

“In Your Imagination”

EXPLORE IT

Module 6, All That Glitters

Prompt:

In this activity, we are celebrating the magic of shiny, glittery things! This activity has two parts: making a magic wand and making a shiny sculpture. You can do one or both, as you see fit. Or, you can use the suggested materials to make something else that you dream up!

- *Use your imagination to make a magic wand.* What powers will it have? What do each of the special materials you used do? For example, maybe glitter gives your wand the power to make things fly? What is your magic personality – are you a human with a wand or a magical creature?
- *Create a shiny sculpture.* Use the materials to create a large or small sculpture. Why are you choosing certain materials? What is your sculpture of? Does it have any magical powers?

Materials:

Shiny materials:

- Tin foil
- Sparkly wrapping paper
- Glitter or glitter glue (note: this is messy)
- Rhinestones
- Ribbons
- Strips of emergency mylar blanket
- Washi tape or iridescent tape

Building materials:

- *For a wand:* Sticks from outside (be careful of splinters), chopsticks, or a dowel
- *For a sculpture:* cardboard and other recyclables (yogurt cups, toilet paper rolls, small boxes)
- Scissors
- Tape

- Glue stick
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

To begin, read the prompt with your child. Help them decide which project they want to begin with. Give your child any relevant instructions regarding the use of scissors, glitter, or glue in your home. Read them the instructions below to get started!

For a magic wand:

1. Choose a stick or chopstick (or other material) to be your wand.
2. Pick some shiny materials to attach to it.
3. Wrap, tie, glue, twist, and stick shiny materials on to your wand.
4. Test out the magical powers of your wand!
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 to make a second wand with different powers!

For a shiny sculpture:

1. Pick what shape you want your sculpture to be. It may be a shape that is already made (a yogurt cup or a toilet paper tube) or you may need to construct the shape out of cardboard and tape.
2. Attach any other building materials – pieces of cardboard or other containers.
3. Pick some shiny materials to attach to your sculpture.
4. Use glue and tape to attach the shiny pieces.
5. Draw details with markers.

Resources:

Visitors to the Art Lab at Boston Children's Museum love to make magic wands and shiny sculptures. Check out some of their creations below for inspiration!



Extensions:

If your child needs more challenges to go along with this activity:

- Invite them to explore how their creation shines in the light. Send them outside to observe it in the sun or give them a flashlight to experiment indoors. After observing, do they want to add more shiny materials?
- Give your child a large piece of mylar or shiny wrapping paper. Invite them to paint or draw on it.
- Challenge them to make a whole collection of shiny sculptures.
- Can your child make another magic wand with different powers? What materials will they need?

Together with your child, go to the “In your Imagination” topic on Flipgrid and share their magic wand and/or shiny sculpture.