

Personalised Christmas Baubles.

At the heart of this activity lies the concept of crafting your very own Christmas baubles. However, these baubles are more than just decorations, they become personalised reflections of each child's imagination and creativity.

SUPPLIES

- Zart Polystyrene Balls 25mm Packet 100
Product Code: 25191069
- Teter Mek Acrylic Paint 2L Assorted Colours Pack 6
Product Code: 25082201
- Glitter Paint in Assorted colours
Product Code: 18981498
- Sharpie Fine Permanent Marker Assorted Colours Pack 8
Product Code: 18717752
- Jasart Sequins Assorted Shapes & Sizes 25g
Product Code: 20001583
- Teter Mek Kids PVA Craft Glue Non Toxic 2L
Product Code: 25082195
- Winc 9592 Paste Brush
Product Code: 25091217
- Ribbon Assorted Sizes and Colours 36 Pieces
Product Code: 25170311
- UHU Glue Gun 10w
Product Code: 25100390
(this will be used by educators to glue the ribbons on for hanging)

This lesson plan has been created in collaboration with Melissa Cupidon who has a Certificate III in Children Services and 4 years' experience teaching art in the early childhood learning sector. Melissa is also a self-taught, practicing artist who owns and operates her own art studio, Creative Makes.





INSTRUCTIONS

1. Arrange the permanent markers, paint, and glitter paint for bauble decoration.
2. Time to decorate! To ensure each layer remains visible, we recommend painting first, then applying glitter paint, and finally decorating with the markers.
3. When drawing with the markers, encourage the children to think about festive symbols. Would they like to draw Santa, a reindeer, presents, their family or maybe they could draw a picture of something else their family does during the holidays.
4. Using the sequins and glue, allow the children to choose a selection from each category to add some sparkle to their baubles – depending on their age, you can also use small pins to attach the sequins, a wonderful exercise in fine motor skills.
5. Allow the children to choose a colour of ribbon they think will be best for hanging their bauble.
6. Using a small dot of hot glue, fashion the ribbon into a loop, then using another small dot of hot glue attach it to the top of the bauble.

OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING THIS ACTIVITY:

- Tell me about the colours and decorations you chose for your bauble. Why did you choose those?
- What do you think your bauble will look like when it's all finished? Can you describe it to me?
- How does it feel when you're decorating your bauble? What does the paint/texture remind you of?
- What makes your bauble special to you? Is there a story behind the decorations you added?

TIP: Allow ample time for the layers to dry completely.