

Crazy Crayons

What do you do with all of those crayon bits? Create a space to begin to gather and collect these short pieces that are often swept up and put in the bin. In time, you and your child will have enough to make your own new crazy crayons. A science experiment with a fun, colourful outcome that can be reused and enjoyed by all.

This recipe was shared by our team at Guardian Altona North.

What to do!

1. Rummage through your many crayons pieces and inspect these with your child.
2. Chat about the different things you see using various words to describe the crayons e.g. Big, little, longer, shorter, thick, thin, wrapped, unwrapped etc.
3. Remove wrappers – any that are stuck with glue will loosen in a little bit of hot water.
4. Sort and categorise based on the crayons your child would like to create e.g. all one colour, shades, rainbows etc. If you would like rainbows you can achieve this by layering the colours - but break the crayons into small pieces if you can.
5. Lay pieces into a non-stick muffin pan, silicone works best. If you need to, you can use muffin cases and peel these off once the crayons are completely cooled.
6. Melt the crayons in a preheated oven at a low 150 degrees. Bake until the crayons have melted, after approximately 15-20 minutes.
7. Be careful removing the tray, particularly if it's silicone as the shapes bend and will be full of hot, melted wax.
8. Place out of reach to cool completely - overnight or in the fridge if you have room.
9. Pop them out once completely cooled. **Tip - If you have difficulty removing them, place the tray in the freezer for a further hour and they should pop out more easily.

