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Sculptural Sweet Treats!

This resource shows you how to create sculptural sweet treats out of cardboard and paper. Recreating an object out of paper and card helps you to observe how objects (or desserts in this case) have been made and put together. It's also a fun challenge that helps you to develop paper engineering and construction skills. By manipulating the paper and card in different ways, an impressive array of dessert forms, textures, and decorations can be constructed.

In this resource, the use of unpainted cardboard contrasts against the indulgent surface of real desserts, but you may choose to use coloured papers and paints that replicate the vibrancy of desserts and sweet treats.

Depending on the age of the maker, themes and concepts around diet, consumerism, luxury, celebration or health can also be incorporated and discussed.

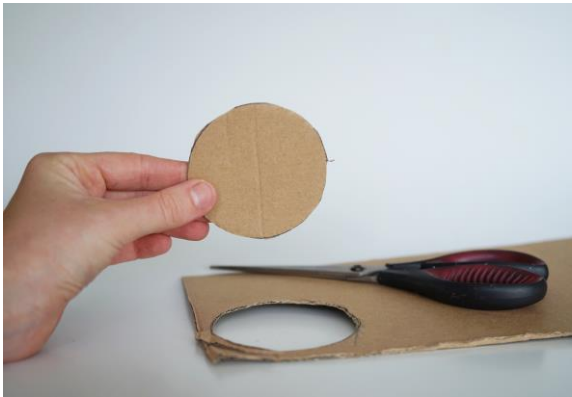
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What will I need for this project?

- Corrugated cardboard
- Thin paper, tissue paper or brown paper
- Scissors
- PVA glue (or a glue gun for older children supervised by an adult)
- Making tape or double sided tape

Step one:

Gather your materials and decide which type of cake or dessert you would like to make. Cut the base of your sculpture out of card.



Step two:

Use corrugated or textured card to create the walls of your cake case or your dessert base. Use double sided tape or a glue gun to hold this in place.



Step three:

Scrunch up and twist a long length of tissue paper or newsprint to create the layers of icing on your dessert. Attach this firmly onto the cake case or base with tape or glue.



Step four:

You are ready to add decorative details to your dessert! Try cutting up small shapes to sprinkle on, creating thin ribbons of paper, or using cardboard shapes to add as decorative wafers. These details will give your dessert an impressive flourish!



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To develop further:

- Try creating a whole collection of cakes, sweet treats and iced desserts!
- How can you manipulate the paper and card in new ways to create more textured decorations?
- How might you display your dessert sculptures?