open side. To make the tiger's head, cut a small circle, about an inch and half in diameter, from white paper. Draw a face. For a tail cut out a thin strip of paper and draw stripes. Now paste the head and tail onto the body. That's some tiger you have there.

Category: Collage

Title: 3-D Tissue

Materials: squares of colored tissue (3 in. or 7cm), glue, pencil with an eraser, heavy paper or tagboard, scissors.

Procedure: Cut a shape out of heavy paper or tagboard for your decoration. Decide what colours you want to use, and cut many tissue paper squares of these colors. It looks nice to mix colours that are very close...a tree in shades of green. spread a thin coat of glue on a small section of the form. Do this with one tissue square at a time: Fold the square around the end of the pencil. Set it down on the glued area. Glue 'fluffs' very close together so that it will look fluffy. When each section is finished, spread glue on another area.

Category: Collage

Title: Button Pictures

Materials: Buttons, Glue, Paper, Markers or paint

For each child glue buttons on a piece of construction paper. Hand out the papers along with felt-tip markers or crayons. Let the children draw pictures on their papers and encourage them to use the buttons as part of their pictures. For example, a button could represent a flower, a tire or the sun.

Category: Collage

Title: Collage

Materials Needed: Glue, Brushes, Glue bowls, Collage Material

Base - matt board, meat tray, paper plate, etc.

Procedure: 1. Each child should have a glue bowl and brush. 2. Place a variety of collage materials on the table. Do not give the child the materials to glue, but rather let him/her make his/her own choices about this. (Do not interfere.) 3. Brush glue onto the base, and stick on collage materials freely. These materials may be glued on top of one another for an overlapping effect. Use: Fabric, shapes, jewelry, buttons, corks, bottle caps, spools, cylinders, shells, nuts, beans, rocks, seeds, pine cones, etc.

Category: Collage

Title: Collage Talk

Materials: Large piece of wood or cardboard, Glue, Pictures or photos, Printed matter, Sketches, Fabric, String, yarn, Drawings

Procedure: Choose an idea for your collage. Collect 'pieces' that relate to the idea...you can write or draw them, cut them out of magazines and newspapers, or form them from other materials. You might want to use cut-out letters or words, or bits of poetry, music, coloured fabric. Lay the pieces on cardboard or wood and move them around until you like the arrangement. Then glue them in place. Give your collage a title, if you wish. In case someone asks, be ready to tell what is important.

Category: Collage

Title: Fabric Mobiles

Materials Needed: Fabric pieces Plastic lids

Glue Glue brushes Hole punch Yarn

Procedure:

1. Have plenty of fabric swatches. Have child choose several.
2. Give each child a clear plastic lid and she should paint glue all over it with a brush.
3. Place fabric on glue.
4. Punch a hole and put a length of yarn for hanging.

Category: Collage

Title: Frozen Pea Sculptures

Materials Needed: Toothpicks Frozen peas

Procedures:

1. Have the children create sculptures by putting toothpicks into peas, similar to a tinker-toy design.
2. When the peas dry, they will turn hard, and hold the toothpicks in place so the sculpture may be picked up, and each child can take his creation home.
3. Also, the children can eat the peas, if they wish, while working on their sculptures.

Category: Collage

Title: Indian Cut-apart Designs

Materials: plain-coloured or printed paper such as construction paper or coloured foil or wrapping paper (maybe even newspaper), pencil, scissors

Procedure:

1. Cut a shape from coloured or patterned paper. It can be a regular or an irregular shape.
2. Use a pencil to mark lines for cutting the shape into a design.
3. Cut apart the shape. Lay the pieces on a contrasting background, leaving some space between the pieces. (Contrasting means a colour that is different.)
4. Glue the pieces of the design in place.

Category: Collage

Title: Mosaics

Material: Coloured paper or colored magazine pictures, scissors, white glue, pencil, drawing paper, straight pins, small milk cartons or other containers

Procedure: Plan a design or picture and sketch it with a pencil on drawing paper. Choose the colours you want to use, and cut or tear coloured construction paper into small pieces. Keep colours separated. Spread glue thoroughly over the surface of a small area. Use a thin layer of glue. Pick up the pieces one at a time, with a pin, and set them in place on the glue. Continue doing this until your design is finished.

Category: Collage

Title: Natural Collage - Nuts

Materials Needed: Whole nuts in a shell or empty nut shells, Small pieces of wood (about 5 inch square) - A roof shingle cut into 2 or 3 pieces works, Glue in squeeze bottles or in bowls with glue brushes, Staghorn lichen if desired

Procedure: 1. Child picks out a piece of wood. 2. Squeeze glue generously over wood. 3. Child selects whole nuts or empty shells and arranges on wood until area is full. 4. Lichen is nice to fill empty shells or area between nuts. 5. for a nice sheen, paint entire collage with watered down glue or spray with a clear resin. 5. To make a nice gift, place 4 in. candle in middle and arrange nuts around the candle and fill with collage materials.

Category: Collage

Title: People-Animal-Food-Number, Poster

Materials Needed: Magazines Tagboard or cardboard

Glue Glue brushes

Procedure:

1. Let children look through magazines and tear or cut up the particular topic pictures. (Example, Animals)
2. When they have several pictures of the topic they should go to the next table where there will be glue and tagboard.
3. They can glue their pictures onto the tagboard. Eventually, they will overlap and you will have an interesting poster. (Great to do for holidays.)

Category: Collage

Title: Puff Pictures

Provide kitchen tongs or meatball presses.

Give each child an outline of a snowman, a lamb or a bunny.

Children paint glue inside the outline provided.

Children use tongs to transfer cotton balls to the picture, dropping cotton balls inside the glued outline.

Category: Collage

Title: Shape Collage

Materials Needed: Various shaped base (paper, matt board) Various smaller shapes of paper, fabric, plastic, styrofoam, etc. Glue Brushes Bowls

Procedure:

1. Give the child a choice of different shaped paper and discuss choice.
2. Let the child glue various shapes onto the paper. Try not to suggest or interfere. These young children are learning about balance.

Category: Collage

Title: Stencil Tricks

Materials: Coloured paper of 2 contrasting colours (black and white), Pencil, Scissors

Procedure: Cut a piece of dark paper in half. Cut half a design from that half starting on a side edge. Paste the cutout part (the positive design) on one side of a full sheet of light paper. Paste the negative part on the other half. Experiment! Try repeating positive and negatives to build a design.

Category: Collage

Title: Stencil Tricks Shadows

Materials: Coloured construction paper, Scissors, Glue, Markers or crayons

Procedure: Cut a shape or picture out of 2 colours at once. (one of them should be a dark colour) Paste the negative design of the lighter colour onto another sheet of paper. Paste the positive design of the darker colour a little a side of the other shape. You might try pasting a lump of cardboard behind the shadow so that it stands out from the paper. Add scenery or other objects to the picture with marking pens.