

# get CRAFTY

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**W**e're half way through the year already and I can't quite believe it. June is my favourite month to be in London, there's so much fun to be had.

Something I particularly love about this time of year is being able to go to the park after school. The lighter evenings mean you can stay out later, and my son loves nothing more than taking a ball to the nearest spot of 'green' and kicking it about with friends.

This time of year calls for ice cream and frozen lollies, so I've promised the children we'll start making their favourite fully-loaded frozen bananas. They're so easy to make and great for pudding after a barbecue. I'll also be packing them up for our many picnics in the park. I'll be sure to have my trusty Go Everywhere mat from Avery Row, too, which doubles up as a play mat and picnic rug.

Last but not least, I'll be doing a bit of retail therapy for the children before going on holiday, and top of my wish list has to be the adorable paint-detail sandals from Toms. The brand gives a pair of shoes to a child in need every time you purchase a pair. It's shopping that makes you feel warm inside!

These cool and comfortable sandals are perfect for summer holidays



'PAINT SPLATTER ON CANVAS' SANDALS £26.99 TOMS.CO.UK

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'GO EVERYWHERE' MAT £65, AVERY-ROW.COM



## The Skittles experiment

You will need:

**Packet of Skittles • bowl • water**

- Place some Skittles into a bowl, one of each colour works best.
- Cover the Skittles with water and watch as the colours start to run – the effect is magical!



## FROZEN BANANA POPS

- Peel the bananas and cut each one in half. Insert a lollipop stick into each one.
- Place the bananas flat on a baking sheet and freeze for at least an hour.
- Get your toppings ready in individual bowls, our favourites include melted chocolate, sprinkles and desiccated coconut.
- Take the bananas out of the freezer, line up the children and let the dipping commence!

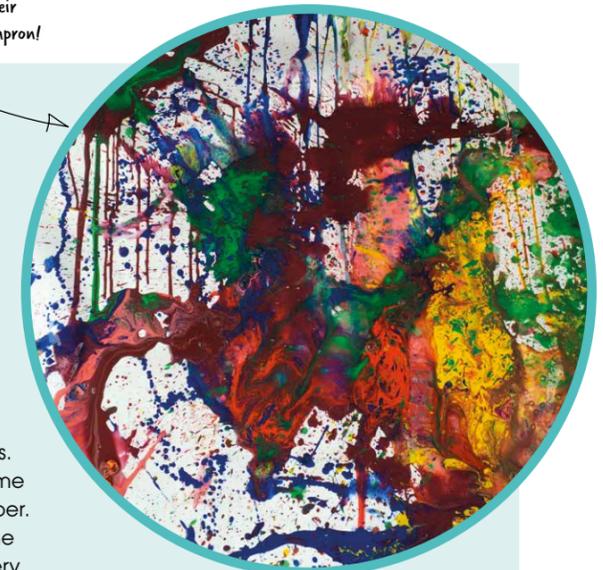
It could get messy, be sure to protect their clothes with an apron!

## Balloon art

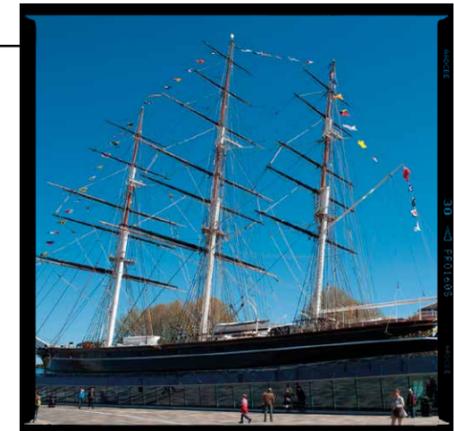
You will need:

**Water balloons • paint • squeezable condiment bottles • water • string • skewer • A3 paper**

- Fill the squeezable condiment bottles half with paint and half with water, and shake to mix.
- Use these bottles to fill up the water balloons.
- Tie the end of the balloons.
- Attach the balloons to some string and tape to the paper.
- Use the skewers to burst the balloons to create your very own masterpiece.



Make sure you have lots of water balloons available – this is so much fun, you won't want to stop!



## ALL ABOARD!

As always in London, there are lots of free places to visit in the summer. Now the sun is finally out, why not take the kids on the Thames? The Clipper has a service to Greenwich Pier where you can take a trip down memory lane at the National Maritime Museum. Older children aged seven years and over will love taking a ride to the edge of space in its special exhibition, 'Above and Beyond'. Lastly, don't forget to pop along to visit the Cutty Sark!

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