Art and crafts

30-45 minutes

You will need:

Black paper (any size)

Biodegradable glitter (a variety of colours)

Clear glue (the type you can hold and squeeze)

An example of a finished glitter glue art

Newspaper or a tablecloth, to protect your surface

Large groups



Fun Mesmerising Magical

Glitter glue art

Glitter glue art is a fun activity to do with bigger groups. It is easy but produces very pleasing results and can be meditative once people get into it.

To prepare:

Cover the surface you will be working on with a tablecloth or newspaper. Lay your materials out so that they are ready for your participants when they arrive. Make sure that your example piece of glitter glue art is visible so that people know what they are working towards.

To begin:

When you do this activity, you may want to start by giving a demonstration of how to make glitter glue art – some groups find this useful but others may prefer to dive in and give it a go themselves!

Invite each person to take a piece of black paper and place it in front of them. They can then squeeze glue all over the paper in different directions and patterns.

Now the participants can select the glitter they'd like to use. They could try a single colour or several different ones. Next, they scatter or pour the glitter they have chosen over the entire pattern they created with the glue.

Finally, participants pick up their piece of paper and tap it on the table. The glitter will stick to the glue and reveal a mesmerising masterpiece. If some areas are missing glitter, they may want to go back and add more.

Next:

Your group might just want to make one piece of glitter glue art or they might want to experiment using different techniques and combinations of colours to make multiple pieces.

Once the works are completed, lay them out so the group can see them all. Which pieces stand out? Which techniques have been used to create the different effects? Which combinations of colours do they like?

You could also:

Create glitter glue art to celebrate Bonfire Night by creating firework patterns on the paper.

You might like to ask:

What are the names of the fireworks that you have created? What would they be like when they exploded? What noise would they make?



