



# GET crafty

MYBABA.COM'S LEONORA BAMFORD AND NANNY ANITA GET CREATIVE WITH FAMILY HOLIDAY TIME



**W**e always look forward to Easter as it's great time of year for crafts. Anita and I have been having a ball dreaming up all sorts of activities. With the holidays upon us, I've been thinking of travel, and how to make life easier with little ones in tow. Whether you're flying, driving, sailing or walking this holiday, don't forget to relax and to enjoy this special time with your children, especially on Mother's Day!



**PINK LINING BAGS**  
These personalised mini Pink Lining Travel Bags are my children's most prized possessions when we go away. I let them fill their own, with a few toys and snacks, and they love carrying them.

## FIVE LITTLE DUCKLINGS

This Easter craft is super easy, travel friendly and is so much fun



TO MAKE YOUR LITTLE DUCKS YOU WILL NEED:

- Six stones
- Paint
- Black marker pens
- Paintbrushes

HOW TO MAKE:

Before painting your stones give them a wash to remove any dirt. Paint the stones with a few coats, remembering to let them dry in between – I painted five of the stones yellow for the ducklings and one white for the Mummy duck. Next, use your marker pens to draw on the

faces and then write the numbers one to five on the little ducklings.

This mini activity is great for number recognition. We sing *Five Little Ducks* together and when one of the ducks doesn't come back we have to find the correctly numbered duck and subtract him from the group.

THIS ACTIVITY MAY HELP WITH:

- Familiarisation of songs
- Recognition of numbers
- Understanding of quantities

With April showers upon us, stand out with homemade umbrellas.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Child-sized nylon umbrella
- Fabric paint in a few colours, this way it won't run when wet
- Paintbrushes

This is a great craft for imagination. Let younger children go freestyle and for the older ones, I would suggest designing their umbrella on paper first. There are unlimited options, from stars and stripes to hearts, letters and numbers.

Leave the umbrellas open over night to dry, before closing or using them.



## HOMEMADE UMBRELLAS



I love the Trunki travel accessories and we never go far without this supportive neck cushion. It has a clever clip so your little one can attach their favourite blanket for the journey.

## TRAVEL BITES

My daughter and I made these by chance while playing with ingredients in the kitchen. They give the perfect boost of energy when you need a snack on the run.

Ingredients

- 1 cup of oats
- 1/4 cup honey or other substitute
- 1/4 cup nut butter (we're fans of peanut)
- 3 tablespoons of mixed seeds, crushed
- You can add anything else you like, from raisins and dates, to vanilla and ginger

Method

Mix the ingredients together, shape into bites and pop in the fridge. I like to store them in a jam jar in the fridge and in a little zip lock bag when we are travelling.



## NANNY ANITA'S WORLD SNAP

This activity is good for all ages. For younger children, a simple game of snap and for the older ones, added general knowledge to help with worldly news.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Record cards
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens

HOW TO MAKE:

- Search on the internet for pictures of famous landmarks, print them and cut them out (you will need to print and cut out duplicates for snap).
- Stick one to a card and then add some general knowledge. You can brand and decorate the back of the cards to make it even more fun.

