



Father Christmas and Reindeer from recycled Cardboard Tubes

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Make these lovely Christmas figures from recycled toilet rolls. Cover them with felt and add decorations which is attached with Sticky Base. This activity is suitable for young children.

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1 Print out the template which is available as a separate PDF file on this page. The sizes depend on the size of the cardboard tube, so you may have to modify the template slightly. Make Father Christmas by cutting a piece of felt using the large square template. Use the large circle template for the face and the two small ones for the eyes. Make a beard with the heart-shaped template and use the oblong square template for the belt.



2 Attach everything onto the cardboard tube with Sticky Base transparent, self-hardening modelling gel using your fingers. Make sure to place the cardboard tube at one end of the piece of felt as shown in the photo, to ensure there is enough felt for making the hat.



3 Tie a knot at the top with a piece of cotton cord to slightly gather the hat. Glue the cut-out pieces of felt onto the Father Christmas figure using Sticky Base. Glue pom-poms onto the tip of the hat and for the nose. Make the belt buckle with a gold pipe cleaner and attach a white pipe cleaner onto the rim of the hat. Leave to dry.





4 Make your own variants, for example, small elves or reindeer. Make an elf by cutting a small felt square using the template. Use this for the body and use the quarter circle for the elf's hat. Choose an appropriate size of circle for the face. Attach everything with Sticky Base and leave to dry. Finish by gluing on small decorative details.



5 Make a reindeer from a small felt square for the body. Attach with Sticky Base.



6 Fold in the top on both sides.



7 Make antlers from pipe cleaners and push them into each side at the top as shown in the photo. Secure the felt in the fold using Sticky Base.



8 You may make an Elf's hat for the reindeer using the template. Attach self-adhesive googly eyes. Attach the elf's hat and a pom-pom for the nose using Sticky Base. Tie a piece of cotton cord with a bell around the tummy.



