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## Activity: Jumpers and joy!

**Bring on the festive spirit by creating this unique, oversized, Christmas jumper collage.**

A fun way to bring holiday excitement into the nursery while supporting children's creative expression and development.

### Learning aims

- Creativity and self-expression
- Fine motor skills
- Understanding the world.

### Resources

- Paint and paintbrush
- Wall space with paper backing applied
- Materials to make the collage – for example, tissue paper, feathers, magazines, fabric scraps, cotton balls, colourful paper, biodegradable glitter etc
- Glue
- Safety scissors
- Markers
- Pictures/photos of Christmas jumpers (optional).



### Activity outline

1. Paint the outline of an oversized jumper (size will depend on the wall space you have available)
2. Gather the children and ask them what they think the outline is. Once determined, tell them that you'd like them to make it into a colourful Christmas jumper. Ask if they have ever seen or worn a Christmas jumper. What are the qualities of a Christmas jumper, what do they look and feel like? If available, show them some Christmas jumpers or images
3. Ask the children for their ideas on how they will make the jumper look like a Christmas jumper. Take their ideas into account when gathering resources to make the collage
4. Encourage the children to explore the materials before using them and to think about the effect on the jumper, for example, the cotton balls will make the jumper soft/fluffy
5. Let the creativity commence as they glue their chosen materials to the jumper and/or add design features with markers

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6. Once it's finished, ask the children to share and describe their contributions
7. Stand back and enjoy the magic of your collaborative creation. A masterpiece filled with unique textures and colours that blend beautifully to showcase everyone's creativity.

### **Extension ideas:**

- Take a photo of the finished jumper and make it into a Christmas card for your setting.

### **NDNA products to support you with this activity:**

- [Expressive Arts and Design](#) – face to face training.