

Fun stuff!

Make it

MOTHER'S DAY
15 March

What you'll need



- Small, clean glass bottle
- PVA glue
- Paper plate
- Yarn – a few different colours
- Paintbrush
- Flowers

MOTHER'S DAY VASE

Make a special stripy vase for your mum...



Start here!



1 Mark out your first stripe by brushing some glue on to the neck of the bottle.



2 Pick a colour of yarn and start winding it around the bottle from the top down. The easiest way is to *spin the bottle* around while guiding the thread into place with your fingers.



3 When the thread has almost covered the first stripe of glue, trim it and stick the end to the bottle. Now brush on another stripe of glue below the yarn.



4 Choose the next colour of thread. Line up the ends of the new and old yarn neatly, then continue winding the new colour around the bottle.



5 Repeat with different colours of thread until the bottle is covered. Try to make sure the joins of the yarn are all on the same side. Hey presto, Mum's fabulous new vase!

Mammal mums quiz!

Test your knowledge about mothers in the animal kingdom! Answers below.

1 How do tiger mums carry their cubs?
a) On their backs
b) In their mouths
c) With their tails



2 Which of these animals gives birth in a snow den, while half asleep?
a) Ice seal b) Arctic hare
c) Polar bear

3 Tenrecs give birth to more babies in one go than any other mammal. What's the most babies ever recorded in a tenrec litter?
a) 16 b) 36 c) 136



4 Which of these baby animals is dependent on its mum for the longest?
a) Orangutan
b) Horse
c) Panda



5 Can you unscramble these letters to reveal a group of mammals that carry their babies in a pouch?
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6 Elephants have the biggest babies on land – and the longest pregnancies. How long is a female elephant pregnant for?
a) 9 months
b) 16 months
c) 22 months



If you apply PVA to the whole bottle all at once, the glue will dry out. That's why it's best to add it in stages!

Q What do you call a flying primate? A A hot air baboon! Q What do you call a monkey get-together? A A primmeeting!

Answers: 1) b, 2) c, 3) b, 4) a – young orangutans stay close to their mums for up to seven years, 5) MARSUPIALS, 6) c

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