



Thank you to Vicky Cox, Activities Coordinator at Brendoncare Alton for this fantastic, simple craft idea.

You will need:

Disposable paper plates.

Scissors.

Sticky backed buttons. *You can get these from most arts and crafts shops or websites such as Baker Ross. They save a lot of messy gluing as well as worrying about drying time.*

Coloured felt tip pens.

Patterned pieces of card *that can be cut into strips.*

Plain pieces of card *that can be cut into the shape of the front of the peacock. A simple outline for a peacock can be found online, or you can 'wing' it, and create your own.*

Rough outline of a peacock/bird *to draw onto the paper plates.*

Sellotape.

Any other crafty adornments *you'd like, such as shiny/holographic stickers.*

Sticky Button Peacocks

Method:

Pre cut different coloured card into the shape/outline of the peacock.

Cut two lines into the paper plates, roughly two inches apart, keep cutting until just below the centre of the plates, but make sure to leave that piece of the plate attached to the plate as a whole. This will form a 'stand' that will help keep your peacock upright.

Cut as many strips of card, roughly two centimetres and five inches in length, for as many paper plates as you have.

Ask your participants to pick the colours of cards and outlines that they would like to use.

Show the participants how to fold the strips of card into zigzags, and then attach the zigzag pieces of card to the backs of the peacocks at the neck, and the centre of the front of the paper plate, with sellotape.

Once your peacock is in place ask everyone to use the felt tip pens to draw as many squiggle feathery lines as they'd like on their plates, all around the peacock.

Ask everyone to pick as many coloured buttons as they can and stick them all around the feathery squiggly lines.

Any other stickers or stick-on items you have can be used to decorate the peacock's body. Et Voila! One very pretty brightly coloured peacock.

The cut and bent gently back flap in the paper plate, and the peacock attached to the zigzag folded piece of card on the front will balance each other out and you have an instant stand for your peacock.

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