



Happy chaos: wrapping with wool and fabric

Ages: 8-12

What are we going to do?

This activity aims to offer children a moment of relaxation and joyful creation, creating for the simple pleasure of creating.

It focuses on connecting with the sense of touch and exploring the senses through colors and textures.

Connecting with the senses also strengthens the connection with one's own body and intuition.

Artist of inspiration: Judith Scott (1943–2005)

Judith Scott was an American artist with a 21 chromosome disability, as well as being largely deaf and non-verbal.

Her work was playful and free of rules, which made it spectacular and unique.

She wrapped any object with textiles (wool, threads, fabrics), from magazines to bicycle wheels, creating unique and textured pieces.



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Materials you will need:

- An object to wrap, for example:
- An old toy
- A piece of wood
- Several cardboard boxes stacked up
- A small metal box
- Threads of different colors and thicknesses
- Work
- Tapes
- Fabric scraps
- Glue
- Small, textured objects, such as:
- Buttons
- Pom-poms
- Feathers
- These materials can be adapted to what is available at home or at the center.

Duration: 45-60 minutes



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Instructions:

1. Choose your object.

- It could be an old toy, a piece of wood, cardboard, etc. Choose a shape and size that interests you. To start, it's recommended to choose an object that isn't too heavy or large so you can handle it easily.

2. Start wrapping.

- Wrap the object with fabrics, threads, and wools of different colors and thicknesses.
- When you finish one thread, make a knot to secure it and continue with another color.

3. Explore and add details.

- There is no right or wrong way. You can add small objects (feathers, pieces of wire, buttons) to enrich the texture.
- Let your sense of touch be your guide and look for textures and shapes that feel "happy" to the touch.

4. Finalization.

- You'll know you're finished when you have no more materials to add.
- If you want, you can take pictures of your favorite parts and share them (with parental permission).



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Timeline

- **0-10 minutes:** Presentation of the activity and display of inspirational images.
- **10-50 minutes:** Activity development.
- **50-60 minutes:** Questions, group discussion and presentation of results (if desired).

Expected results:

- Create one or more pieces of wrapped objects, original and with varied textures.

Optional: Take photos with your mobile phone of your favorite details to share in a collective gallery (with prior parental permission).

Video of the activity (in Spanish): A happy chaos



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