

# Activity

## A Cardboard Wreath

There are lots of materials in the home that instead of being thrown away could be recycled into something else. Empty toilet rolls, for example, are useful for lots of craft projects. Try making this decorative wreath to hang on your wall.



### You will need:

- 10 empty toilet rolls or 5 empty kitchen paper rolls
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Poster paints or spray paint
- Decorative material such as buttons, coloured card, ribbons, glitter.

### Tip:

If you are using glue instead of tape, use clothes pegs to hold the petals together until the glue is dry.

Glue may give a neater finish as it can be hard to paint over tape, however tape makes securing the petals much easier and quicker.

Hang the individual flowers as ornaments on the Christmas tree.

1. Flatten an empty toilet roll or cardboard roll from kitchen paper and rub along the edges to get a sharp crease. It is important to use the same diameter roll for the whole wreath.



2. Mark 4 x 2.5cm strips. There may be a little leftover on a toilet roll so discard that. You will get more strips from a kitchen roll.



3. Cut the strips with a scissors (ask a grown up if you need help with this). Keep marking and cutting the rolls until you have 40 in total.



4. Use tape or glue to join two 'corners' together.



5. Keep joining the petals until they form a flower.



6. Join one flower to another at the same points each time and then join all the flowers until the last is attached to the first. They will naturally form a circle.



7. Paint the wreath with poster paints or spray paint and allow to dry. Decorate with ribbons, buttons, homemade holly leaves or however you like!

