



POPSICLE STICK CRAFTS FOR KIDS



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Letter from the Editor

Hello Crafty Families,

It's no secret that Popsicle sticks make for great crafting materials. Who would've thought that the stick from a sugary, frozen treat could turn into an adorable home decoration or a tiny wooden raft? I remember digging through our craft drawers when I was a kid searching for various sizes and colors of Popsicle sticks for whatever project I was planning to make. Even if I wasn't sure what I was making, I'd just start gluing sticks together until inspiration struck.

In this free eBook, you'll find some adorable crafts made from Popsicle sticks that you and the kids can make together, or with their friends and siblings. You can even print out this eBook and do some of these crafts on the road or while visiting a relative's house. While the kids are visiting Grandma's for Christmas, they can make the Ribbon Tree Homemade Christmas Ornaments found on page 28, or if it's close to Halloween, the kids can make the Popsicle Stick Monster Men craft found on page 18. No matter the time of year, these Popsicle stick crafts will get the kids thinking creatively and, most importantly, having fun!

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Sincerely,

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Popsicle Stick Toys

Beaded Popsicle Stick Snail

By: [Rachel Nipper from I Heart Crafty Things](#)



Snail crafts are a fun way to get your kid interested in all creatures, great and small (especially small). The Beaded Popsicle Stick Snail is a quick DIY kids' craft that's doable for both younger and older age groups. This is a great craft to try after a nature walk or a trip to the zoo. You can make the beaded snail shell with earthy wooden beads, or get creative with colorful pony beads. All the kids will have to do is string them to a pipe cleaner and add some glue and a Popsicle stick. You can even make a whole family of little snails to keep each other company!

Material:

- Wooden scoop stick
- 2 brown pipe cleaners
- Wood beads
- Small googly eyes
- Glue
- Hot glue gun (adult supervision required)

Instructions:

1. Start by threading one of your brown pipe cleaners with wooden beads.



2. Curl the end of your pipe cleaner to form a circle and wrap the extra pip cleaner section around the beaded strand to secure it in place. Continue curling and bending the beaded strand around in circles to form a snail shell



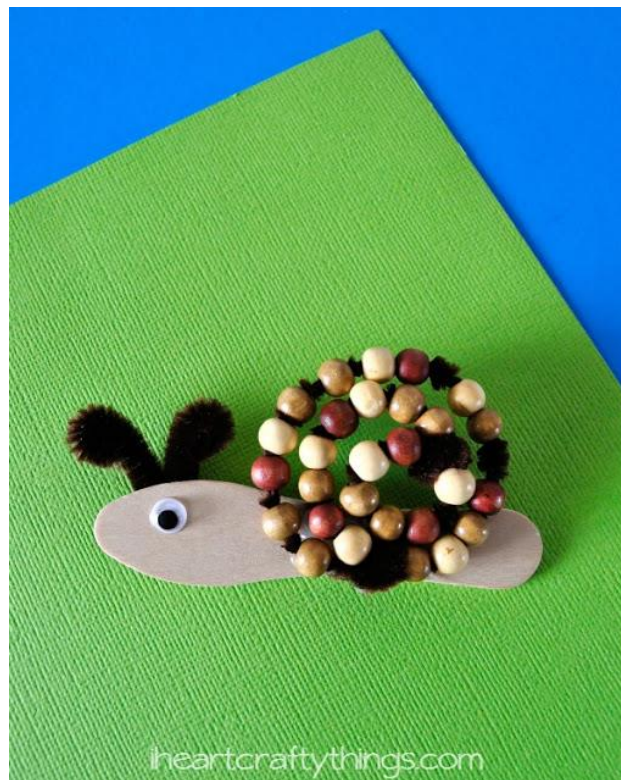
3. When you get to the end you'll have the extra pip cleaner section from the other end showing. Wrap it around the beaded pip cleaner to secure it and hold the beaded snail body in place.

4. Use the hot glue gun (adult supervision required) to glue your beaded snail body onto the scoop stick.



5. Cut a small section off of your other brown pip cleaner (about $\frac{1}{4}$ of it) and bend it in half. Curl the ends to make antennae, and then, use the hot glue gun to glue it to the back of the scoop stick at the front.

6. Finish your snail craft by gluing a small googly eye onto its face and add a smile if you'd like!



Popsicle Stick Animal Puppets

By: [Georgina Bomer from Craftulate](#)



Running out of activities for your kids to do this summer that don't leave your bank account empty? These fun Popsicle Stick Animal Puppets will allow the kids to make their own fun this summer. This easy kid's craft can be made with Popsicle sticks, paint, and craft foam to make the animals come to life. The kids will love this summer craft idea, and they'll want to put on a show for you and their friends as soon as they complete their own little zoo of puppets. Take it easy with this fun craft for kids. Your house will become a zoo but in a fun and creative way.

Materials:

- Mini craft sticks (8 per puppet)
- White craft glue
- Acrylic paint
- Adhesive craft foam
- Googly eyes
- Jumbo craft sticks

Instructions:

1. To make the base of each puppet, use eight mini craft sticks (Six lined up together vertically and two glued horizontally to hold them in place).



2. Flip over the Popsicle stick base and begin painting animal designs on the popsicles. For the animal puppets shown above, you can paint the Popsicle stick base white for zebra, grey for elephant, blue or red for macaw, brown for monkey, orange for tiger, and orange/brown for lion.



3. While the paint dries, cut various elements for the adhesive craft foam. This may take a while if you're making several animal puppets, but this will allow plenty of time for the paint to dry. If you don't have adhesive craft foam, regular craft foam or paper with glue will work too.



4. Once the glue is dry, you and the kids can put on a fun animal puppet show!



Popsicle Stick Boat

By: [AllFreeKidsCrafts Craft Studio](#)



Popsicle sticks are one of the most basic crafting supplies, whether you are a serious crafter or not. Use this incredibly cheap and easy material to build a Popsicle Stick Boat. Your kids can race them in the pool or a nearby stream. Take this Popsicle stick craft out on the water and see it set sail on the high seas. This video shows step-by-step instructions for how to make a boat out of Popsicle sticks and it definitely easy enough for young kids. They can name their vessels and pretend they're pirates racing towards treasure. Don't worry if you don't have your sea legs just yet, because there's no sea sickness with this boat.

Materials:

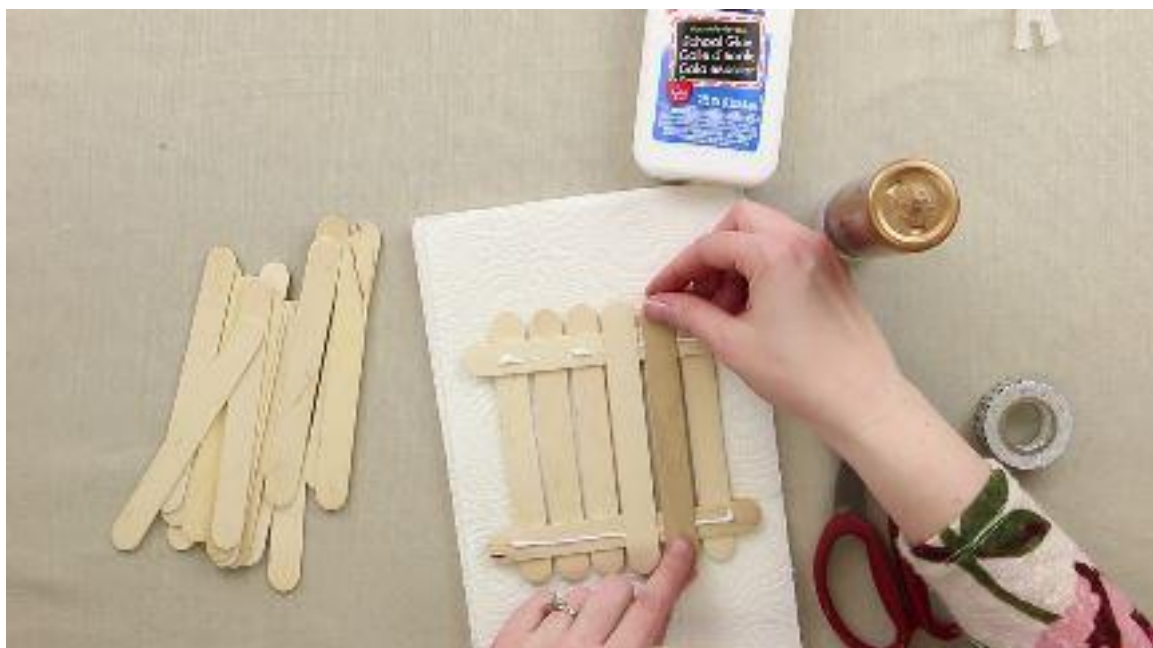
- Popsicle sticks (plain or colored)
- Elmer's or Tacky glue
- Small patterned duct tape or craft tape for sail

Instructions:

1. Starting with the base of the boat, arrange two Popsicle sticks horizontally with space in between. Then, glue a vertical layer of Popsicle sticks to the supporting horizontal ones.



2. Repeat step one to add another layer to the base of the boat.



3. Add two more Popsicle sticks horizontally to the base for extra support.



4. To add the sail, you'll need two Popsicle sticks. Cut one in half and form a triangle with the whole Popsicle stick. Use colorful duct tape or crafting tape to attach and fill in the sail.



5. Attach the sail to the base of the boat by gluing the sail between the Popsicle sticks of the base. Use more Popsicle sticks or tape to support the sail while the glue dries. You can remove the support sticks and tape once it's dry if you prefer.



For a full video tutorial of this craft, visit the [Popsicle Stick Boat](#) craft page on our website.

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Popsicle Stick Yarn Doll

By: [Jackie Currie from Happy Hooligans](#)



Your kids will push aside expensive Barbies in favor of creating their own dolls with this Popsicle Stick Yarn Doll craft for kids. This kids' craft lets kids design their own unique doll made from budget-friendly materials that you can find in your own home. Kids can pick which colors of yarn they'd like to dress their doll in and will love choosing different hair colors and accessories like buttons or sequins. This free kids' craft is also great for younger kids because this craft is a fantastic fine motor skills activity. Your kids will love creating their own cast of characters that will fit perfectly in any dollhouse with this fun summer kids' craft.

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks
- Scraps of yarn or wool
- Small buttons
- Permanent markers
- Low heat glue gun

Instructions:

1. Choose a dress color for your yarn doll and snip a long length of yarn from the ball.
2. Starting close to the bottom of the Popsicle stick, begin winding your yarn around the stick to create the doll's dress. Trap your starting piece of yarn in place by wrapping over it a few times.



3. Continue wrapping and winding your way up the stick, stopping an inch or so from the top, leaving space for the doll's face and hair.
4. Cut your yarn and secure it with a small dab of glue from the glue gun.

5. Choose a hair color for your doll and wrap that around the top of the stick. Add a dab of glue to hold the yarn in place if necessary.

6. Once the doll's hair is finished, use a marker to draw a face on your doll. Glue a few buttons down the front of the doll's dress for decoration.



7. Have lots of fun playing with the dolls!



Halloween Popsicle Stick Crafts

Popsicle Stick Monster Men

By: [Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts](#)



Nothing is better than a craft for kids that can be made from items you already have on hand. Don't worry about running to the store for the Popsicle Stick Monster Men because they can be made from Popsicle sticks and paint. Halloween crafts for kids can be spooky, but they can also be scarily fun. This fun and easy craft can be enjoyed by kids of all ages, as older kids can make their monsters more detailed. For younger kids, fasten multiple Popsicle sticks together for a larger drawing area.

Materials:

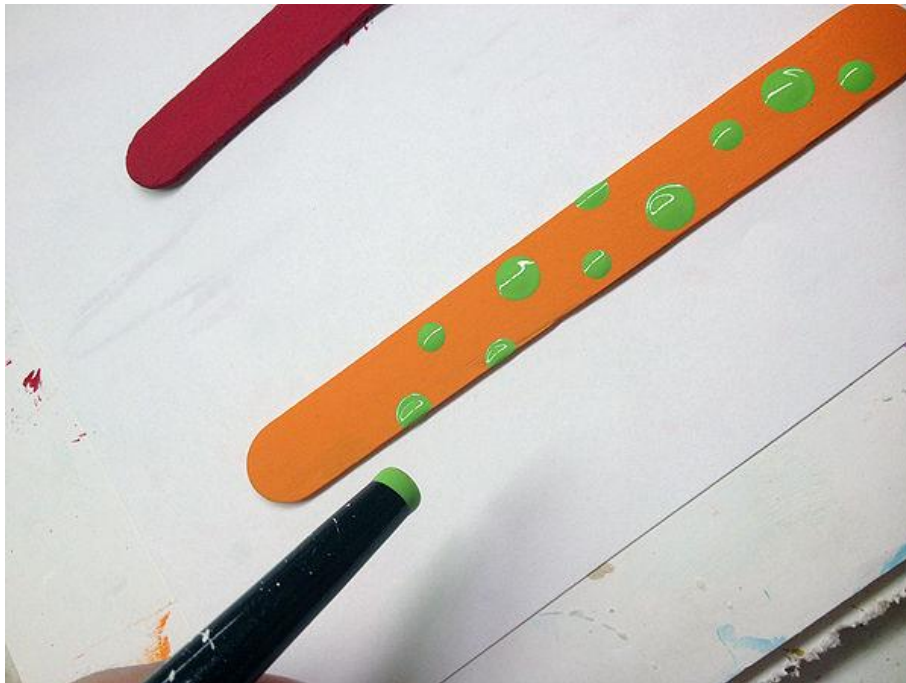
- 4 jumbo craft sticks
- Toothpick
- Black fine tip marker
- Paintbrushes
- Craft paint: red, orange, purple, yellow, light green, green, black, white

Instructions:

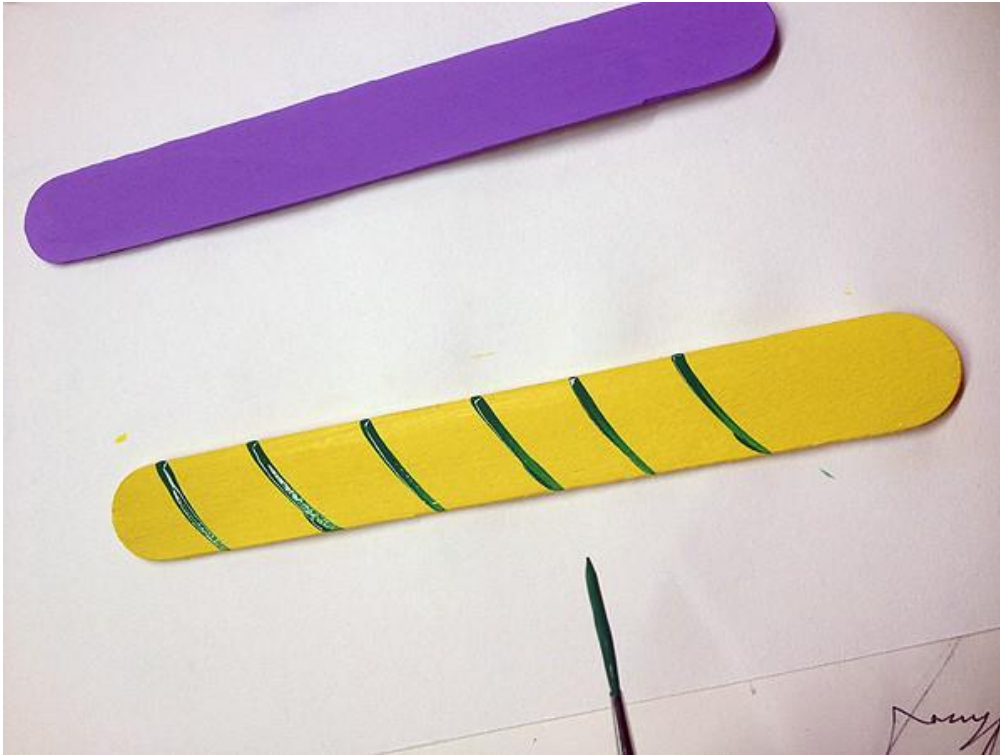
1. Paint the craft sticks, one each in red, orange, purple, and yellow



2. Use the handle end of a large paintbrush dipped in light green paint to add large spots to the orange stick. Use a medium paintbrush to add smaller dots.



3. Use a liner brush to add green stripes to the yellow stick.



4. Use circular motion (as if you were drawing a circle with a crayon) with a large paintbrush handle to add the big eye to the purple stick. Depending on the size of the eyes that you want, use different sized paintbrushes.



5. For the large eye on the purple stick, add a dot of green over the dry white paint and allow the green to dry. When dry, add a smaller dot of black.

6. You can draw the mouths with a black marker and use a white paint pen, if you have one, to color in the teeth. We used a toothpick dipped in white paint.



7. To add other details such as eyebrows use a fine point black marker. Hint: After making the teeth white, go over the outlines again with a black marker.



8. Use a toothpick dipped in black paint to add the black pupils of the eyes. For larger pupils, use the handle of a paintbrush.

Silly Haunting Handprint Puppets

By: [Amanda Formaro for AllFreeKidsCrafts](#)



Turn your harmless handprint into a menacing monster in only three easy steps. This fun Halloween craft is perfect for preschoolers through elementary-aged students who are ready to get spooking. Make Silly Haunting Handprint Puppets with materials you already have in your house. These Halloween crafts for kids are more than just fun art projects; they're also toys you can play with all year long. Scare your siblings when your funny friend sneaks up behind them and says, "Boo!" There are no rules, so call on your imagination, and get crafting!

Materials:

- Construction paper: green, yellow, orange, purple
- 4 jumbo craft sticks
- White paper
- Black sharpie
- Scissors
- White craft glue
- Glue stick

Instructions:

1. Trace child's hand onto construction paper. Try different ways like having the fingers all touching together or having the thumb and pinky spread apart more than the others. Cut the handprints out.



2. Use white paper to make circles and ovals for eyes. Make teeth from white paper as well. Attach eyes and teeth with a glue stick and add features some as eye pupils, eyebrows, and mouths with a black Sharpie.

3. Use white craft glue to attach the jumbo craft sticks to the backs of the handprint puppets.



Christmas Popsicle Stick Crafts

Craft Spoon Snowmen

By: [Amy Latta from One Artsy Mama](#)



Snowman crafts for kids are super fun to make, and you can make them all winter long. Make these Craft Spoon Snowmen in your classroom or just at home with the kids. You can make a little family of snowmen and put them around the house to cheer up the winter dreariness. Kids winter crafts are really fun to make and you can do them when the weather outside isn't ideal for outside play time. Keep your kids busy when they can't run around the park with this winter craft idea. They won't even notice that they can't play outside because they'll be too busy having fun with this adorable Popsicle stick craft!

Materials:

- Wooden craft spoons
- Acrylic paint: white, black, orange, and other preferred colors
- Paintbrushes
- Colored felt
- Ribbon cut in 5 inch pieces
- Thin silver cord
- Very fine glitter
- Pin backs, magnets, and/or cording
- Craft glue and hot glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Paint spoons white and let dry.



2. Paint eyes, a nose, and a smile onto each spoon. Use the bottom end of a paintbrush for smooth, round eyes and a toothpick for the smile.



3. Wrap felt around the head and glue into place.



4. Tie a piece of cord at the top of the spoon to gather the hat in.

5. Paint buttons on the lower part of the spoon.



6. Hot glue the ribbon above the buttons to form a scarf.

7. Sprinkle a small amount of craft glue on the surface of the spoon and cove with glitter!



8. Decide whether you want your snowmen to be pins, magnets, or ornaments and glue on the appropriate pieces.



Ribbon Tree Homemade Christmas Ornaments

By: Stephanie Hamen for AllFreeKidsCrafts



Clear out your ribbon stash with this adorable Ribbon Tree Homemade Christmas Ornaments. Great for kids to do at home or in the classroom, this simple handmade Christmas ornament is one that parents are sure to treasure for years to come. This project is quick and easy and would also be great for any winter camps, VBS craft nights, or any scout gatherings. With minimal materials and easy instructions that kids of all ages can follow, this DIY ornament is one you'll love displaying on your tree year after year.

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks
- Glue
- Ribbon
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Trim the Popsicle Sticks into various lengths.
2. Glue the pieces to a base stick to create a rustic tree.
3. Tie on ribbons to each branch.
4. Glue on a bit of ribbon to the back to create a hanger for the tree.

More Popsicle Stick Crafts

Football Field Garden Craft for Kids

By: [Amy Latta from One Artsy Mama](#)



If your kids are into sports, then they'll love making this Football Field Garden Craft for Kids. It's a simple gardening craft that will get the kids outdoors and playing. This is also a fun Popsicle stick craft that can easily be made with some paint and glue. The kids can plant some grass in the pot to create the football "field" and watch as it grows. The hash marks and yard line numbers around the rim of the pot are a creative way to show what the craft is supposed to be. This will especially be popular with your little boys and may even grow their interest in gardening as well.

Materials:

- Small terracotta flowerpot
- Green spray paint
- Elmer's Painters white paint marker
- Yellow craft sticks (or plain ones and yellow Elmer's Painters marker)
- Elmer's Glue-All
- Scissors
- Potting soil
- Grass seed

Instructions:

1. Paint your pot green and let it dry completely. It will most likely need more than one coat.
2. While the post is drying, prepare your craft sticks. If they are plain, use a yellow Elmer's Painters marker to color them and let them dry completely. Once the sticks are dry, or if they are already colored, you will need to cut them and glue them together in the shape of a field goal post. You'll want three short pieces {two with a rounded end and one without} to form a "U" shape, and a longer piece to attach to the bottom of the "U."



3. Use a white Elmer's Painters marker to mark yard lines around the rim of your pot.



4. Fill the pot with soil and add grass seed.



5. Push your goal post into the soil.



6. Water the seeds daily and place the pot in a sunny location, and before you know it, the grass in your field will be growing tall!



Printable Paper Popsicles

By: [Christina Williams from Christina Williams Blog](#)



Do you have any leftover scrapbook paper or Popsicle sticks in the house? Printable Paper Popsicles are one of the most adorable ways to use up your craft supplies. You can whip up a bunch of these Printable Paper Popsicles in no time at all, and kids will love customizing and decorating them. Use the included free printable templates to get the perfect shape every time, and then add some googly eyes to these summer crafts for a little extra fun.

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks
- Plain and patterned scrapbook paper
- Glitter paper
- Googly eyes
- Craft glue

Instructions:

1. Cut paper into Popsicle shapes.
2. Glue Popsicle sticks to Popsicle-shaped paper.
3. Cut glitter paper into shapes and glue to Popsicle for a fun design
4. Glue googly eyes to Popsicle, if the kids want, to make their own little Popsicle family.

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Tie-Dye Popsicle Stick Wreath

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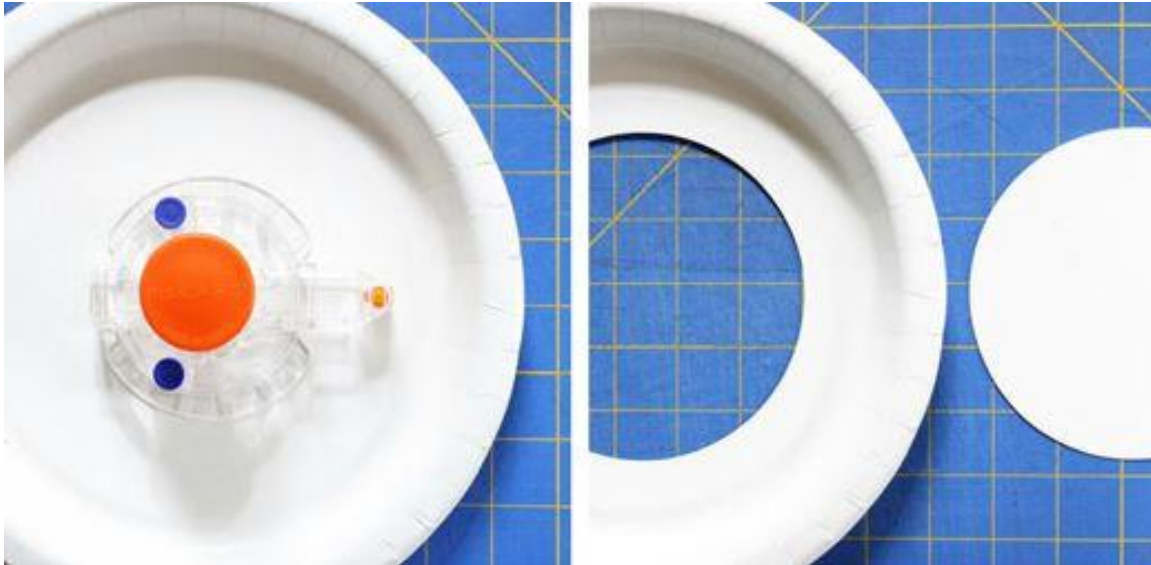
Let your kids turn your home into the coolest house on the block with this bright Tie-Dye Popsicle Stick Wreath. This DIY wreath lets your kids have fun tie-dyeing Popsicle sticks with watercolors and then lets them transform your front door into a colorful wonderland. This free kids' craft is made with budget-friendly materials and is a fun art project that kindergarten and elementary kids will love making. This Popsicle stick craft is a great DIY gift idea for Nana and makes a lovely end-of-year present for teachers. Your kids will love creating groovy tie-dye patterns with this perfect summer craft for kids.

Materials:

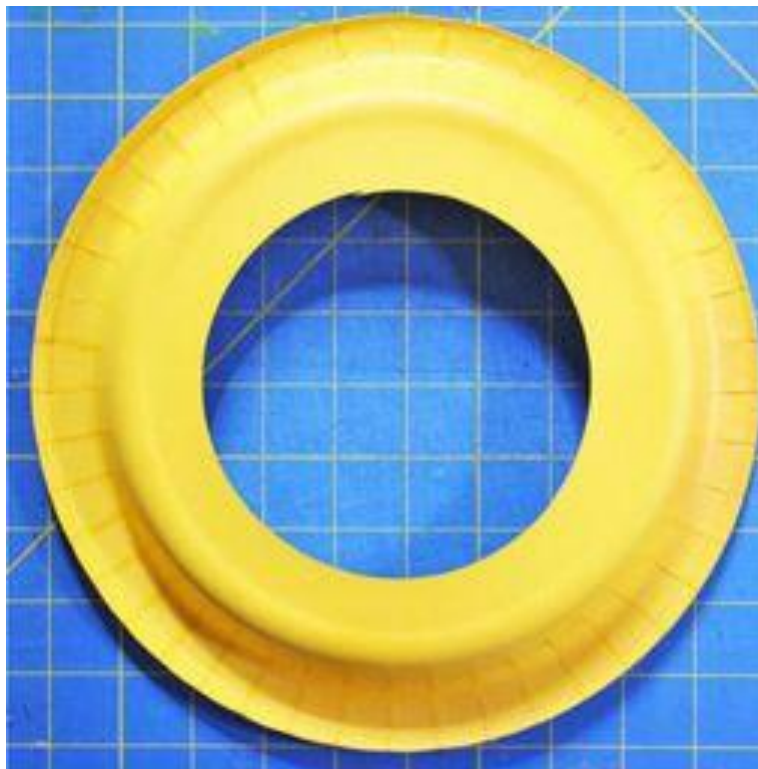
- Dip dyed craft sticks
- Paper plate
- Scissors or circle cutter
- Spray paint (optional)
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Hole punch

Instructions:

1. Using a round dessert plate draw a circle on the plate roughly 4-5 inches in diameter. Cut out the circle. If you have a circle cutter, you will get a nice clean circular cut.

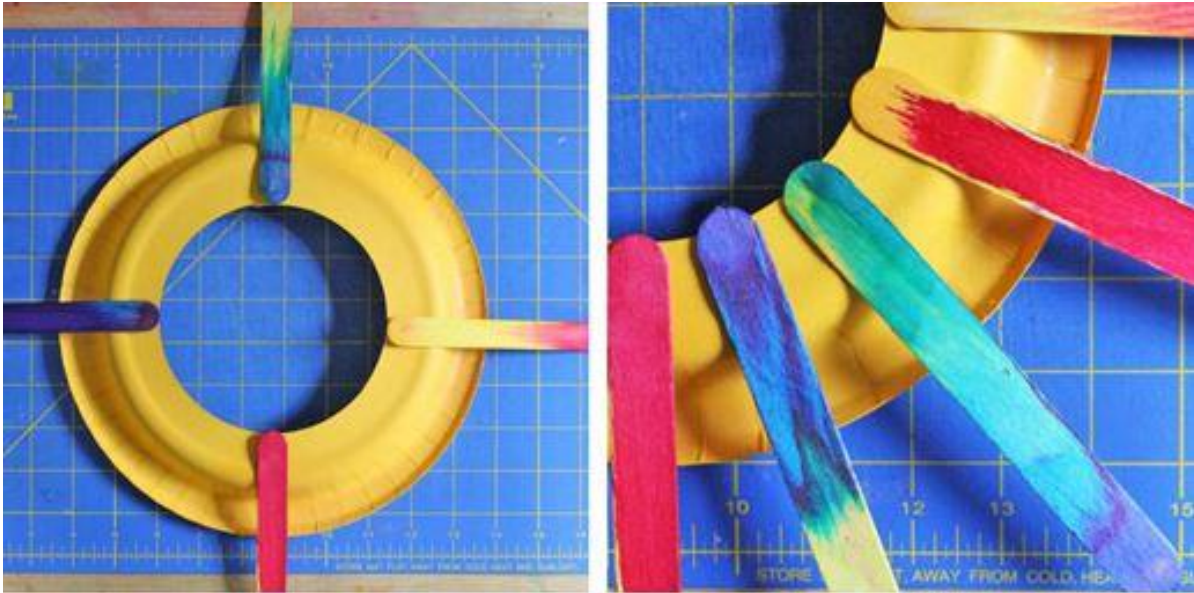


2. Spray paint the plate a nice background color that matches your craft stick palette and let dry.



3. Start laying out your craft sticks around the paper plate. Start by placing sticks in the 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock positions. Glue the sticks down placing a dab of hot glue on the back of each stick. Align the tip of the stick with the edge of the center hole. Also make sure to adjust the sticks so that they point toward the center of the circle.

4. Add your diagonal sticks and glue those down.



5. Continue filling in the remaining spaces and gluing your sticks down, making sure the sticks are pointing to the center of the wreath.



6. (Optional) Add a dyed embroidery hoop at the wreath center to give the wreath some depth.
7. Punch a hole in the top of the paper plate to be able to hang your wreath.



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