

Recycled Art

Paper Animal Sculptures

Materials needed:

- 1 toilet paper roll inner tube
- Variety of recycled boxes, mail, newspapers, magazines etc.
- Tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- crayons/markers

Step 1: Ask the child what animal they are going to make.

Step 2: Ask them to think about what features that animal has.

Step 3: Ask the child what shape the top of the head would be. If the animal has ears on top like a tiger, bear, elephant, cat, dog, they can squeeze the top of the tp roll inner together and use a piece of tape to keep it together.



If it's rounder like a panda, monkey etc, cut 2 tabs on each side and fold them in. Then fold the front and back together and tape to get it to stay.



Step 4: Ask them if the animal has eyes. Ask them what shape the eyes are. Are they big or small? Are they circles or ovals? Are they close together or far apart. Either have them draw the shape on the recycled material they want to make the eyes out of or draw them for them. Allow them to try to cut them out or if necessary cut them for them. Allow the child to use the glue to place the eyes where they want them to be without worrying about whether it matches your idea of where they should go.

Step 5: Repeat with ears, nose, legs, feet, tails, beaks, horns, antlers or whatever other features the animal would have.

Step 6: allow them to decorate their animal in any other way they would like.

Celebrate your child's art. Tell them what you love about it. Skip any corrections, criticisms or wishing it were different. Just love their expression as unconditionally as you love them!

