



How to make cupcake paper flowers

You will need –

- Cupcake liners (preferably of different sizes)
- Glue
- Glitter
- Scissors (optional)
- Paddle pop sticks
- Paper plate
- Decorating pens, paint or pencils

Asking the children to separate the cupcake liners makes for a wonderful **fine motor** activity. Once you have them separated you can **talk to the children** about the various **sizes** they can see. Use the terminology **small, medium** and **large**.

Developing simple cutting skills

You can work together with children to develop cutting skills by **using the correct finger placement** and **cutting technique**. As an option for this flower activity, you and the children can carefully snip around the cupcake liners to create ‘petals’.

Basic ordering of sizes

When using cupcake papers of **different sizes**, the activity will provide children an opportunity to **recognize differences** and do some **basic ordering**. When ordered from largest to smallest the cupcakes paper flowers will appear gorgeous and layered. Of course if the children choose not to order them in this way then it’s time to step back and allow them to **express their own creativity**. This is their art work after all.

How beautiful! If you love glitter and you can sprinkle it in the middle of each cupcake paper flower. For older children, this could be a great opportunity to talk to them about the **Spring season, parts of a flower** and **pollination**.

For the flower stems you can use green paddle pop sticks. If you don’t have these then you can use strips of paper or pipe cleaners.