

Car Air Freshener



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Learning Objectives

1. Improve creativity by designing and customising a unique air freshener using recycled materials.
2. Learn sustainable practices by reusing everyday paper and cardboard.
3. Encourage environmental awareness by promoting the reuse of materials.
4. Enhance the sensory experience by incorporating and blending essential oils to obtain a personalised fragrance.

Duration

Estimated time: 1 hour, although the fact that the mixture has to solidify may take around 1 hour, depending on the size of the mould and the room temperature.



Group Size

It is recommended to carry out the activity in small groups of 2 to 10 people to encourage interaction and mutual support, although it can also be done individually.

Materials Needed

- Silicone or plastic mould: if possible, use a mould that has a hole in it for hanging.
- Wax: you can use any type of wax. (bee wax, synthetic, etc.)
- Decorative cord or ribbon: could be any type you like, to have a personal touch.
- Cutting utensils: scissors or knife.
- Mixing utensils: such as a spatula or a spoon.
- Aromatic materials: such as dried orange, cinnamon, star anise or any other that you like.
- Container or bowl: big enough to put all the wax in it.
- Microwave: to melt the wax.
- Saucepan (optional): it can be used instead of the microwave, to melt the wax if you do not have one, or as an alternative.
- Liquid aroma: could be orange, lemon or any liquid aroma you like.
- Gloves: it is recommended to wear gloves when manipulating hot materials such as wax, to avoid getting burned.
- Safety glasses: it is recommended to wear them when we manipulate hot wax, to avoid any possible splash in the eyes.

Step-by-step Description

1. **Melt the wax.** Pour all the solid wax into a bowl and place it in the microwave for up to 2 minutes. Remove it carefully and check if the wax is fully melted. If not, repeat the process until it is completely liquefied.

If you use a saucepan to melt the wax, pour the wax into the saucepan and heat it until the wax gets completely melted. Do not forget to stir it every now and then. This process will take a little longer compared to melting in the microwave, but the final result is the same. Then, pour the melted wax into a bowl.

Tip to consider: handling hot materials is dangerous, so it is hardly recommended to have a clear desk, to do the workshop without any messy object or any distraction, to avoid making any mistake that could harm you. It is also very important to use gloves and safety glasses to protect us from getting burned. Do not take them out until the mixture cools down completely.

2. **Add the liquid aroma.** Add the liquid aroma directly to the melted wax and mix it gently with a spoon or spatula to ensure it blends well. Remember to not take out your safety glasses and your gloves, because the wax is still very hot and still you can get burned.

3. **Pour the mixture in the mould.** Carefully pour the hot mixture into the mould. It is recommended to use gloves, as the wax will be very hot, and you might get burnt.

4. **Add aromatic materials.** Right after pouring the mixture, add your chosen aromatic decorations.



This should be done as quickly as possible, and preferably with gloves, since once the wax starts to dry, the decorations will no longer stick. You can use any materials you like.

5. Let it cool down. Wait between 30 minutes and 1 hour, depending on the temperature of your working place, until the mixture is completely dried and solid. Now, you can take out your gloves and your safety glasses, as there is not any risk left of getting burned with the mixture.

6. Unmold the air freshener. Once it has dried, carefully remove the air freshener from the mould. Be gentle to avoid breaking it.

7. Attach the cord. If the mould does not have a hole, use scissors or a knife to make one. Then tie a decorative cord through it, so the air freshener can hang in the car. Choose a strong cord that matches the decoration.

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WRITTEN EXPLANATION, WATCH THE VIDEO. [CLICK HERE.](#)

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Learning Outcomes

1. Enhance their creativity by personalising a functional decorative object.
2. Improve their fine motor skills by cutting and moulding with precision.
3. Develop a greater environmental awareness by reusing materials.
4. Acquire practical experience in upcycling, integrating artistic and manual techniques.
5. If the activity is carried out in a group, it promotes collaboration, exchange of ideas and respect for the contributions of others, strengthening communication and social skills.
6. Problem-solving and critical thinking: Facing challenges during the creative process, such as choosing the best moulding technique or solving problems in scent absorption, stimulates analytical skills and effective decision-making.

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Reducing stress and improving emotional well-being: Hands-on activities, such as creating air fresheners, can have a relaxing effect, helping to reduce stress levels and promoting a sense of achievement and personal satisfaction.

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Tips and Adaptations

- **Experiment with shapes:** Silicone moulds in different shapes such as flowers, stars, or geometric figures can give a more personal touch to your air fresheners.
- **Control the intensity:** If you prefer a more subtle scent, reduce the amount of fragrance oil. For a stronger effect, add a few extra drops, but avoid overdoing it, as too much oil may affect the consistency of the wax.
- **Use natural elements:** Dried lavender, citrus peel, cinnamon sticks, or coffee beans are excellent natural options that add both aroma and decorative value. You can add any aroma you want.
- **Personalize with colour:** You can add a few drops of wax dye to match with the interior of your car or create themed air fresheners for different seasons or occasions.
- **Reuse leftover wax:** If you have candle wax scraps at home, you can melt and reuse them, making the process more sustainable and less expensive.
- **Adapt for gifts:** These air fresheners can be packaged in small bags or decorative boxes, and they can be an excellent handmade gift for your friends and family.

Ideas for Inspiration

- [*How to Make a DIY Hanging Car Air Freshener #diy #reuse #crafts - Website*](#)
- [*DIY Air Fresheners with Essential Oils – Craft Lightning - #diy #reuse #blog - Website*](#)
- [*Car Air Freshener DIY - #diy #crafts #reuse #photos #ideas - Pinterest*](#)
- [*Paper Air Freshener DIY - #diy #AirFreshener #reuse #crafts - Website*](#)
- [*DIY All Natural Car Air Freshener #diy #viral #video #crafts #natural - Youtube*](#)
- [*How to Sublimate Car Air Fresheners #diy #canva #design #viral #airfreshener #beginners - Youtube*](#)
- [*Sublimation Air Fresheners: Your How-To Guide #diy #viral #craft #airfreshener #design - Youtube*](#)

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