Decorating your bangles

- From the stickers in this kit you have lots of opportunity to decorate your bangle designs with cool messages and pictures.
- With felt pens or markers, why not add little dots to the edges of your bracelets for a patterned edging.
- If you have any spare sticks left over you can make your own designs by sticking on photos, magazine pictures or even your own drawings.

Contents: Plastic bangle maker, 3 bangle holders and bangle clips, wooden bangle sticks for 10 bracelets (including spare ones in case any split when making the bangles), bangle strips, 2 sheets of stickers, PVA glue.

To assemble your bangle maker, follow the next 3 diagrams.

WARNING!
Not suitable for children under 3 years. Contains small parts which may cause a choking hazard. Glue may stain fabrics, carpets and vinyl. For use under adult supervision. Please read the instructions before use, follow them and keep for future reference.

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**Before you begin**

- Cover your immediate work area and the floor underneath with newspaper to protect furnishings against water or glue spills.
- Find a suitable plastic container that you can soak your sticks in.
- It is a good idea to carefully separate the bangle designs into individual strips and lay them out in front of you.
- Occasionally a stick may split during the bangle making process because the wood is a natural material. If this happens, **PUT THE STICK IN THE BIN AND DO NOT USE!** Spare sticks are included in the kit in case this happens.

**Let’s make a bangle!**

1. Line up each bangle against the stick template (see diagram below) and put a small dot on the side edge of the stick (at 75mm) with a pen or pencil.
2. Take a few sticks, place them in your chosen container and cover them with warm water. Leave them to soak for about 10 minutes. **NOTE: In hotter water, the bangles only need to soak for about 5 minutes but this should only be done by an adult. (NEVER USE BOILING WATER!)**
3. Now take one of the bangles and flex it slightly with your fingers, then slide it all the way down into the slot between the bangle maker handles and the oval bangle holder. Make sure that the mark you made on your stick lines up with the arrow on the oval bangle holder.
4. Take each handle and bring both of them towards you which will bend the bangle as you do this **(A)**. Still keeping the handles together, take a clip and slide it onto both of the stick ends which holds them together **(B)**. Carefully lift off the whole bangle holder and leave it somewhere warm to dry **(C)**, such as on a radiator or in the airing cupboard.
5. When the wooden stick is completely dry, it is ready to be decorated.
6. Take a small blob of pva glue and smear it over the stick using a small piece of card or an old paintbrush.
7. Slide on a paper design and press it well down onto the stick paying particular attention to both ends so it is really well attached.