

Make your own Fiery Dragon Puppet

Inspired by The Border Regiment Badge



You will need:

Glue, pencil, tape, scissor:

3 toilet tubes,

Coloured paper and card

Red/orange/yellow tissue paper

String/wool,

Lollipop sticks

Optional:

Pom poms

Googly eyes

Pipe cleaners

Egg carton

Shiny sweet wrappers, paper scraps

You will need a for poking holes and if you are using a hot glue gun



1. To make the head, body, and tail use 3 toilet rolls. Cut one into 4 equal pieces of approx. 2.5 cm, from the second one cut another 2.5cm section. The remaining section is for the head. The third tube will become the body. Cut your coloured paper into strips the same width of the tubes, wrap around securing with glue or tape. Use the template to draw and cut out 2 wings.



2. Take the larger section for the second toilet roll. Start by threading approx. 30cm length of string or wool through the top, back section of the tube (this is to add him to his crossbar later.) Secure tightly with a knot.

Start by adding some eyes to the back of tube, either side of your knot. Stick the pom-poms firmly in place with glue and add googly eyes. You could also make the eyes out of colouring in paper.

Next, use a pen to draw on two nostrils at the front of the tube.

Gather some scraps of coloured tissue paper. Rip them into long, thin pieces, twist them at one end. Glue or tape them into place inside his mouth.

Finally, using the template cut two triangles for his sharp teeth and stick inside his mouth.



Next decorate the dragon's body;
Take the full-length toilet tube and using scraps of card, shiny paper or sweet wrappers cut out scales, and stick to the body.

Using the template cut a strip of card and decorate his neck.

Use glue or tape to attach his head and body to each end of the neck

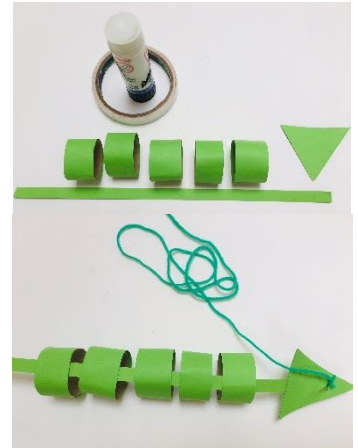


Now it is time to make his tail. Using the template cut 2 triangles of card or paper and 1 long strip of card.

Glue or tape the small sections of tube to the long strip of card, leaving 1cm gap between each section.

Add the triangle at the end, sandwiching the long strip between.

Thread through approx. 30 cm length of wool and knot securely.



To make a dragon leg you will need 2 strips of card or paper, (use the template as a guide)

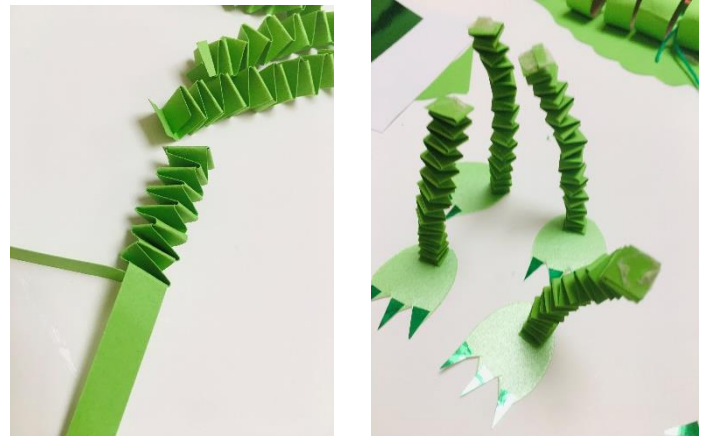
To concertina the card into bouncy legs, secure the card at the corners in a right angle, layer one piece of card over another until it is all used up. Again, secure with tape.

Make 3 more legs.

Use the template to cut feet; these can be decorated with sharp claws!

Or make his legs out of pipe cleaners or wool with feet at the end.

Then attach these to the underside of the body.



To make the cross bar for your puppet make a cross with the two lolly sticks. Make sure these are secure; you can wrap wool or string across them to hold into place. Once this is sturdy you can attach your puppet to it. Attach the head to one corner, the tail to another.

For the two remaining corners, cut 2 more 30 cm lengths of wool or strings and knot to each point.

Then gently, but securely, knot the other end of the wool to the base of the dragon's neck and the other piece to the base of the tail. Check that all of the lengths are similar, so he can sit or stand.

Top Tip! you can simply wrap surplus wool around the lolly stick if it is too long.

Well done! Your dragon is ready to fight and play!

