

Reinventions project

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Building, Binding and

Weaving an Arch

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We at Kids' Own Publishing Partnership, would like to show you what we did in our second "Reinventions Project" workshop (online in May 2020) and have made this document to give you some tools, techniques and encouragement, to try to make your own!

Each week, for 3 weeks, we will have a new pack full of activities and ideas that we hope will inspire you to make many new things from old stuff. This week's 'Building, Binding and Weaving an Arch' pack was put together by artist/ designer Martha van der Meulen.

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Most importantly, we want you to make your own reinventions! These can be inspired by our guides or can be your own brand of new ideas. We are creating a Kids' Own Library of ideas which will be on our website, and we want ideas from children about how we can make new things from old stuff. Please see the last page in this guide for details on how to share and get involved!

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When everything is open again, we would like to organise a day where you can bring your creations and share your ideas and techniques so hang on to them until then!

Building, Binding and Weaving an Arch

When you are in a city, a town, a castle or a garden, you can find buildings in the shape of an arch. You can walk, cycle or drive through them. There is a famous one in the centre of Paris: the Arch the Triomphe. There is an arch drawn on the five Euro note. Sligo abbey has a wall with arches. You might be able to find some in the area where you live.



**Arc de Triomphe
Paris**



**Arched wall in
Sligo Abbey**



A natural arch



**A classical style
rounded arch on a
5 euro note**

You will need:



Long bendable sticks

1 strong big flat box
for base

PVA glue, newspaper
and bowl for paper
mache

all kinds small boxes,
empty toilet roll
holders, egg boxes,
plant pots and other
recycled materials

wool, rope or fabric
for weaving

scissors

paper tape



1. Make paper mache: mix 1 part glue, 1 part water and strips of newspaper



2. Mark holes in cardboard box you are using as a base and use a scissors to punch the holes



3. Put the sticks in the holes on one side and tape them securely to the box



4. String together boxes, toilet rolls, plant pots on two sticks, put the sticks in the holes on other side of base box and tape it together. Do the same with the last 2 sticks. You can leave one empty in the middle



5. Weave the roof with wool, fabric string or rope



6. Decorate with paint, paper mache and mozaik from plant pots

A few samples and ideas



Share:

We would love to see your reinventions that you have made with card and possibly other recycled materials.

You can share them on Social Media using

#kidsownlibraryofideas and **#kidsownreinventions** or send

them to us at: info@kidsown.ie We will post them in the

Kids' Own Library of Ideas on our website

(Make sure you include your name and other details you would like to share and we will include them.)