

Mark Making Sequin and Mirror Daisies

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A collection of beautiful sequined daisies that have mirrored petals. Not only aesthetically appealing but these can enrich your environment whilst having practical qualities.

- You may choose to place the daisies in a group or by themselves on a wall. The sequined surfaces when stroked reveal another colour. This is great for fine motor skills. The children can isolate individual digits or stroke the material with their full hands. You could use different tools. Try using brushes, the end of a wooden spoon, a stick etc. so that children can practise mark making.
- Some children may find manoeuvring the sequins, sweeping them around is very calming and soothing. The daisy could be positioned so that the child could readily access when needed.
- Create a silvery sensory room. Choose the silver flower and theme the resources around it. You could have the Marvellous Metallics, light up resources etc. to create an engaging and interactive experience for children.
- Use these daisies to create a garden. It could be Mr McGregor's. You could use the additional items such as grass, butterflies and dragonflies to enrich it. You could also create a vegetable patch, a scarecrow and a wheelbarrow. Place pretend grass in front of the garden. You might even want to add a pretend fence and of course a 'Peter Rabbit'. Perhaps the children could create their own scarecrow to stop the crows from eating the seeds and vegetables. Ensure you have provided the children with plenty of materials such as fabric, hay, crepe paper, straws etc. to create.
- These flowers could also create 'Mary Mary's' garden. Why not add silver bells and cockle shells to the display. The children could create their own different kinds of flowers, have plenty of resources for the children to use to create with such as fabric, pipe cleaners, tissue paper etc. You could even go on a flower walk with your children (risk assess) and document all the flowers you have found. You could use cameras or recording devices.
- The flowers might be incorporated into your story themes. Perhaps they are 'Percy the Park Keepers' flowers. Encourage the children to think about different stories to develop their early literacy skills. You may want to include the different animals such as a fox, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs etc. for the children to use to retell stories.
- The flowers could work well on a corridor or somewhere the child can stand or line up. The flowers could be explored as the children are waiting.
- Why not create a texture wall. The daisies could be one aspect. You could have a variety of different materials and fabrics, Mirror Pebbles etc. Why not add a light up mirror? Encourage the children to use a rich variety of language to describe such as glossy, rough, bumpy etc.
- The daisies are part mirror so some children may purely use them to observe their own reflection.

