

Toilet paper roll crafts — creative creatures

Introduce reusing and recycling whilst making creative creatures from toilet paper rolls at home!

Get your child's creative juices flowing, creating any creature of their liking.

Learning benefit / Skills developed

- Building on fine motor skills in the hands and handeye coordination, particularly when cutting and sticking
- Introduces concepts of reusing and recycling, and learning about sustainability
- Fosters imagination and creative skills, as well as provides sensory exploration when using different tactical materials (e.g. feathers)

What you'll need

- Toilet paper rolls (collect and save a couple so you can create a few different creatures!)
- Scissors, glue and/or sticky tape
- Paintbrushes, paint and coloured texters
- Any other desired craft items: for e.g. googly eyes, pipe cleaners, feathers, glitter, coloured paper, beads, string, etc.

Instructions

- . Decide what creative creature you want to create—for example an owl or a mouse.
- 2. Paint your toilet paper rolls to your desired colour using a paintbrush, then set aside for at least 30mins to dry.
- 3. Use scissors to cut out a nose or mouth (if not painting, drawing or adding on) with adult assistance if needed.
- 4. Add on your other bits with texters, paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, etc. as needed and set down with glue—again allow to dry.

Tips

- Listen and allow your child to decide what creature they'd like to make based on their interests, or encourage them to use their imagination and make one up!
- Optional—add string to the top when finished to hang up as a decoration
- Talk to them about reusing toilet paper rolls and what this means for the environment, and ask how else they could reuse it

