

Paper Strip Rollercoaster

You will need:

- Protective sheeting
- Hard cardboard
- White glue
- Glue brush
- Adhesive tape
- Coloured paper or streamers
- Scissors
- Felt tip pens
- Squares of coloured paper
- Corks, beads or small boxes



Instructions

1. Before starting the activity cover the work surface with protective sheeting and have the glue with a brush, scissors, and felt tip pens on the table ready to use.
2. For the rollercoaster base, cut hard cardboard into at least 40cm squares.
3. Ask the children to cut coloured paper into strips, 2cm wide, of varying lengths and place on the table, along with a selection of coloured paper cut outs, and adhesive tape.
4. Provide the children with a cardboard base and ask them to write their name on the back.
5. Have the children build a loading platform by folding a square of coloured paper into a box shape and then taping the edges together,

before gluing their loading platform onto the middle of their base, ask them to make it obvious that it is the rollercoaster loading platform by writing on and decorating the platform.

6. Ask the children to take a strip of coloured paper and place it through the bottom of the platform to make it part of the track. Glue down the centre of the track inside the platform, leaving both the ends free.
7. Glue a second strip to one end of the first and bend the paper round to make a rollercoaster loop. Glue the end to the base to hold the loop into position on the track.
8. Continue adding strips to the track to create a long rollercoaster with loops and humps. Challenge the children to make the ends of the track join together to form an ongoing track.
9. Ask the children to decorate corks (cut in half), beads or small boxes as carriages to go on the track.