



STICKY TAPE CREATIONS

Materials you need:

- A basket of different tapes - you might include masking tape, washi tape, double sided tape, duct tape, electrical tape
- Box of clean recycled materials (think cartons, tubes, shoeboxes, plastic containers, drink bottles, tissue boxes etc.)
- Scissors and tape dispensers (easy to manage ones if you have them – paper towel holders also make great tape stands for little hands)

Setup for play:

- This activity really doesn't need much adult setup or direction. Simply place the tapes, scissors and recycled materials in the craft area on the ground for easy access then stand back and let the sticking and construction begin!
- Depending on the age of the children you may need to guide the cutting of the tape or using the dispensers. You could also tear some strips off the bigger tape rolls and attach to the side of the tables for the children to choose from.

What are they learning with this activity?

As they use the different tapes and recycled materials to build and create they are learning to:

- Experiment with cause and effect
- Use hand/eye coordination skills, balance and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Manipulate objects to explore motion, cause and effect
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Express themselves creatively
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Problem solve and make decisions
- Persist even when they find the task difficult
- Create with different mediums and textures

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- Make decisions about the materials they want to use and what works best.
- Work independently on a project

Extending the play:

- Store the creations somewhere they can be accessed across the week so children can come and go without interruption to extend on their work. Take photos when finished to display.
- Make available some pieces of thin card with the tape rolls and scissors. Either add some tape strips to the card yourself or encourage older children to make their own 'tape mazes' or paths to follow on the card. Add a sticker at the end of the maze path to show where they are heading then they can use their scissors to cut along the tape paths.

