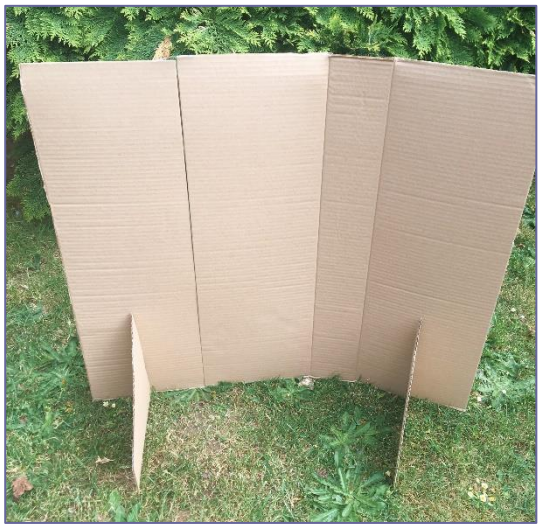
Paper Plane Target









This activity took us about half an hour to make and then we played with it for at least an hour. Depending on the children's attention spans you could make it in several stages.

Equipment

Cardboard box(es)
Scissors
Paint and brushes
Craft knife (optional)
Lots of paper to make planes with

Method

1. Flatten out a cardboard box to make a large rectangle.
2. The precise size isn't too important but make sure it's quite sturdy. We added a bit of extra support at the back where our cardboard wanted to bend.
3. Cut two large triangles from the discarded box flaps, to make feet for the target. Cut a slot in the top of the triangles. Cut two corresponding slots along the bottom edge of the rectangle (see photo).
4. Paint one side of the rectangular board in your favourite colour. Paint both sides of the triangles. (We did this on a very sunny day, and the paint dried in about 10 minutes.)
5. Using a couple of plates or bowls, draw circles on the target to aim your planes at. Either use scissors or a craft knife to cut them out.
6. Paint or write on scores for each hole. Slide the feet on and stand up the target.
7. Now you are ready to make some paper planes. We found these websites with simple instructions for making different types of planes:

   https://www.origamiway.com/paper-airplanes.shtml
   https://www.foldnfly.com/
   https://paperairplaneshq.com/paper-airplanes.html

8. Once you've got a selection of paper planes ready, try aiming them at the target to see which ones fly best, and which get the highest score!

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