

### Sustainable Summer

Saving the planet is not only about compost bins and electric cars. Reducing waste and changing out what you use for more sustainable options can all help the environment. Below are some great ideas of eco-friendly crafts.



#### Eco-friendly Craft Supplies

Craft supplies are often made using processes or materials that aren't good for the environment. It's commonly misunderstood that non-toxic would mean eco-friendly but that's not the case.

Below are a couple of recipes to make your own sustainable glue and finger paints. They are very simple and cost-effective.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/ecocraftsupplies.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/ecocraftsupplies.pdf)



#### Leaf Confetti

Confetti makes any craft or event a little more fun. However, it's usually made of coated paper that doesn't break down easily. Furthermore, even if the paper is uncoated it is usually made using chemicals to whiten or colour it. So let's go natural.

This is a very simple exercise that only uses dried leaves and a punch.

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#### Bug Hotel

Bugs are such an important part of our ecosystem so why not make one of these little bug hotels to entice them into your garden.

By bunching together found natural materials you can create little nooks and crannies for many different bugs to reside in.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/bughotel.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bughotel.pdf)



#### Bag Bracelets

Although they are being phased out at many retailers plastic bags still cause a massive problem. One of the best things we can do is give them another life and use them for as long as we can. This little craft will turn the humble bag into a cute bracelet.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/bagbracelets.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bagbracelets.pdf)

#### Links

Check out the OSCN craft page [oscn.nz/activities](https://oscn.nz/activities) for more ideas

Check our pinterest page [pinterest.nz/jooscn](https://pinterest.nz/jooscn)



### Bubbles



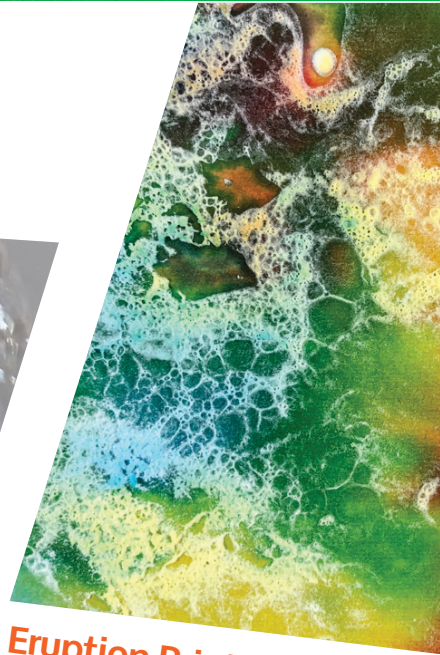
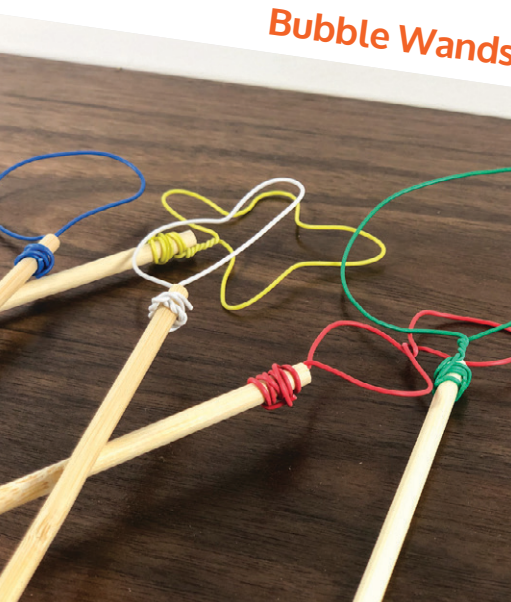
**Bubble Snake**

The only thing better than bubbles is more bubbles and this creation will allow you to make a whole snake of them.

Using a cut plastic bottle with a bit of mesh on the end gives you the device to make it all happen. Don't forget to check out the bubble recipes to find the best one.

Instructions found at  
[oscn.nz/files/bubblesnake.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bubblesnake.pdf)

### Bubble Wands



**Eruption Prints**

Time to get messy with these amazing eruption prints. Watch as baking soda reacts with coloured vinegar frothing, bubbling and mixing. Capturing the amazing patterns is as simple as adding some watercolour paper to absorb the patterns.

Instructions found at  
[oscn.nz/files/eruptionprints.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/eruptionprints.pdf)

Bubbles are great fun and these little wands can make them even better.

Using wire and a piece of wood or even a stick you can create fun shaped bubble blowers.

Feeling adventurous? Have a go at making the giant bubble wands using string, a washer and some wooden dowel.

Instructions found at  
[oscn.nz/files/bubblewands.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bubblewands.pdf)

### Bubble Bath Playdough

Add the fun of playdough and bubbles and you get magic. Using simple ingredients you can make your very own playdough that can also be used as bubble bath.

Instructions found at  
[oscn.nz/files/bubbledough.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bubbledough.pdf)



### Bubble Recipes

Many people use different recipes to make their bubbles and some of them simply don't work. We have decided to check some of them out and share the mixtures that have worked best.

Instructions found at  
[oscn.nz/files/bubblerecipes.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/bubblerecipes.pdf)