

POOL NOODLE AIRPLANES!



Materials

Craft Foam Sheet (sticker back)
Pool Noodle
2-5 washers, or nickels
Tape
Thin cardboard (cereal box or posterboard for example)

Tools

Knife
Scissors
Hot glue gun (optional)

Instructions

1. Cut a section of the pool noodle about 12 inches long for the body of the plane.
2. Cut a 5 inch slit about 1 inch from the nose of the plane. Cut a 2.5 inch slit lengthwise about 1 inch from the back. Cut a 2 inch slit through the sides of the pool noodle about 1 inch from the back.
3. Cut a piece of cardboard into a rectangle which measures 7 inches x 2 inches. Insert the rectangle through the side slit in the back of the pool noodle. Trim the rectangle in the desired shape. Get creative and see which flies best! (Or you can leave it a rectangle.)
4. Cut another rectangle of cardboard about 2.5 inches x 4 inches and insert it in the top slit at the tail of the pool noodle airplane. Cut it into a rudder shape if desired, or leave it a rectangle.
5. Cut another piece of cardboard about one foot by 5 inches wide. Insert it into the front slit of the airplane to make the wings. Cut the wings into the desired shape. You can make them pointy or have rectangular ends. My kids liked to experiment and see which flew the best!
6. Cut foam in the same shapes as the wings and rudder, stick to cardboard and insert into place on planes.
7. (Optionally) use the hot glue gun to glue the wings to the body. If you want to try different wings, skip this step.
8. Tape the desired amount of washers (or nickels) in a stack. Insert into nose of plane and use tape or foam to hold them in.
9. Decorate with extra foam or stickers and fly!



POOL NOODLE SNAKES!

Materials

- Craft Foam Sheet (sticker back)
- Pool Noodles (different colors)
- Cotton string or yarn
- Googly eyes or markers
- Paper (optional)

Tools

- Knife
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Using a serrated knife, cut your pool noodles into 1 to 1 ¼ inch round pieces. You will need about 30-35 pieces.
2. Cut your string around 40 inches long. You will want extra for the ends.
3. Cut four teardrop shapes out of the craft foam. These will be the head and tail. Cut a snake tongue out of foam or paper.
4. Take two teardrop shapes and stick them together with one end of the string inside. You will want to put the pointy end of the teardrop out, so the string continues on out of the rounded end. This is your tail!
5. String your pool noodle rounds onto the string in any order or pattern. You'll want at least 30 pieces to give the snake a good length. If you have lots of string left, trim down to about 2 inches past the noodle rounds.
6. Once your rounds are on the string, take your two remaining teardrop shapes. Place both the tongue and the end of the string inside and stick them together, this time with the rounded end out (pointy end back towards the snake).
7. Attach googly eyes or use a marker to draw on the face. You can wear your snake around your neck or twist it into funky shapes!