

Summer Art Activities

Hula skirts

Materials:

- * Crepe paper
- * Scissors
- * Heavy-duty paper (like paper bags)
- * Glue or tape

Directions:

- * Cut the heavy-duty paper into belts that will fit around the children's waists.
- * Allow children to cut strips of crepe paper.
- * Attach the strips of paper to one side of the belts using glue or (the much easier) tape.
- * Once the glue has dried, let children wear the belts (fastened closed with tape.)

Make paper ice cream cones!

Using cardboard or cardstock (try using an old manila folder), create patterns for ice cream cones (triangles) and ice cream scoops (circles). Then, allow children to trace and cut out one cone and as many scoops as they want out of colored construction paper. Children can then glue the scoops on top of one another and the cone, creating their own paper ice cream cones. Use markers to draw on sprinkles, chocolate chips, cherries, and the like.



Make your own beach towels



Using large paper (for children) or printer paper (for dolls), let children decorate the paper with stripes or other designs to create personalized "beach towels" for use in the dramatic play area.

**Draw pictures with chalk
if your Playspace has an
outdoor area!**

**Paint "pet rocks" with
rocks you find around
the grounds of the shelter!**