

# Pelican Crossing Mobile

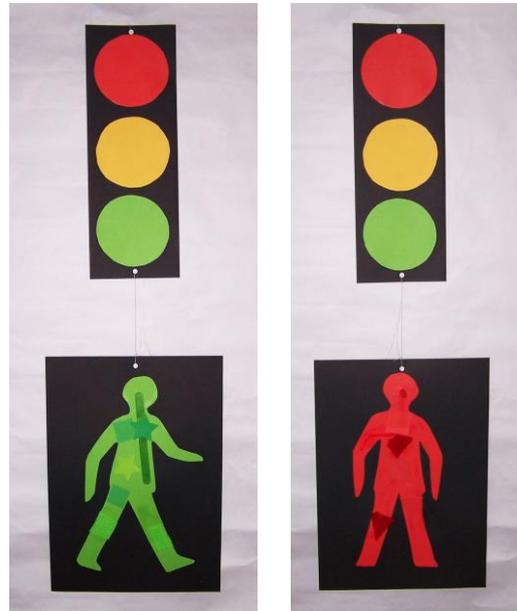
## Theme: Road Safety

### Instructions

Cut the traffic lights and red and green men out of the coloured circles.

Use red or green collage material to decorate a little green man and a red 'stop' man. Glue them back to back onto the card and hang them from the traffic light.

As the mobile turns in the draft you can ask your child 'can we go?' and practice as if you're on a real road.



## Teaching a child about road safety

Roads and traffic are such a fundamental and dangerous part of our built environment that it is worth discussing basic road safety with even the youngest of children. This project gives you an opportunity to discuss road safety with your child via a pelican crossing you make together.

For lots of the children of this age, pelican crossings are fun because they have the opportunity to press a button and make the traffic stop for them. As soon as they are able to differentiate between colours (from about 2 ½ ) they can be taught to look for the 'little green man'. When I cross the road with my own children (after they have squabbled about who gets to press the button), I ask them again and again, 'can we cross yet?' They answer 'yes' or 'no'. Eventually they get the hang of it!

While children of this age are far too young to be allowed to ever attempt this without supervision, it is never-the-less the first step towards independence and gives the children a feeling of empowerment.

Other things you can teach children of this age are:

- Stop, look and listen (the Green Cross Code)
- To always walk on the inside of the pavement away from the cars
- To always walk holding an adult's hand or with their hand on the pushchair
- How to recognise and use a zebra crossing
- Crossing between bollards

This song is really good for pelican crossings. It's to the tune of 'twinkle twinkle little star':

*Twinkle twinkle crossing light,  
Standing on the corner bright.  
When it's red it's NO NO NO,  
When it's green it's GO GO GO.  
Twinkle twinkle crossing light,  
Standing on the corner bright.*

