

Paper Cup Carousel Craft Activity

Making a moveable paper cup carousel has strong educational value because it combines creativity with hands-on STEM learning. As children build and decorate the carousel, they develop fine motor skills and artistic expression. At the same time, they explore scientific concepts like force, motion, balance, and rotation. The process encourages problem-solving, critical thinking, and persistence as they test and improve their design.

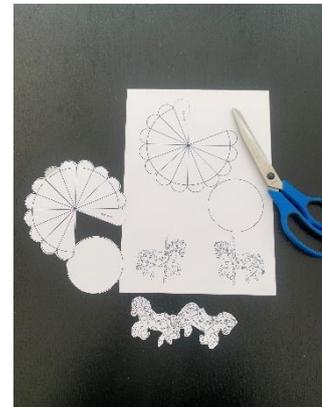
You will need:

1 Paper Cup
Printable Templates
Scissors
Glue
Straw
Coloured Pencils
String or Thread



Instructions:

Step 1: Print and cut out the templates in white card.



Step 2: Decorate the roof of the carousel and the horse with the coloured pencils.



Step 3: Make a hole in the bottom and side of the paper cup and in the circle.



Step 4: Attach a piece of string or thread to the straw, and thread through the hole in the side of the paper cup.



Step 5: Pop the straw through the hole on the bottom of the paper cup and through the circle. Glue the circle to the top of the cup. Attach a small piece of card to the straw above and below the cup to stop the straw from coming out.



Step 6: Attach the decorated horse and canopy to the straw with glue. Gently pull the thread to make your carousel go round.

