

# get CRAFTY

**LEONORA BAMFORD** AND **NANNY ANITA** GET INTO THE SWING OF SPRING WITH SEASONAL CRAFTS TO ENJOY WHATEVER THE WEATHER



**S**pring is finally here and I can't help but bounce along. Everything is bursting into life – the birds are singing, trees and flowers are coming into bloom and hibernating animals are emerging once more. At this time of year, we're usually outside searching for new insects and early butterflies. And we're always on the hunt for hedgehogs, frogs and toads.

There are many wonderful woods in London to stroll around on the weekend. Highgate Wood is on my list this weekend, and myKidsy.com always has great ideas on where to venture. Why not let your children become mini phenologists? All they need is a pen and paper to record what they find in their very own wildlife diary.

Nanny Anita has been dreaming up some brilliant arts and crafts for the whole family with easy paper kites for windier days, and paper flowers for when it's too cold or wet to head outside.

And finally, to beat those April showers, children's label Holly & Beau has the coolest gear for changeable weather, with printed coats and brollies that magically change colour when it starts to rain. Genius!

Protect them from the elements in these coats and brollies that change colour in the rain!

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## Paper flowers

You will need:

**Tissue paper squares • scissors • pipe cleaners**

- Stack six square pieces of tissue paper on top of each other neatly.
- Accordion-fold them.
- Wrap a pipe cleaner around the middle of it and twist to secure.
- On either end, trim the edges into a shape, like a triangle or semicircle.
- Then unfold each of the layers one by one to create the flower.



## FUN FINDER

My go-to for finding the ultimate in family fun is MyKidsy. Whether you're looking for after-school clubs, weekend fun or party inspiration, this destination website has got it covered. And it splits things into categories, ages and even specific holidays, making it a cinch to use.

**mykidsy.com**



## MAKE A FUNNY FACE!

Place an egg per person in boiling water for five and a half minutes. Take the top off and, while you steam some asparagus, let the children draw faces on their eggs with marker pens. Then just dip the asparagus soldiers into the runny yolk and enjoy!

## Paper kite

You will need:

**A4 paper • string • ribbon**  
**• tape • hole punch**  
**• bamboo skewer**

- Fold the paper in half, widthways.
- Fold back one side of the flap, at an angle (like you would to make a paper plane). Turn it over and repeat on the other side.
- Flatten it and tape the middle so it doesn't open up.
- Break off the spiky part of the skewer, then tape the remaining part across the top part of the kite on the front.
- Turn it over and make a hole in the fold underneath – it needs to be at the top end of the kite.
- Thread your string through the hole and tie it securely.
- Tape some ribbons to the bottom of your kite.



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

