

# Giant Sunflower Art

It is time to get creative! All you will need is a clean set of hands and a few additional supplies to make a giant sunflower! If you're looking for more fun craft activities, please visit us at [www.signingtime.com](http://www.signingtime.com) or [www.signingtimekids.org](http://www.signingtimekids.org)

## What do I need?

- Small or large paper plate
- Yellow construction paper
- Sunflower seeds
- Paper towel cardboard tube or a tube from wrapping paper
- 3-4 sheets of green construction paper
- scissors
- bottle of glue
- tape
- stapler



This sunflower was created using a large paper plate and 10 handprints.

## Book Link:

*A fun way to introduce this activity is to read the book...*

- "Sunflower House" by Eve Bunting

*This book assists children in understanding how a sunflower comes to life – from seed to a mature flower. They'll also learn where sunflower seeds come from.*

## Time to create!

**Step 1:** Start by gathering together the supplies you will need. Using your child's hands, trace his/her hands onto the yellow construction paper and cut them out. You'll need about 6-8 handprints for a small plate and 10-12 handprints for a large plate. Using the small or large paper plate, assemble the handprints overlapping the edge of the plate. Glue or tape the hands onto the plate. Cut a circle from the yellow construction paper, (same size as the bottom of your plate) and glue it in the center to cover the white center of the paper plate. Take your glue and make a puddle the size of a quarter on the yellow center of the plate. Have your child spread the glue to the base of the handprints. Then place the sunflower seeds into the glue. Allow the glue to dry before continuing on.

**Step 2:** While you are waiting for the glue to dry, begin assembling the "stem." Using your cardboard tube; cover the tube with green construction paper. As you begin wrapping your stem with green paper, you will notice you don't need all of the green paper. Be sure to cut excess paper off and tape it into place. Continue doing this until your tube is completely covered. Using your child's hands, trace two handprints (fingers and thumbs together) and cut them out. You just made the leaves for you stem!

**Step 3:** Now you can assemble your "giant sunflower!" You will need to flatten one end of the cardboard tube – your stem. Using a stapler, take your flower and lift some of the fingers near the edge of the plate. Staple the flower to the stem. You will want to lift the handprints near the edge of the plate, so when you staple the flower onto the stem, the staples won't show. Then, fold back a small portion at the base of each hand. Place glue beneath the fold and hold it to your stem. Do this for both handprints. Now you have a giant sunflower!

