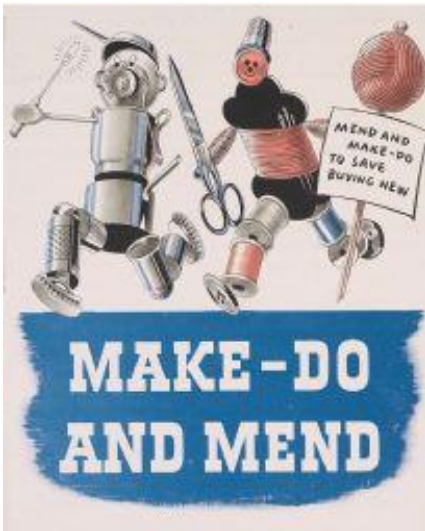


Make Do and Mend- Create your own home-made Toys!



During WW2, children played many different games, both in groups and individually. Families were short of money so only the rich children had toys. Other children may have had a football and maybe if lucky, a couple of marbles.

Children played Hopscotch, Jump Rope, etc. together, as well as all types of ball games. And games out on the street such as, "Hide and Seek", "Statutes" and made up many of their own games too.



Young children loved to play jacks, marbles, play school and house, and played with cars or dolls. Board games were popular like Monopoly, Scrabble, Chess, Backgammon, and cards.

Most children though made their own toys. Many children played with a small motorbike wheel, and a stick, holding races along the streets. They also made their own trolleys with pram wheels which they used to run in the streets, as there was so little traffic.

Children swapped old toys at 'toy-exchanges'. Many wartime toys were made of paper or card, because rubber, plastics, wood and metal were needed for the war. Lots of toys had a war theme. There were toy planes, toy tanks and toy battleships to float in the bath.

Children played for hours because they did not have video games or television!

Toys and games have always reflected the attitudes, humour, and imagination of the culture and times that created them.

Make do and Mend! Your challenge is to create some toys by recycling household materials.



Make your own catch-a-ball Flower toy

You Will need:

Plastic bottle

Scissors, string

Small 'ball' such as a 'kinder' egg

Stickers, pom poms, googly eyes or electrical tape to decorate

Some thing to stick-PVA glue/glue gun /tape



1. Wash out your plastic bottle- and a grown up to help you cut the bottom off. You may want to shape it to make a curvy edge, to make petals



2. Ask your grown up helper to make a hole in the lid, then attach a length of string to it by making a knot on the inside of the lid, screw this back onto your bottle



3. Begin to decorate your bottle; you can wrap it in electrical tape in different or use permanent markers to add colour/pattern/ designs, or you can use stickers to decorate it



4. On the other end of your string add your 'ball' this could be scrunched up tin foil wrapped in tape or a plastic container from the inside of a kinder egg works perfectly! You can decorate this too. For example it could be a little bumble bee looking for pollen!



Make your own catch- a- ball Monster toy

You will need:

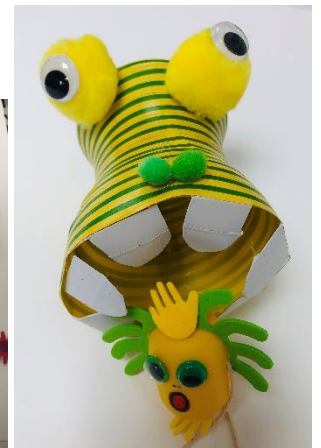
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Some thing to stick-PVA glue/glue gun /tape



1. Wash out your plastic bottle- and a grown up to help you cut the bottom off, you may want to shape it to make a curvy edge, or add teeth if you are making a shark or monster using tape, or card



2. Ask your grown up helper to make a hole in the lid, then attach a 30cm length of string to it by making a knot on the inside of the lid, screw this back onto your bottle



3. Begin to decorate your bottle; wrap it with electrical tape in different colours or use permanent markers to add colour/pattern/ designs, or you can use stickers to decorate it. Add other craft items such as pom poms & googly eyes



4. On the other end of your string add your 'ball' this could be scrunched up tin foil wrapped in tape or a plastic container from the inside of a kinder egg works perfectly! You can decorate this too. For example it could be a little fish being eaten by a shark, or a little bug eaten by a monster!



Make do and mend! Easy monster Sock Puppet

You will need:

A fluffy sock, coloured felt,

Card circle

Googly eyes, pom poms

Scissors, PVA glue/glue stick



1. Start by cutting a circle of card by drawing around a cup- about 7cm diameter, cut a circle of felt to the same size and glue it onto the card disc. Then fold it in half



2. Next cut the edge of the toe off and place the card disc in, with the felt circle facing outwards



3. Use PVA glue or a glue gun to secure the card circle; pegs help to hold it until dry.

*** If you are using a glue gun be careful as it gets very hot!***

4. Begin to decorate your puppets, it helps to put it on your hand to decide where to place eyes, hair and accessories.

Add pom poms, googly eyes, and cut bits of felt to make hair bows/bow ties etc.

*** If you are using a glue gun be careful as it gets very hot!**



5. Give your monster a hairstyle! Wrap some wool around your hand, then tie a knot to secure in the middle. Wrap a strip of felt around and secure with glue, then glue into place on your monster.

