

Cumbria County Council

Early Years Team

**What can I do
today?**



This week it is... paper

Saturday

Paper chains

- Make paper chains with your child to decorate your home.
- Cut strips of paper into similar widths – perhaps 4 or 5 cm thick.
- Use coloured paper or cut up newspaper or old magazines.
- Loop the first strip end to end to make a circle and secure with tape, a staple or glue.
- Thread the next strip through and make it into a circle and secure... keep going adding more links to the chain!
- How long can you make your paper chain? Can you find things it is longer or shorter than? How many links do you have – can you count them together?
- You can use a paper chain to count down to an event such as a birthday or celebration. Make the chain as long as the number of days away from an event (e.g. 10 days until your child's birthday) and they can remove a link each day to help them count down.