

Life's a Circus

Step right up, step right up, come one come all and join in the Circus fun.



Big Top

The focal point of any circus is the gigantic tent to house all the acts, this is called the 'big top'. The big top has changed as time has gone on but the traditional red and white stripe tent is a icon of the circus.

Using some light card and colouring equipment you can easily make your own to start your very own mini circus.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/bigtop.pdf



Balancing Clown

Although clowns are usually very funny, they are often also very talented acrobats. This clown not only looks good but will balance on your finger.

The clown body is made of cardboard and to make it balanced weights are put on his hands, in this case that's paperclips.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/balancingclown.pdf

Juggling Balls

Juggling is a great talent and it can be easily learned. With this craft you can make your own juggling balls so you can practice and master the art form.

The juggling balls usually have a bit of weight so they fly through the air more smoothly. To achieve this these balls are filled with rice or flour.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/jugglingballs.pdf



Shadow Theatre



Shadow shows are found in many modern circus line-ups. These are performed behind a transparent screen using people and objects to form shadows.

Using a box with baking paper the basic theatre can be made. Then using a light source like a torch shows can be performed. Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/shadowtheatre.pdf

Links

Check out the OSCN craft page oscn.nz/activities for more ideas

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Magnets



Fingerprint Magnets

Fingerprints are unique to every human person. Taking that fingerprint and adding it to a trinket can make for a very cute little gift.

This craft uses that fingerprint as the base of a design on the back of a flat glass marble. That marble is then decorated and glued onto a magnet.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/fingerprintmagnets.pdf

Magnetic Naughts and Crosses



Magnetic Racing

Just as magnets attract they also repel, and this track uses the repelling motion of the magnet to propel a small card car.

The track is drawn on a piece of card and then the racing can begin.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/magneticracing.pdf

Naughts and crosses is a simple fun game that can be played almost everywhere. This craft makes a small travel set of naughts and crosses.

A small tin is used as a base for the board, that tin will also house the pieces when traveling. The pieces are made and then stuck to magnets so they don't move around when the board is moved. Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/magneticxandos.pdf

Magnetic Shape Creator

Any metallic magnetic surface can become a canvas with these little magnetic shapes.

Shapes are cut out of flat magnetic sheets, they are then coloured in before being able to be used to create. Once you are finished with the creation you can move the shapes to make another one.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/magneticshapecreator.pdf



Find the resources

Magnets can be found at most craft stores and discount stores. There are many different kinds and strengths. For these crafts you won't need super strong magnets.