

Japan

Sensory Ideas

Art

Cherry Blossom

- 1) Bubble wrap cherry blossom - <https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2015/03/bubble-wrap-print-cherry-blossom-tree-wfree-printable.html>



Supplies:

- * Free Cherry Blossom Tree Printable {Download [HERE](#)}
- * White or Light Blue Coloured Cardstock
- * Colour Printer
- * [Bubble Wrap](#)
- * Small Paper Plate
- * White Craft Paint
- * Pink Craft Paint

Instructions:

- * First [download](#) and print the **Cherry Blossom Tree** printable on your choice of coloured or white cardstock. You only need ONE tree print per craft. Print as many as you like! Alternatively, feel free to draw your own.
- * Next place some pink and white paint on a paper plate.
- * Have children use a small square piece of bubble wrap as their paint brush/stamp to paint some blossoms all over the tree.
- * Once done, they can add other embellishments if they like. I sprinkled some pink glitter on top of mine before the paint dried.
- * Then set aside to let it dry completely before you display it probably for all to see!

2) Plastic Bottle Cherry Blossom

<https://alphamom.com/family-fun/holidays/cherry-blossom-art-from-a-recycled-soda-bottle/>



Instructions:

- 1) Start by using dark paint to paint a branch on poster board. Branches are easy to paint. If you can't paint in a straight line, it looks even better.
- 2) Once the branch is painted, let it dry before continuing with the stamping.
- 3) Now let's do the stamping. Pour some paint on a paper plate and dip the plastic bottle. The bottom of 2-liter soda bottle has five points like the five petals of a cherry blossom.
- 4) Press the plastic bottle on the poster board, then lift up. Dip the bottle in more paint each time you repeat the stamp. This is really fun, add as many blossoms as you want.

Olympic Sensory Bottles



Supplies:

- *small plastic bottle
- *small elastic hair bands (Olympic rings colours – red blue, black, yellow and green)
- * glitter – coarse and/ or fine, any colour.
- * glue gun

Instruction Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76MTGCgFt5E>

NB. Remember to seal the bottle with a glue gun to avoid contents being removed, e.g.



Example hair bands:

Japanese Smell Jars

Instruction video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T8R6Kut240>



Supplies:

- Small jars, e.g. old jam jars
- Wasabi
- Ginger
- Rice vinegar
- Seaweed, e.g. Nori flakes
- Soy sauce
- Children's chopsticks

Lesson plan ideas video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuUO5vcvQg>

Can also be used as a Japanese taste/ smell themed sensory bin idea:



Rainbow Noodles



This video uses spaghetti, but should work equally well with dried egg noodles.

Instruction video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtqo9173vr8>

Edible Cherry Blossom Garden



Supplies:

- Mini marshmallows (white and pink)
- Wooden skewers and cocktail sticks
- Corn flour
- Cocoa
- Oil
- Biscuits (optional)

Instruction video for dirt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eLPsKo2hos>

Instructions to make flowers: <https://www.momendeavors.com/edible-craft-marshmallow-flowers-spring-centerpiece/>



Edible Sand for Japanese Zen Garden

Can be combined with edible cherry blossom, as well as the rainbow theme from rainbow noodles, too.

Instruction video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjcCofS4M9Q>

