

Bling Up Your Bike



Fun art family activities to try out for all ages!

Give your bike a makeover! **Bling Your Bike (fancy dress for your bike).**

Here are a few bike based activities, using your arts and crafts skills, to give your bikes a fancy dress makeover. Decorating the bikes can happen at home, at a table or on the floor, in the bike yard even in the garden with the help of your parents/carers.

Things to use to 'Bling your Bike':

Craft items: glitter, stickers, card, paper, string, pipe cleaners, beads, buttons, ribbon, tissue paper, selotape, glue, scrapes of material etc to decorate your bike (make sure nothing gets in the way of any moving parts).

A hole – punch, a pair of scissors.

Markers, crayons and pencils.



Things to remember:

- Be careful with scissors and glue, ask an adult to help you.
- Make sure things are fixed on or attached well, no loose bits, ask an adult to help you.
- Make sure your bike makeover is not permanent and that you can put things on and remove them easily.
- Get an adult to check your bike once you are finished to make sure that your bike remains safe to ride.



Activity 1: Bike Number Plate



1. Think of a good name plate for your bike. It can be your name, a code, or even a nickname.
2. Get a piece of card in a shape of a rectangle, as wide as the back part of your bike's saddle. You may have a piece of card the right size or you may have to cut one. Ask an adult to help. You could even use the inside of a cereal box. Make sure that it does not touch your wheel or mudguard.
3. Use a hole punch to punch two holes about 1 cm from the top of the cardboard. Ask an adult to help you. You will want these holes to line up with whatever saddle attachment posts are available. This varies from bike to bike so ask an adult to help you look for the best place to attach the name plate under the saddle.



4. Write your name, code, nickname on the piece of card.
5. Decorate your nameplate using colours, stickers, glitter etc.
6. Thread some string through the holes or even use pipe cleaners to attach your name plate to your bike, under your saddle. Ask an adult to help you.
7. Have fun cycling with your family and friends.



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Activity 2: Ribbon Handle Streamers



1. Use a medium sized, heavy-duty rubber band or hairband, and place it around a full bottle of olive oil. Roughly one third of the way down the bottle.
2. Use ribbons, streamers, thin fabric strips, or whatever you like. Slip them one at a time between the bottle and the band to the halfway point (on the ribbon etc) and tie in place with knot. Ask an adult to check that the streamers are not too long.
3. Once the band is covered, slip it off the bottle of olive oil and slip onto the end of your handle of your bike (about 2cms in from the end); wrap it round the handle a couple times (as you would a ponytail) if necessary, to make sure it is secure. Ask an adult to check that they are secure.
4. Make another one for the other handle.



Activity 3: Decorate Your Spokes With Pipe Cleaners



1. Take a colourful pipe cleaner and wrap it around a pencil or pen to make a spring.
2. Feed the spring (pipe cleaners) onto your spokes. Ask an adult to check they are secure.





Other Ideas

- If you have a basket decorate your basket with flowers.
- You could make a flag for your bike, even try a Green-Schools Flag.
- You could make pom-poms to decorate your bike with.
- Have fun with your family.



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You can't cycle on me but I look great!



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