

Threaded Hanging Decorations

For this activity you will need

- String/wool or ribbon in a variety of colours
- Scissors
- firm cardboard (maybe an old packing box)

Adult led activity

Start by cutting a shape into the cardboard a circle, star or Christmas tree.

Next you need to cut small slits into the edges of the shape big enough for the string to go into but not so big that they change the shape.

You then need to select a colour of ribbon/string and tie a small knot in the end before threading it onto your shape.

You can thread in any pattern and use multiple colours and continue until you are happy with the finished design.

Finally tie a loop into your last piece of string and your decoration is ready to hang.

Child led activity

Gather all resources. Have a model or photo on table for inspiration.

Have some shapes cut but don't limit choices if the child wants a triangle or a square it's their design so assist them in getting the shape they want.

They may want to cut their own design so have uncut pieces as well.

Do the same with the string/ribbon some cut pieces and some still on reel or in ball.

To begin threading they may need help to tie a knot and get started but only help if/when asked, then just let them create. Offer praise and support during this activity as it can be a little fiddly and remember if they just want to thread one piece of string at that time they can always come back to it later or they might want it to look that way .

You can also offer pencils so they can colour in the decoration if they don't want to do a lot of threading.

Then finally ask where they would like to hang decoration and add the loop and their creation is ready for the tree.

