Recycled paper tube crafts

25 fun kids’ projects made with simple craft supplies you probably already have at home!

Ages 4+
**Paper Tube Photo Holder Frame**  
*Ages 4+

**Supplies:**  
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube  
• Construction Paper  
• Markers  
• Age Appropriate Scissors  
• White Cardstock  
• Craft Glue

**Directions:**

**Step 1** Cut a paper towel tube into three sections, each a different length.  
**Step 2** Wrap the mid-size section with construction paper, layered into a rainbow. Use a glue stick to attach.  
**Step 3** Cut a piece of white construction paper the same size as the largest tube. Draw a tree trunk onto the white construction paper piece and cut out. Now wrap the white piece around the tube and glue. Let dry.  
**TIP:** The brown of the tube should be seen through the trunk shape you cut out of the white construction paper piece.  
**Step 4** Cut out hearts from green construction paper and glue to your tree. Set aside to dry.  
**Step 5** Make a sun on the smallest tube. Cut a piece of yellow construction paper the same size as the tube. Draw a sun with markers; then wrap it around the tube and glue.  
**Step 6** Cut two slits on the top of the two tallest tubes.  
**Step 7** Hand draw a family picture and slide it into the slits, as shown.  
**Step 8** Have the edges of the tubes touch and add a bit of glue to keep them in place. Let dry.  
**TIP:** Personalize this project as desired and give it for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or to a Grandparent.

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**Paper Tube Stamped Greeting Card**  
*Ages 4+

**Supplies:**  
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube  
• Colored Cardstock  
• Acrylic Craft Paint  
• Clothespin  
• Paintbrush  
• Craft Glue  
• Age Appropriate Scissors  
• Paper Plate

**Directions:**

**Step 1** To make the heart shape, cut a section of a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube about 1” wide. Push in a small area of the tube to make the shape of a heart. Place a dab of glue to the overlapping area to hold the shape. Let dry.  
**TIP:** Use a clothespin to keep the shape and let the glue dry.  
**Step 2** Place paint onto a paper plate and spread it out so it’s a little larger than the heart shape. Now, dip the shape into the paint.  
**Step 3** Stamp four hearts into a “+”, as shown, onto a piece of cardstock.  
**Step 4** Repeat Step 3 with a second layer of hearts but this time, adjust the angle slightly.  
**Step 5** Paint a stem and add a few dots to the center of the flower.  
**Step 6** Use the heart shape to stamp leaves on the stem. Let dry.  
**Step 7** Make a card by folding a coordinating piece cardstock in half. Cut the white cardstock down to fit on top of your card. Glue in place.
Paper Tube Pet Phone Holder
Ages 6+

Supplies:
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Markers
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pencil

Directions:

Step 1 Holding your tube upright facing you, measure down about 2½” from the top. Draw a light line, about 1¼” wide, around the front of the tube.

TIP: If you are using a paper towel tube, first cut it down to about 4” tall.

Step 2 Going back up to the top, measure about ¼” wider than the line drawn in Step 2, on each side. Make a mark.

Step 3 Now, draw a light line connecting the mark to the line on each side creating a uneven rectangle that is wider at the top but narrows as you move down. Cut out this uneven rectangle but keep the scrap piece.

Step 4 Paint the tube. Let dry. Add additional coats if desired.

Step 5 From the scrap piece, cut out ears for your pet. Paint the ears or color them with markers. You can even make a tail!

TIP: Make ovals for floppy ears or triangles for perky ears.

Step 6 Glue the ears onto the tube, as shown. Let dry.

Step 7 Finally, draw on your pet’s face.

Paper Tube Stamped Towel
Ages 14+

Supplies:
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Fabric Paint
- Foam Brush
- Cotton or Flour Sack Towel

Directions:

Step 1 Lay your towel out on your working surface.

TIP: Make sure you have wax (or palette) paper under your towel in case the paint seeps through to your working surface.

Step 2 Cut a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube in half. Use it as a circle or you can shape it into other shapes (like a heart).

Step 3 Dip the end of the tube into paint, then press onto the towel. Repeat until you are happy with your pattern. Let dry.
Kids Yarn-Wrapped Paper Tube Bracelet
Ages 4+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Yarn
• Pony Beads
• Plastic Needles
• Craft Glue
• Hole Punch (Adult Use Only)
• Age Appropriate Scissors
• Ruler
• Pencil

Directions:

Step 1 First, measure and cut about a 2” piece from a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube.
Step 2 Now, cut the circular piece open so you have a strip that is about 2” x 5¼”. This is the base of your bracelet.
Step 3 Lay the base onto your working surface. Arrange so the 5¼” edge is horizontal.
Step 4 Place a ruler along the center, lengthwise, and mark the center. Mark at ½” from each end.
TIP: You should have three marks along the center of the base.
Step 5 Move your ruler up so it is about ½” from the top edge. Mark 1½” from each end. Repeat along the bottom edge.
TIP: You should have two marks along the top and two along the bottom of the base.
Step 6 ADULT: Punch a hole at each marking from Steps 4-5.
Step 7 Brush some glue onto one end of the base, on the back. Place a yarn end in the glue. Hold it in place and wrap yarn around the base until you get to about ½” from the other end. Brush more glue to the back and finish wrapping. Trim yarn, tuck in and let the glue dry.
Step 8 Cut about 15”-20” of yarn. Thread one end onto a plastic needle.
Step 9 Stitch through the holes as desired. Add pony beads as you work along the top of your bracelet.
TIP: The needle is too big to go through the small pony beads but is very helpful with threading the yarn through the bracelet base. Use a piece of fishing line (or dental floss) to thread yarn with pony beads. Cut about 6” of fishing line (or dental floss), fold in half and thread open ends through the bead. Place yarn in the loop of the fold then pull through the bead.
Step 10 Tie the ends under the bracelet. Tuck in the ends and add a dab of glue to secure. Let dry.
Step 11 For the closure, cut two 12” of yarn.
Step 12 For each end, fold one of the yarn pieces in half and thread the fold through the hole that is centered ½” from an end. Pull the ends through the loop (of the fold) and pull the ends tight. The loop should be flush against the base’s edge.
Step 13 Thread the hanging strands of each side through a small pony bead, in opposite directions, to make the sliding closure (as shown).
Step 14 Tie a double knot at about 2” from each end of each yarn strand, add pony beads and tie another double knot below the beads. Trim ends.
TIP: To wear, carefully open the bracelet, slide on and pull the hanging strands to tighten.
**Kids Yarn-Knot Paper Tube Bracelet**

**Ages 4+**

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Yarn
- Pony Beads
- Craft Glue
- Hole Punch (Adult Use Only)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Age Appropriate Scissors

**Directions:**

**Step 1** First, measure and cut about a 1” piece from a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube.

**Step 2** Now, cut the circular piece open so you have a strip that is about 1” x 5¾”. This is the base of your bracelet.

**Step 3 ADULT:** Punch a centered hole about ½” on each end to add ties later.

**Step 4** Cut 4 yards of yarn. Fold it in half to find the middle and tie the yarn to one end of the 1” tube piece you cut open in Step 2.

**TIP:** Make sure the strands on either side of the tie are even and work your knots over the excess yarn for an extra firm hold.

**Step 5** Add a little glue underneath the base for an extra hold on the end.

**Step 6** Work square knots around the open paper tube base until the entire surface is covered. To do this, take the right yarn and fold it across the front of the base, horizontally, making the shape of a backward number “4”.

**Step 7** Now, take the left yarn and place it over the right yarn, bend it back under the right yarn and across back of the base then up through the opening of the backward “4”. Grab the ends of both yarns and pull tight.

**Step 8** Repeat Steps 6-7 in reverse: take the left yarn and fold it across the front of the base, horizontally, making the shape of the number “4”.

**Step 9** Now, take the right yarn and place it over the left yarn, bend it back under the left yarn and across back of the base then up through the opening of the “4”. Grab the ends of both yarns and pull tight.

**Step 10** Repeat Steps 6-9 until you reach the end of your bracelet. Tie the yarn in the back and trim the ends. Add a little cut for extra hold and tuck in the ends.

**Step 11** Cut a 12” yarn piece. Fold it in half. At the fold, tie the yarn pieces in an overhand knot about ½” from the bend, making a loop.

**Step 12** Measure 2” down from the looped end and tie a double overhand knot.

**Step 13** Thread the ends through the hole, from underneath, and pull it until the knot is flush against the bracelet. Now, tie another double overhand knot on top of the hole.

**Step 14** Add pony beads and tie a knot to hold them to the yarn.

**Step 15** On the other end, cut about a 6”-8” piece of yarn. Tie a double knot in the center of the yarn piece. Thread the ends through a pony bead and pull until the knot rests on the top of the bead.

**Step 16** Finally, thread the yarn ends through the top of the hole and tie the ends to the yarn loops underneath the bracelet. Tuck in ends and a dab of glue to secure. Let dry.

**TIP:** To wear, wrap the loop from one end over the pony bead on the other end.
**Paper Tube Window Bear**

*Ages 6+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Construction Paper
- Markers
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Felt
- Craft Glue
- Pom Poms
- Wiggle Eyes
- Ribbon or Yarn
- Template on page 15

**Directions:**

**Step 1** Print the template and cut out the shapes

**Step 2** Trace the bear’s body pattern onto brown felt and the nose, paws and ears on to a lighter felt. Cut out the pieces and set aside.

**Step 3** Hold the pattern up to a paper tube that’s about 4” tall. Use a pencil to trace the bear shape onto the front of the tube. Also, trace the straight line around the rest of the tube that is about 1½” from the bottom.

**Step 4** Cut along the traced lines so you have the bear shape in the front and the shorter tube in the back. Use the image as a guide.

**Step 5** Cut a piece of construction paper that is 1½” tall and 5” long. Glue it to the bottom of the tube covering the back side.

**Step 6** Glue wiggle eyes and a pom pom nose onto your bear’s face. Decorate your bear as desired markers.

**Step 7** Glue the felt bear to the front of your paper tube. Make sure the edges of your felt bear are aligned with the bear shape you cut out of the tube. Let dry.

**Step 8** Cut a piece of ribbon (or yarn) and tie it around the bears neck.

**TIP:** Set your bear in the window for neighbors to see!

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**Paper Tube Bunny Egg Holder**

*Ages 6+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Felt
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Craft Glue
- Pom Poms
- Wiggle Eyes
- Pencil

**Directions:**

**Step 1** First, measure 1½” in from one end of a toilet paper (or half of a paper towel) tube and draw a line around it with a pencil.

**Step 2** Now, starting at the line and going up, draw two bunny ears on one side of the tube.

**Step 3** Cut around the bunny ears and along the pencil line around the tube to make the base of your egg holder.

**Step 4** Paint the 3D bunny as desired. Let dry.

**Step 5** Cut some white felt for the inside of the ears and glue in place. Let dry.

**TIP:** If you don’t have white felt you can substitute with fabric, paper towel or even some pieces of a cotton ball.

**Step 6** Using some of the remaining paper tube scraps, cut three pieces to use as the whiskers. Glue them together, with a pom pom on top, and attach to the front of your bunny’s face.

**TIP:** If you don’t have a black pom pom you can use a marker or paint.

**Step 7** Lastly, add some wiggle eyes (or draw them) onto the bunny.

**Step 8** Finish by placing a treat filled plastic egg in the tube pocket!
Paper Tube Unicorn
Ages 6+

Supplies
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Construction Paper
- Yarn
- Markers
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Markers
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue Stick
- Craft Glue

Directions:
Step 1 Paint the paper tube and let dry.
Step 2 Draw and cut two small ears out of construction paper to match the tube.
Step 3 Draw and cut a pointy triangle, as short or as tall as you like, to create the unicorn horn. Set these pieces aside.
Step 4 To make the mane, wrap yarn around three fingers 5-7 times and then cut the end. Carefully slide the yarn from your fingers. Cut a small strip of yarn to tie around the center of the yarn loops. Once the loop has been cinched and tied in the middle, cut both ends. This creates bangs and a mane.
Step 5 To make the tail, wrap yarn around all four fingers on your hand 10 times and cut the end. This creates another, larger loop. Cut the ends free on the loop. Tie a knot on one end of the loop.
Step 6 On the back side of the unicorn tube, take your scissors and cut a 2” slit from the bottom. Slide the knot up the slit so that the knot is inside the tube and the tail is hanging on the outside of the tube.
Step 7 Use a glue stick to attach the ears to the front of the unicorn and the cheeks to the face.
Step 8 Draw on pink cheeks and eyelashes with a marker.
Step 9 Next, use liquid glue to attach the bangs/mane to the top of the tube. The bangs should extend over the top of the tube and the mane over the back. Concentrate the glue on the craft tube in those areas. Hold the mane in place until dry.
Step 10 Now, cut a small curve on the bottom of your horn and attach to the top of the mane using Elmer’s® school glue. Let dry.

Paper Tube Fairy House
Ages 14+

Supplies:
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Kraft Paper or Brown Paper Bag
- XACTO® Knife
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks

Directions:
Step 1 Decide on the design of your fairy house; then carefully cut the windows and doors using a X-Acto® knife.
Step 2 Paint your fairy house. Let dry.
Step 3 Cut a circle to the desired size for the roof from a paper bag (or kraft wrapping paper).
Step 4 Place your finger in the center of the circle and gather the rest of the paper down around your finger. Remove your finger, then twist the roof to a point. Use hot glue to attach the roof to your house.
**Paper Tube Floral Art**

*Ages 6+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Mixed Media Paper
- Pom Poms
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Craft Glue
- Paintbrush

**Directions:**

**Step 1** First, gently squish a toilet paper (or paper towel) tube so you can cut it into six ¼” sections. They do not need to be perfectly measured. Set aside.

**Step 2** Now, cut five sections that are about 3/8” wide. Set aside.

**Step 3** Add a little light blue paint onto a paper plate (or palette paper). Spread it out so you can dip the end a paper roll into the paint.

**Step 4** Use the remaining end of the paper roll as a stamp and stamp a background onto a piece of paper. Let dry.

**TIP:** Keep this paper roll piece as you will need it later for your grass!

**Step 5** Paint the ¼” pieces, cut in Step 1, with yellow craft paint. Set them aside to dry.

**Step 6** Paint the 3/8” pieces with green paint. Set them aside to dry.

**Step 7** Cut the remaining roll you used to make the background pattern open and lay it out flat on your working surface. Now, cut a wavy line down the center (as shown). Paint this piece green, let dry, then glue it across the bottom of your artwork for grass.

**Step 8** Cut open one of the green paper roll pieces and use it as a stem for your flower. Glue it to the paper. Let dry.

**Step 9** Shape the yellow pieces to form a flower on top of the stem, then attach with glue. Let dry.

**Step 10** Fold the remaining green pieces into a leaf shape and glue to the side of the stem (as shown). Let dry.

**Step 11** Glue the remaining green shapes to the grass. Let dry.

**Step 12** Finally, glue a pom pom to the center of the flower. Let dry.

**Paper Tube Stamped Citrus Card**

*Ages 14+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Blank Cards
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Paper Plate

**Directions:**

**Step 1** To make the citrus fruit shapes, cut several sections of a paper tube about 1” wide. Gently squeeze the tube making a shape of a lemon or lime shape. Keep the shape rounder for an orange.

**TIP:** To make the seed shape just cut a small piece of the tube and pinch it together.

**Step 2** Place paint onto a paper plate and spread it out so it is larger than the stamp shape(s). Dip the shape into the paint; then stamp onto your card to make a design.

**TIP:** Design your card with the same fruit slices or a mixture.

**Step 3** Now, cut a straight piece of paper to stamp the sections in the slice. Add the seed shapes to some of the sections. Let dry.

**TIP:** Change the colors for a more graphic look and have fun with your design!

**Step 4** Finally, water-down the same shade of paint and fill in some of the open spaces or to add shadows. Let dry.

**Step 5** Make your design pop with additional details such as stems and dots. Let dry.
Paper Tube Watercolor Scene
Ages 14+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Watercolors
• Watercolor Paper
• Mini Clothespins
• Age Appropriate Scissors

Directions:
Step 1 Cut your paper tube into strips that are about 1/8” wide. To do this, slightly squish toilet paper (or paper towel) tube and cut the strips.

TIP: It’s ok if they are not the perfect width, just try to be consistent. If desired, use a ruler and pencil to make markings as a guide.

Step 2 Now, fold and bend the tube pieces into shapes. Use glue to hold sections together as you build your scene. Start with one wing, then make a matching one for the other side. To connect sections, you can cut open a tube and glue together the sides and then pull it together to close the loop with more glue. (Use image as a guide). Let dry.

TIP: Use a clothespin to hold the areas together until the glue dries.

Step 3 To make the butterfly antenna, cut open a tube piece and use a pencil to roll it into a swirl. Glue the end to the main body. Set aside the butterfly to completely dry.

Step 4 To paint the watercolor, start by wetting a sheet of watercolor paper with water. Mix a wet paintbrush with paint and lightly drop it onto the wet paper to create a blended look. Use a wet paintbrush to mix the colors.

Step 5 To make the tree, add a simple trunk and branches with brown paint; then add drops of green color over the branches. Let your painting dry.

Step 6 Use some of the remaining paper tube strips to add “branches” to the tree (as shown).

Step 7 Finally, glue the butterfly to your watercolor painting.

TIP: This project is complex and takes some time. You can adjust this concept for a younger maker by having them do a simple watercolor and make a simple butterfly utilizing an assortment of Creatology™ materials.

Paper Tube Phone or Note Holder
Ages 14+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Washi Tape
• Wood Coasters or Wood Piece
• Acrylic Craft Paint

Directions:
Step 1 Wrap a tube with washi tape.

Step 2 Paint one of the wood coasters to match the washi tape. Let dry.

Step 3 Cut out a section of the side of the tube using the X-ACTO® knife so that your phone will fit, as shown.

Step 4 Hot glue the tube to the wood coaster base.
3-Tier Paper Tube Desk Tray
Ages 14+

Supplies:
• (2) Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tubes
• Stiffened Felt
• Jute
• Chalk
• Scissors
• Hot Glue Gun & Glue Sticks
• Cup or other round object with a 3” diameter
• Ruler
• Pencil

Directions:
Step 1 First, use the rim of a cup (or other object with a 3” diameter) to trace three circles onto a piece of stiffened felt with chalk. Cut out and set aside.
Step 2 Cut five 1” wide sections from the tubes; then cut each section open so you have five long strips.
Step 3 Now, cut three of the strips in half so you have six equal pieces. Set the other two strips aside.
Step 4 Run a line of hot glue along the long edge of one (of the six) smaller pieces and press it around the edge of a 3” stiffened felt circle. Repeat with a second small piece opposite the first. There should be a small gap on each side of the two pieces around the circle.
TIP: This gap will be filled in later with vertical pieces.
Step 5 Repeat Step 4 with the other two circles and remaining short pieces.
Step 6 Take the two longer pieces set aside in Step 3 and cut them so you have four 3¼” pieces.
Step 7 Glue two pieces, vertically, in the open space on one of the circles with the opening of the circle facing up for the bottom tray.
Step 8 Repeat Step 7 with a second circle but this time glue so the vertical pieces are extending from the bottom for the top tier.
Step 9 Glue each tier to the remaining circle. This one is the middle tray.
Step 10 Use hot glue to wrap jute around the tray. Wrap around each circle and all vertical pieces until all the surface is covered. Work in small sections and add hot glue as you work around the trays.

Paper Tube Make-Up Brush or Pencil Holder
Ages 14+

Supplies:
• (3) Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tubes
• Coordinating Scrapbook Papers
• Wood Coasters or Wood Piece
• Acrylic Craft Paint
• Jute
• Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks
• Paintbrush
• Glue Stick
• Scissors

Directions:
Step 1 Begin with three toilet paper (or paper towel) paper tubes. Cut them into three different sizes.
Step 2 Measure your scrapbook paper to fit around each tube. Use a glue stick to adhere the paper to the tubes.
Step 3 Paint one of the wood coasters a solid color to match the papers. Let dry.
Step 4 Dip the top of each tube in the same paint to add a bit of color to the tubes. Let dry.
Step 5 Hot glue the three tubes together, then hot glue them to the coaster.
Step 6 Wrap jute around the tubes and tie to secure.
**Paper Tube Picnic Caddy**  
Ages 14+  

**Supplies:**  
- (4) Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tubes  
- Acrylic Craft Paint  
- Wood Coaster or Wood Piece for base  
- Hot Glue Gun & Glue Sticks  
- Paintbrushes  

**Directions:**  
**Step 1** Paint four paper tubes with acrylic craft paint as desired. Let dry. Add an additional coat, if needed, for coverage.  
**TIP:** Choose a patriotic theme or go for a summer look.  
**Step 2** Paint one of the coasters a solid color and let dry.  
**Step 3** Hot glue two of the tubes together and then glue them to the coaster on one end. Repeat with the other two tubes and glue them on the opposite end, leaving space between the two sets of tubes for napkins.

**Paper Tube High Seas Pirate**  
Ages 6+  

**Supplies:**  
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube  
- Construction Paper  
- Markers  
- Craft Glue or Glue Stick  
- Age Appropriate Scissors  
- Ruler  
- Pencil  
- Template on page 16  

**Directions:**  
**Step 1** Print the template and cut out the shapes.  
**Step 2** Pick a piece of construction paper for your pirate’s face. Measure a rectangle that’s 2¼” x 6” and cut out the shape. Use markers to draw a face in the center of this rectangle.  
**Step 3** Cover the back of this piece with glue and glue it to the top of the paper tube, making sure the top edges are aligned.  
**Step 4** Pick a second piece of construction paper for your pirate’s legs. Measure a rectangle that’s 2” x 6” and cut out the shape.  
**Step 5** Cover the back of this piece with glue and glue it to the bottom of the paper tube. Make sure the side edges meet at the paper tube’s back and the bottom edges are aligned.  
**Step 6** Now it’s time for your pirate’s shirt and coat! Trace the pattern onto a white or light-colored piece of construction paper; then cut it out. Use your markers to color in the coat and add details like buttons, lacing, collar, belt and buckle.  
**Step 7** When you’re done, cover the back of this piece with glue and glue it to the middle of the paper tube, between the face and the legs.  
**Step 8** Don’t forget your pirate’s hat! Trace out the hat pattern twice (once for the front and once for the back) and cut out the shapes. You’ll fasten these pieces together by adding a little glue to the pointed sides, then pressing them together. Be sure to leave the middle section unglued, so you can slide the hat over your pirate’s head.  
**Step 9** Give your pirate some fancy trimmings! Trace the remaining pattern pieces; then cut out and decorate little feathers and a skull, or any other embellishments you’d like to add, and glue them in place.
Paper Tube Fire Breathing Dragon
Ages 4+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Construction Paper
• Markers
• Colored Tissue Paper
• Glue Stick
• Age Appropriate Scissors
• Ruler
• Pencil
• Pom Poms
• Wiggle Eyes

Directions:
Step 1 Place a craft tube, on its side, on top of a piece of construction paper, and mark the length using a pencil.
Step 2 Cut out a strip of construction paper the same width as the tube; then, wrap it around the tube so that it covers the whole tube and overlaps slightly. Cut away the excess paper.
Step 3 Run your glue stick across the overlapping cardstock and press it in place.
TIP: Hold the tube tightly for a minute so the glue dries and sticks to the tube.
Step 4 To create the flames, cut strips of tissue paper in yellow, orange and red. Cut the strips to various lengths. Use a glue stick to attach the strips inside the mouth for your dragon. Let dry.
Step 5 Use glue to attach two green pom pom eyes to the top of the tube. Hold in place and let dry.
Step 6 Glue wiggle eyes onto the pom-poms. Let dry.
Step 7 Use a marker to draw nostrils near the end of the tube, closest to your dragon’s mouth.

Paper Tube Owls
Ages 4+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Construction Paper
• Glue Stick
• Age Appropriate Scissors
• Pencil
• Template on page 17

Directions:
Step 1 Print the template and cut out the shapes.
Step 2 Cover the tube with a solid piece of construction paper and attach with a glue.
Step 3 Cut about 20 little circles from a second color of construction paper to make the owl’s chest.
Step 4 Attach the overlapping circles to the owl’s chest.
Step 5 Trace and cut two teardrop shapes from construction paper for wings, and glue to the sides of the tube.
Step 6 Trace and cut out the owl head from construction paper. Glue in place.
Step 7 Trace and cut out two large circle eyes from white construction paper and two smaller circles from black construction paper. Assemble and glue into place.
Step 8 Add a triangle beak.
Step 9 Glue head to tube.
Paper Tube Mermaid
Ages 6+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Construction Paper
• Markers
• Sequins
• Yarn
• Age Appropriate Scissors
• Pencil
• Craft Glue/Glue Stick
• Template on page 16

Directions:

**Step 1** Print the template and cut out the shapes.

**Step 2** Pick a sheet of construction paper for your mermaid’s face. Measure a rectangle that’s 2¼” x 6” and cut out the shape. Use markers to draw a face in the center of this rectangle.

**Step 3** Cover the back of this piece with glue and glue it to the top of the paper tube. Make sure the top edges are aligned.

**Step 4** Pick a second piece of construction paper for your mermaid’s body. Trace the body pattern piece, cut it out; then decorate with markers.

**TIP:** You can add scales, starfish or anything you like!

**Step 5** When you’re done, cover the back of this piece with glue and glue it to the craft tube below the face. Make sure the side edges meet at the paper tube’s back and the bottom edges are aligned.

**Step 6** Now it’s time for a tail! Trace the tail pattern onto the same color of construction paper as the mermaid’s body; then cut out the shape. Decorate it the same way you decorated the body.

**Step 7** Add a line of glue to this piece’s edge (on the end that’s opposite the tail) and press it against the back seam of the paper tube. Make sure the tail’s bottom curve is lined up with the bottom edge of the tail so it doesn’t extend down too far.

**Step 8** Let’s make some mermaid hair! Here’s how:

Holding the ends of the green and turquoise yarns together, wrap them loosely around your palm about 15 times. Slide the bundle off your hand, keeping the loops together as much as possible.

Cut another piece of yarn that’s about 8” long and tie it tightly around the yarn bundle at its midpoint. Cut open the loops at each end.

**Step 9** Repeat Step 8 to make a second bundle of yarn hair.

**Step 10** Take the first bundle of yarn hair and place it over the top of the paper tube so that one set of yarn ends is hanging over the face and the other is hanging down the back. (The knot at the center should be in the middle of the open space.) Use the glue gel to fasten the yarn hair in place; then use scissors to trim away most of the hair at the front, leaving cute little mermaid bangs. Let dry.

**Step 11** Repeat Step 10 with the second bundle of yarn hair but place this one so its yarn ends are hanging down on either side of the face. Glue this bundle in place, too. Use scissors to trim the ends of the hair all the way around the tube. Let dry.

**Step 12** Give your mermaid some fancy trimmings! Use the glue to fasten sequins in a crown above the bangs. Add another one to the front of the neckline, too.
Paper Tube Firecracker Painting
Ages 6+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Colored Poster Board (Blue or Black)
• Acrylic Craft Paint
• Glitter

Directions:

Project Note: Cover a table (or other working surface) with newspapers.
Step 1 Cut slits halfway up a paper tube to create long fringe around the entire craft tube. Take the long fringe strips and press them out against a table or your other hand. This will spread the fringe strips out horizontally from the center of the tube. Repeat for more tubes, if desired.
Step 2 Pour a generous amount of paint onto a paper plate.
Step 3 Cut your poster board to the size you wish to use and lay it in front of you on the covered table.
Step 4 Dip the fringe strips of the tube into the paint and press (or tap) and twirl it onto the poster board. Lift the tube and set aside.
Step 5 Pour glitter over the wet paint and shake off excess to make one “firework”.
Step 6 Repeat Steps 4 and 5 for more “fireworks”. Let the entire artwork dry, then tap off any excess glitter.

Paper Tube Aliens
Ages 4+

Supplies:
• Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
• Acrylic Craft Paint
• Pom Poms
• Construction Paper
• Wiggle Eyes

Directions:

Step 1 Paint the paper tubes. Let dry.
Step 2 Cut 4 circles for eyes and ears out of construction paper.
Step 3 Glue a wiggle eye to two circles and glue to tube.
Step 4 Fold a circle in half and cut away one quarter of the fold. Unfold and cut in half along the crease of the fold. Glue a half to each side of tube. Let dry.
Step 5 Cut a chenille pipe cleaner in half and glue one end between the eyes on the inside of the tube. The chenille pipe cleaner should be standing straight up from the inside of the tube.
Step 6 Glue a pom pom to the end of the chenille pipe cleaner.
Step 7 Glue a wiggle eye to the front of the pom pom. Let dry.
Step 8 Cut a circle from black and white pieces of construction paper. Cut each one in half.
Step 9 Cut a jagged edge out of the white half circle to make the teeth.
Step 10 Glue the white jagged teeth over the black half circle and then glue to the tube in place, for a mouth.

Project Tip: Create other variations of the alien by attaching two chenille pipe cleaner halves inside the tube and simply gluing pom poms on each end or adding only one eye instead of two.
**Paper Tube Flying Fish**

Ages 6+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Acrylic Craft Paint
- Construction Paper
- Colored Tissue Paper
- Yarn
- Wood Dowel or Stick
- Craft Glue
- Paintbrush
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Ruler & Pencil

**Directions:**

**Step 1** Paint each tube with white paint and let dry.

**Step 2** Fold several layers of tissue paper and cut circles.

**Step 3** Paint the tube with glue and cover the wet tube with tissue circles. The circles are the “scales” of the fish. Make sure to overlap the scales as you attach them to the tube. Set project aside to dry.

**Step 4** Cut three 6” strips of tissue paper. Cut each strip, vertically, in half, and then cut the halves, vertically, in half. You should now have twelve thin strips to make the fringe.

**Step 5** Glue strips around the inside edge at the bottom of the tube.

**Step 6** Cut two white circles and two smaller black circles. Glue one black circle to one white circle to make an eye. Repeat for a second eye. Glue near the top of the tube on opposite sides.

**Step 7** Cut a 10” piece of yarn and fold in half to find the center. Wrap it around the dowel/stick two times at the center of the yarn.

**Step 8** Glue the ends of the yarn to the inside of the tube on opposite sides.

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**Paper Tube Cactus Desk Organizer**

Ages 6+

**Supplies:**
- Toilet Paper or Paper Towel Tube
- Colored Cardstock
- Markers
- Wiggle Eyes
- Craft Glue
- Age Appropriate Scissors
- Ruler & Pencil

**Directions:**

**Step 1** Cut the toilet paper (or paper towel) tubes into two different sizes for your desk organizer.

**Step 2** Measure the height and cut the same length paper to fit around the tubes.

**Step 3** Use a marker to add details, such as a face and prickly needles.

**Step 4** Wrap the papers around the tubes and attach with glue. Let dry.

**Step 5** Glue on some wiggle eyes. Let dry.

**Step 6** Cut some arm shapes and add a few details with a marker.

**Step 7** Bend the end of the arm to a 90° angle and glue them to the side of the cactus tube(s). Set aside to dry.

**TIP:** To personalize the desk organizer, add your name and glue to the smaller cactus tube hands.

**Step 8** For the flowers, cut a piece of pink paper to about 2”x5” long. Fold it in half, lengthwise. Cut slits down the side with the fold. Roll it so you can insert it into the top of the tube. Arrange so the slits of the fold are exposed around the top of the tube, then glue in place.

**Step 9** Using the same technique as in Step 8, make two smaller flowers and attach to the tops of the arms.

**Step 10** Finally, glue the tubes to a base of cardstock for stability.
Paper Tube Window Bear
Paper Tube Owls