

Senses Bear



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Revised Edition

Senses Bear was originally made for the Muslim festival of Eid.
A tradition of this event is to give gifts to friends & loved ones that evoke the senses!
To make the craft more versatile, reference to the festival has been removed from the actual pdf,
as there are many other opportunities to use this craft.
It uses all the five senses in it's creation and is a wonderful P.S.E. & D. activity!



INSTRUCTIONS

You will need

- Plastic Milk Bottle tops ~ Need some ? see our [FORUM](#)
- Small seeds or beads
- Glue gun/strong adhesive
- Cotton wool balls/Pads
- Copies of the Bear template

Children will need

- Pre made rattle bear
- Perfumed oil (or spices) EG. Sandalwood rose, cinnamon, bergamot, lemon, tangerine etc
- Bright coloured fabrics – silk, velvet etc
- Selection of foods to taste – spiced and aromatic



PRINT a larger photo to show the Children the step by step guide on how you assembled the rattle/tummy area

Prepare the rattle part of the bear before offering craft to the children.

Photocopy the bear template & cut out as many as necessary.

1. Place a few small beads, seeds etc into the centre of an upturned bottle lid.
2. For ease ~ lay the card bear on the top of the lid and flip over
3. Holding the lid in place with your fingers - Carefully use a glue gun to attach the outer edge of the bottle top to the marked area of the bear's tummy.
4. Allow it to cool a little then put another line of glue around the edge of the lid and top
5. Lay the cotton ball/pad on the top and press down to secure it in place.

WITH THE CHILDREN ..

- Display the collection of fabrics and discuss their attributes.
 - Are they shiny, dull, silky smooth or rough?
 - Do they cut easily or tear?
- Look at the bottles the spices/essences or oils come in.
 - What are the shapes
 - Are they transparent/see through glass, plastic or other material.
 - What is inside the pots ~ a powder, liquid or crystallised fragrance?

6. Let the children choose the Scent they prefer and place it/drops onto their own Bear (cotton pad)
7. Using the fabrics collage the bear's front and back.

SENSORY OUTCOME ~

- **HEARING** ~ Rattle Instrument, listening and contributing to instructions and information about the craft.
- **SIGHT** ~ Bright colours, hand/eye coordination, discovering how to order the process.
- **SMELL** ~ Spices, perfumed oils
- **TOUCH** ~ Feeling the Textured fabrics
- **TASTE** ~ To complete this craft have some biscuits or sweets for the children to sample - these could be to compliment the scent/essence you used or as a contrast !

ADDITIONAL Opportunity

- Extend the children's descriptive Vocabulary.



THEME YOUR BEARS !!!!

- Use Colour, Texture & Scent to theme your bear crafts !
 - Valentines day ~ Use Red & Pinks
 - Christmas ~ Green, Red & Gold !



Main bear template

Glue bear to top of bottle lid (dashed line) then glue the cotton wool ball on the top. Cover with the collage fabrics.

