

CUPID'S BOW AND ARROW

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Cupid is a common figure displayed around Valentine's Day. However, did you know that Cupid was not his real name? The Romans actually gave him the name after he was adopted. His biological parents were Greek. They gave him the name Eros, which meant the god of love. This is why love is associated with his name.

When Cupid was a young boy, he was given a magical bow and arrow. He could control the emotions of humans and other gods with the arrow. This gave him tremendous power. The arrow could make humans and gods feel either good or bad emotions.

Cupid often played games with his arrows. Once, he shot a love arrow at the god Apollo. He wanted to make him fall in love with the goddess Daphne. It worked. Apollo became lovesick after he was hit with the arrow. However, Cupid had a trick up his sleeve. He shot Daphne with a bad emotion arrow. He wanted her to hate Apollo! Because of Cupid's arrows, Apollo was madly in love with Daphne, but Daphne hated him. What a bad situation! Also, just for entertainment, Cupid would cause people with different traits to fall in love with each other. He would then observe them as their relationships fell apart.

Over time, Cupid lost his desire to be mischievous. Today, he is seen as a symbol of love and affection. His image is displayed on Valentine's Day cards and candy bouquets, and most people view him as a cuddly, lovable character.

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How to Make a Mini Cupid's Bow and Arrows

Materials:

- A bowl of warm water
- Wooden craft sticks
- Dental floss
- Cotton swabs
- Pen or pencil
- Nail clippers

Directions:

1. Soak the wooden sticks in a bowl of warm water for at least an hour. The warm water will soften the sticks up enough so that they are bendable.
2. Remove the wooden sticks from the water and thoroughly dry them off with a paper towel.
3. Using a pen or pencil, draw small notch marks on both ends of the wooden stick.
4. The easiest way to cut away the notch marks is with a pair of nail clippers. Carefully clip four notches into the wooden craft stick.
5. Gently form the wooden stick into a slight curve as shown in the photo. When you begin to tie the floss around the ends, the curve will increase.
6. Provide plenty of floss to each student so that knots can easily be formed. Tightly wrap and tie floss around both ends of the wooden stick, as shown in the photo.
7. Decorate the outside of the bow with paper, stickers, or markers.
8. To make the arrows, cut the ends off one end of a cotton swab.

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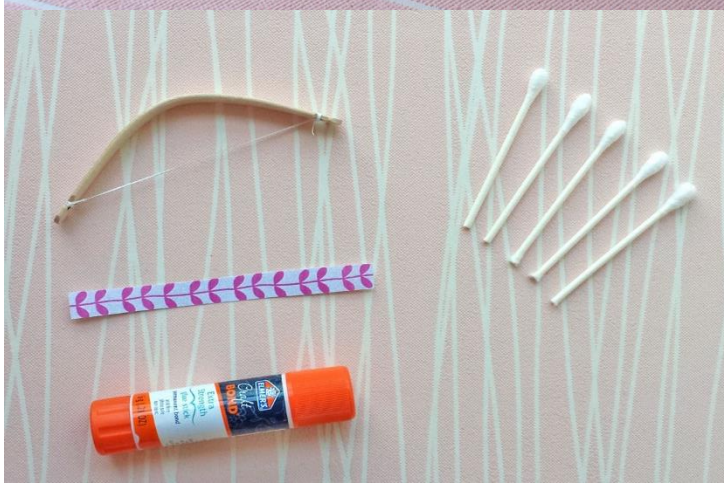
After you have successfully made your bow and arrow, test it out by shooting your arrow and measuring the distance the arrow traveled.

Trial	Distance Arrow Traveled

1. Which distance was the greatest?

2. Which distance was the least?

3. Find the difference between the greatest distance traveled and the least distance traveled.



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