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Letter from the Editors

Hello, Readers!

We here at FaveCrafts think toilet paper rolls get a bad rap. Sure, they're just small pieces of cardboard that reside in a bathroom and ultimately end up in a recycle bin. However, if you do a little more investigating, you'll find that this supply can be invaluable for frugal crafters. Believe it or not, there are so many uses for toilet paper rolls, some of which might not seem so obvious. From florals wall hangings to feminine bracelets, cardboard toilet paper rolls serve an important crafty purpose. Adults and kids alike can learn the value of green crafting by recycling toilet paper rolls and using them for craft projects.

The next time you sit down to create a new project, dip into your recycle bin and grab a few empty toilet paper rolls. Let your imagination be your guide as you create brand new items from a commonly discarded material. It's time to save big and get creative with toilet paper rolls ... what will you make first?

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

Sincerely,

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Creative Toilet Paper Roll Crafts

Toilet Paper Roll Sunflowers

By: Melissa for **The Hob-bee Hive**

Made from painted toilet paper rolls, these colorful sunflowers are a great way to decorate your wall. The great thing about this design is that you can make these Toilet Paper Roll Sunflowers as big or as small as you like. They're also very lightweight, so they won't create large holes in your wall. Paint your sunflowers or leave them as is for a natural look.

Materials:

- 7-10 toilet paper rolls
- Paint
- 2 coffee cups
- Knitting needle
- Tape (optional)
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks



- 1. Measure the space where you want your flower to be. You'll need to know how wide your space is so you know how large to make your flower.
- 2. Next, cut up all toilet paper rolls. The amount you need will depend on how big your flower is. For a flower about 24" wide, use 7 toilet paper rolls and 1 paper towel roll. One toilet paper roll should yield you anywhere from 14-16 petals.
- 3. To make your petals, flatten your toilet paper roll.
- 4. Cut slices about 1/2 inch wide. It's helpful to build your flower as you cut so you don't cut extra toilet paper rolls that you can use later on!



5. Make sure you take a picture of your design so you have something to refer to when it's time to assemble your flower.



- 6. Paint petals before you cut them...that way you can paint the cut part of the paper as well. If you'd rather paint the rolls before you cut them, go right ahead. Either way will work.
- 7. To paint the petals, turn two coffee cups upside down and tape a long knitting needle to the bottom of the cups. After you paint a petal, put it on the needle to dry. The paint washes off the needle with soap and water, but if you're worried about your needles, you could also use a stick, rod, or pencil to dry your petals.



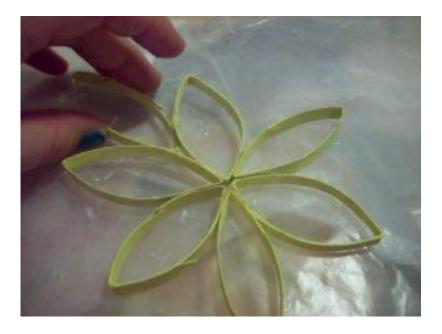
8. Once your petals are dry, you can start gluing them together. With a hot glue gun, add a little dab of glue to one side of the petal and begin creating the inside of your flower.



9. You can then begin gluing petals between the spaces of your starter flower until it's as big as you want it to be.



10. You can also make 5 different flowers rather than one large one.



Eco Green Tea Light Holder
By: Maria Chatzi

Kids and adults alike will love this Eco Green Tea Light Holder. Made with 100 percent recycled items, this tea light holder is great for parties, weddings, or everyday use. Gather up those toilet paper rolls and get ready to make something beautiful!



Materials:

- Old CD
- Toilet paper roll
- Glue
- Paper bag or other non-glossy paper (I used an old envelop from my office)
- 8 small white pearls and 8 bigger ones
- A jar lid (it's diameter has to be larger than that of the ends of the toilet paper roll)
- Any kind of white doily (cotton or synthetic or paper)
- Tea light candle
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue
- Ruler

- 1. Take the paper you've chosen, and wrinkle it with your hands. Spread it back out again without pressing out the wrinkles you've made. Repeat once more.
- 2. Now take your jar lid and glue it, top side down, on the wrinkled paper. Use your ruler and your pencil to mark a circle around your lid that leaves at least 0.7 inches extra paper (you will need this later). Wait for the glue to harden and then cut with your scissors on this circle.
- 3. After that, glue your CD on the wrinkled paper. Wait till the glue dries and trim with your scissors.

- 4. Put some glue all around the side of the jar lid and turn the paper inwards (to the bottom side of the lid). Use your fingers to keep it there for a while, so that the glue will harden. Press paper in excess, to keep it under the lid when the lid's placed top side up.
- 5. Glue the lid on the CD, top side up.
- 6. While waiting for the glue to dry, take the toilet paper roll and place it on a desk/table standing on one end. Use your pencil and ruler to mark 0.6 inches from the bottom draw this line all around the paper roll.
- 7. With your scissors, cut 8 strips all along the long side of the paper roll, up to the point you reach the line you just drew. These strips should all have the same width (you should divide the circle of the paper roll end in eight equal parts, mark the eight points and then start cutting your strips).
- 8. When you've finished with cutting the strips, take your scissors and cut their ends so that they look like pointed leaves.
- 9. Open the strips a bit, bending them outwards gently. The toilet paper roll should now look like a crown.
- 10. Take your pencil and roll the leaves around it one by one, making them curly, till you reach the line you drew before and where you've stopped cutting. What looked like a crown before should now look like a flower.
- 11. Place this flower-like design on top of the lid, in the center of it. Put glue all around the inside circular base of the paper roll flower, so that it would be firmly secured to the lid when the glue hardens.
- 12. Glue the white pearls all around the lid, on the CD start with a small one first, followed by a larger one. Wait for the glue to dry completely.
- 13. Cut 8 doily leaves, 1.8 inches long each, and glue them onto the "petals" of your paper flower candle holder, as shown in the picture. Wait for the glue to dry.

Owl Desk Organizer

By: Glue Dots

Get ready for back to school season and make one of these desk organizers with your kids. Organize your home desk with a cute owl desk organizer from Glue Dots that stores everything you need for homework.

Materials:

- Mini Glue Dots
- 1" Glue Lines
- 4 toilet paper roll tubes
- Thick chipboard such as Bristol or illustration board - cut to 4" X 9"
- Blue, Red, Yellow and Green acrylic paint
- Clear liquid adhesive
- Ribbons
- Letters
- White Pen
- Stickers
- Pencil



- 1. Paint each toilet paper roll in a different color.
- 2. Use the Glue Dots Glue Lines to attach the painted toilet paper rolls in a row.
- 3. The ribbon around the 4 rolls, keep ribbon in place with Mini Glue Dots.
- 4. Attach the group of 4 rolls to Bristol board and add embellishments.

Pretty in Pink Party Poppers

By: Posh Paperie for Style Me Pretty

Pretty in Pink Party Poppers from Style Me Pretty are lovely homemade gifts and party crafts that are ideal for DIY wedding favors and baby shower favors. Fill them with dainty candies and other little odds and ends for a beautiful little pop of happiness!

Materials:

- Tissue paper roll
- Double stick tape
- Scissors
- 1.75" X 5" piece of cardstock
- Ribbon
- Page of crepe paper
- Candy



Instructions:

1. Place double-stick tape on a crepe paper square. Put the toilet paper roll on the tape and roll it across crepe paper. Apply tape on the end of the crepe paper and secure.



2. Twist one end of the crepe paper and secure with a ribbon tied in bow.



3. Fill the roll with candy, twist the other end and secure with a ribbon, tied in bow.



4. Fold cardstock and cut on an angle, to create a "flag" look write message and attach tag to finished roll.

Bronzed Leaf Table Linen Set

By: <u>DecoArt</u>

Add elegance to your holiday table with this leaf-stenciled table linen set which includes a placemat and napkin ring.

Materials:

- DecoArt SoSoft Metallics DSM21 - Bronze Metallic
- Foam plate
- 1" flat brush
- Paper towels
- 3/4" round foam pouncer brushes
- Silk maple leaves (2 1/4" to 3 1/4" long)
- Toilet paper roll core
- Olive green fabric placemat (linen/canvas)
- Tan fabric napkin

- 1. Squeeze a small amount of Bronze Metallic onto foam plate and brush it onto leaf front with flat brush. Referring to the photo for placement, place leaf paint side down on placemat and place paper towel over leaf. Press over leaf surface with hand, rubbing across with finger to ensure all of leaf is transferred. Carefully lift up towel, then leaf; set leaf aside.
- 2. Using variety of leaf sizes, repeat "stenciling" process above over placemat surface. (Each leaf can be reused 2 to 3 times.)
- 3. Use pouncer brush dipped into Bronze Metallic to paint dots in space around leaf patterns. Dot on napkin with Bronze Metallic; allow all to dry.
- 4. For napkin ring, cut 1-1/2" section from toilet paper core; glue six painted leaves around core, overlapping at one end.



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:	1.	Remove plastic veins from leaves, if any.

Cute Mini Scrapbook By: Cynthia Gagen

This scrapbooking idea is fun and easy enough for beginners. It's a great way to remember important events in your life.

Materials:

- Toilet paper tubes
- Large binder clips
- Paint
- Paper towel
- Hole puncher
- Embellishments of your choice



Instructions:

1. You need to start by flattening your tubes. Each tube makes a page. I found that 6 tubes was pretty much the maximum I could get in a book without it being much too bulky. If you're planning to add quite a few 3D embellishments, you may want to cut this back to 4. I began by just "smashing'" the tubes with my hands and then making better creases with a bone folder. I found it helpful then to place the tubes under a stack of heavy books for a day or two to flatten further. Using some of those large binder clips on them also helped. They generally won't get 100% flat but by the time you cover them and bind them, I find they are flat enough for this purpose.



2. The next step was to create some papers to cover my pages with. I used a method based on something I saw from Traci Bautista. I covered a tray with freezer paper, shiny side up. I found that putting it on a tray rather than flat on your work surface worked really well to contain the paints and keep them from running all over and making a mess. Then, I just dribbled acrylic craft paints all over the surface of the freezer paper. I did it randomly but you can also apply the paint in simple designs. Sprinkle the surface with some glitter and then spray with water to allow the colors to run, soften and blend into each other a bit. Lay a piece of paper towel over the top of the painted surface. I even save the paper towels that I have used to wipe up some paint spills or clean my brushes on and further color these in this method. You may want to brayer over the paper towel – or as I often do, just use your fingers to press the paper towel into the paints and spread them around more. I spray on top of the paper towel with some more water – this will get the colors blending even further. You can even add some more paints and glitter at this point. More pressing and "brayering" and then when I'm happy with how the paper looks, I lift it off onto another surface (I find wax paper or old newspapers work well) to dry. Often without even applying any more paint, I'll find that I have enough paint to apply another layer or two of paper towels and get more prints from this one painting. You may want to spray more water on to loosen up any of the paints that may have started to dry a bit.



3. Once these have dried, they stiffen a bit and become quite a bit stronger than before. If you're using 2 ply (or more) paper towels, sometimes you can even separate the plies into layers (I find this easiest to do when they're still damp) and that will give you more bang for your buck AND thinner, more translucent layers to work with. If you keep the paper towels intact, as I said, they will become stronger than before and they will now hold up to techniques like adding stitching to them. I used Liquitex Gel Medium to glue the paper towels to the toilet paper tube pages. The paper towel pages I was using (yes some of them vary in size) were 4 by 2 1/2 inches, so I cut a piece of paper towel that was 5 inches square. That gave me a big enough piece to wrap around both sides of the tube and a little overlap on each end. I covered both sides of the flattened tube with the gel medium and then wrapped the paper towel around to cover it. On each end where the opening of the tube is, I would apply a little of the gel medium about 1/4 to 1/2 inch on the inside of the tube so I could fold the ends of the paper towel piece into each end so the edges would look finished as well.



4. I punched holes in one end of the page. A regular paper hole punch worked fine for this as long as I only did one page at a time. I found that wire worked the best to assemble the pages into a book as I could get a nice tight hold with the wire that not only held the book together securely but also assisted in further flattening the book. One of the nice benefits of this style of book is that because you're starting with tubes, once you bind one end of the tubes, you are still left with an opening at the other end of each one. That opening is perfect for sliding a tag inside, giving you yet another surface/page to your book. Here, I'm using laminate counter samples that I got from a home improvement store. My plan is to finish decorating the pages with embellishments and photographs or images and then adhering paper to the tags to make a writing surface for the journaling.

Illuminate the Night

By: Marie Segal for Jacquard Products

No longer will you trip over things or get lost in your room! These gorgeous night lights will show you the way – say goodbye to harsh white light blaring through your room or house.

Materials:

- One store-bought night light (The ones I use are made by GE, 25J4 is the product code. They are inexpensive and have an on/off switch)
- Stamp: I used All Night Media Swirl pattern for the light shade and Noon for the outside of the shade.
- Q-tips
- Push mold sconce
- Pearl Ex Stamp Pads: I used metallic gold
- Pearl Ex Powder: Aztec Gold
- Cernit Phthalate Free Polymer Clay: Black and Porcelain White—about 2oz. each
- Pearl Ex Varnish
- Piñata Inks: I used lime green for this one
- Clay Dedicated Pasta machine
- Clay Slicing Blade
- 5" X 7" plain index card
- Toilet paper cardboard roll
- Make-up wedge applicator
- Scotch tape



- 1. Condition your clay in the pasta machine by cutting your 2 ounce block into three slabs 1/4" or so thick by the size of the block.
- 2. Place the three sliced off slabs side by side and run through the pasta machine on the thickest setting, fold the whole sheet in half and place the fold into the rollers and roll through the pasta machine again on the thickest setting. Do this 5 or 6 times until you have nice smooth

sheet of clay.

- 3. Cut into a sheet that is 3" X 3 1/2".
- 4. Place the sheet into the center of the 5" X 7" index card, 3-1/2" side with the 5" side of the card wrap card around toilet paper roll and tape ends of card together with scotch tape.
- 5. Bake the toilet paper roll and the clay in a pre-heated 275° oven for 20 minutes.
- 6. Shut off the oven and let cool for a while inside the oven.
- 7. Take out of the oven and let cool completely.
- 8. Place the nozzle of the Piñata tube onto the curved sheet of translucent and gently let the ink flow on to it. Rub the ink onto the curved sheet and blend and drag it to the rest of the shade with the Q-tip. Add more ink and cover the curved sheet completely, you can at this point either let it dry in the air for a couple of hours or put it into a pre-heated 200° oven for 15 minutes to set the ink take out of the oven and let cool.
- 9. Ink up your stamp of choice with Pearl Ex Stamp Pad, place on to the cool colored curved sheet and stamp onto the surface your image onto it.
- 10. If you use a large stamp it is a little easier ink up the stamp and roll the curved sheet carefully across the surface from one side to the other, it might have a tendency to slide so be careful.
- 11. Bake again in a pre-heated 200° oven to set the Pearl Ex ink.
- 12. Condition and roll out 1/2 block of black clay in the pasta machine on the thickest setting.
- 13. Roll the sheet again through the machine on the 3rd thickest setting.
- 14. Cut 4 strips of this sheet, they will be as long as the longest side of the curve baked sheet of clay and 3/8" wide.
- 15. Place 2/3 of one strip of black over the edge of the longest side of the curved sheet and fold the extra 1/3 over the side of the curved sheet.
- 16. Do the other long side of the curved sheet with another strip of black.
- 17. Do the top and the bottom next.
- 18. Do not overlap the side strip but place the strip of black just inside of each end of the side strips.

- 19. Press down and fold over the excess 1/3 of the strip.
- 20. Press your stamp into this outside strip to make an imprint in the outside black clay.
- 21. Press 3/4" balls of black clay into one of the button molds on the sconce mold; trim the excess off the back of the mold with the clay slicing blade.
- 22. Place one button at each corner of the curved sheet on the black clay.
- 23. Use the makeup applicator rub Aztec gold Pearl Ex Powder into the surface of the black clay.
- 24. Paint a thin layer of Pearl Ex Varnish on to the Aztec Gold and let dry completely.
- 25. Bake in a pre-heated 275° oven for 25 minutes, shut off the oven and let cool for a while in the oven.
- 26. Take your night light out of the package and turn the shade so it is the right way.
- 27. Add a bead of glue to the center of the plastic shade and place you clay shade over the plastic shade.
- 28. Center the clay shade onto the surface of the plastic shade.
- 29. On the bottom near the switch make sure the bottom of both the plastic shade and clay shade are even, place a rubber band around both shades to hold the clay shade in place.
- 30. Let dry for at least 24 hours or until the glue is pretty clear.
- 31. Plug in and let it light your way!!!
- 32. These are some other variations of the same technique using different colors of Pearl Ex Powder and Piñata Inks.

Seasonal Crafts for Toilet Paper Rolls

Trio of TP Tube Treat Bags
By: Maria Nerius

Make Halloween bags filled with treats from old toilet paper tubes! These recycle crafts for kids from Maria Nerius are eco-friendly and perfect for a spooky Halloween.



Batty Boo Materials:

- Paper Towel or TP Roll (appx. 4-1/2" tall)
- Black paper or paint for tube
- Black and orange paper
- K&Company Boo word sticker
- Martha Stewart bat punch
- Six 4mm wiggly eyes
- Marvy Uchida 1" square punch
- Marvy Uchida 2" circle punch
- Black marker
- Orange clip
- Art Glitter Designer Adhesive
- Scissors

Batty Boo Instructions:

- 1. Wrap tube with black paper or paint tube black. Allow glue or paint to dry. Squeeze one end of tube flat (like a tube of paint) and apply glue to close this one end. Using paperclips or clothespins will help keep the end flat until glue dries. You can also use hot glue/hot glue gun for a quick bond.
- 2. Punch out 3 bats from black paper. Adhere 2 wiggly eyes to each bat.
- 3. Apply Boo word sticker across top of tube (the crimped/glued end). Glue a bat to the B in Boo and one to the last O in Boo. See photo for placement.

- 4. Punch a square from orange paper, turn to make a diamond and adhere last bat to center. See photo for placement. Adhere the diamond just below the Boo at center.
- 5. Punch a 2" black circle. Place goodies inside of tube. Adhere circle to bottom (open end) of tube. Add orange clip to top of tube. Dry with tube standing for best results!

Beady Batty Boo Materials:

- Paper Towel or TP Roll (appx. 4-1/2" tall)
- Black paper or paint for tube
- 1-1/2" X 4-1/2" Strip of orange paper
- Brilliance white and black inkpad
- Orange craft wire
- Blue Moon Black Bead Mix
- Martha Stewart bat punch
- Marvy Uchida 2" circle punch
- Mini alphabet black beads to spell BOO
- Art Glitter Designer Adhesive or glue gun
- Fiskars Personal Trimmer

Beady Batty Boo Instructions:

- 1. Wrap tube with black paper or paint black.
- 2. String assorted black beads onto orange wire. You'll need at least 18" of orange wire. String at least 8" of beads. Find center and give yourself about 1" of wire that you will twist to 1/2". This will be the end you slide into the top of the tube. Curl and twist about 2" of orange wire at each end.
- 3. Insert beaded wire into the top of the tube. Pinch top and then adhere the top closed as shown in the photo. When dry apply black Brilliance ink to the top edge to finish.
- 4. Dab the edges of your orange strip with white ink. Allow to dry then adhere the strip to front of tube as shown in photo. You will have a slight flap at top.
- 5. Punch 3 bats from black paper. Adhere the alphabet letters to center of bats to spell BOO.

Batty Border Boo Materials:

- Paper Towel or TP Roll (appx. 4 1/2" tall)
- Orange paper or paint for tube

- 6" X 2" Strip of black paper
- Martha Stewart bat punch
- Mini alphabet letter beads to spell BOO
- Marvy Uchida 2" circle punch
- Brilliance black inkpad
- Mini alphabet white beads to spell BOO
- Art Glitter Designer Adhesive or glue gun
- Fiskars Personal Trimmer

Batty Border Boo Instructions:

- 6. Wrap tube with black paper or paint black.
- 7. String assorted black beads onto orange wire. You'll need at least 18" of orange wire. String at least 8" of beads. Find center and give yourself about 1" of wire that you will twist to 1/2". This will be the end you slide into the top of the tube. Curl and twist about 2" of orange wire at each end.
- 8. Insert beaded wire into the top of the tube. Pinch top and then adhere the top closed as shown in the photo. When dry apply black Brilliance ink to the top edge to finish.
- 9. Dab the edges of your orange strip with white ink. Allow to dry then adhere the strip to front of tube as shown in photo. You will have a slight flap at top.
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Easter Bunny Napkin Rings

By: Mama King of <u>4 Crazy Kings</u>

Mama King shares this fabulous idea with us for creating Easter bunny napkin rings with little more than felt and a toilet paper rolls. These Easter bunny napkin rings are a great project to make with kids.

Materials:

- Felt
 - 1 strip of felt to cover roll
 - o 2 ears
 - 2 ear inserts
 - o 2 eyes
 - o 1 nose
 - o 1 set teeth
- Paper Towel or Toilet Paper Roll cut about 2" wide
- Glue or Glue Gun
- Scissors

- 1. Glue strip around roll first. If you are using regular craft glue clothes pins come in handy to hold the felt down as it dries.
- 2. Glue inserts into ears. I added a bead a glue to the base of the ears after assembled and folded in half. I clothes pinned it to the roll.
- 3. Folding in half at base allows ear to open face forward.
- 4. Glue on features. If desired you can cut out a rounded v shaped notch for mouth area and glue teeth behind.
- 5. When dry fold napkin into a square. Hold like a diamond.



Firecracker Craft for Kids

By: Marie LeBaron of Make and Takes

If your kids can't wait until the Fourth of July to light up a few fireworks, then this Firecracker Craft is the perfect way to celebrate early. Bubble wrap is placed inside, making a great popping noise maker. This is a fun and easy patriotic craft the kids will go bonkers for.

Materials:

- Bubble wrap hopefully you have some left over from a package that came to your house.
- Toilet paper roll start saving a few of these as they always come in handy for crafting projects.
- Pipe cleaners these are also great to have handy.
- Decorations paint, markers, paper, stickers, tissue paper, etc...
- Scissors
- Glue/Tape/Stapler

Instructions:

1. First tape both ends of the pipe cleaner to each end of the Firecracker. You could staple the pipe cleaner in place as well. Then twist your pipe cleaner together for more of a fuse look.







2. Then roll up a 2" X 3" size of bubble wrap. Using a little glue or tape, stick it into your empty toilet paper roll. I just taped mine on the top and the bottom. The tape is going to get covered with your decorations anyway.





3. For the decorations, you can paint them with red, white, and blue paint. Or glue on paper. Or use markers to make a flag or stars. We even cut a little orange tissue paper and simply stuck them to the tops of the fuse to make it look like it was ready to blow!

Simple Toilet Paper Roll Angel

By: Benetta Strydom

If you have a toilet paper roll and a big imagination, you can make this Simple Toilet Paper Roll Christmas Angel Craft. Make a bunch if you need some fun crafts for kids and adults to enjoy, since it can be easily modified to fit any skill level.

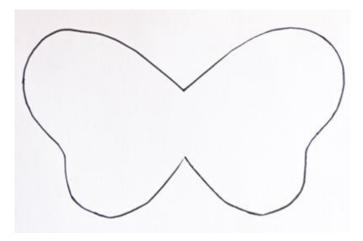
Materials:

- Provided pattern sheet for wings
- Empty toilet paper roll
- Empty egg carton tray
- Curly brown synthetic doll hair
- Pair of 8mm wiggle eyes
- Plastic bottle cap
- Five 10mm clear self-adhesive flat-sided rhinestone stickers
- Five 4mm clear flat-sided rhinestone stickers
- A length of 3.4" cream lace that is 11" wide
- 0.2" wide silver metallic ribbon
- Silver masking tape
- Piece of wax paper
- Flesh acrylic paint
- Artline 210 Fineliner black pen
- Pink felt-tip pen
- Paintbrush
- Standard scissors
- Needle and thread
- Elmer's glue stick
- Quick-drying craft glue (such as Bostik Clear)

Instructions:

1. Print the wings on a sheet of ordinary white printer paper.





- 2. From the egg tray, cut a circle that would fit on top of the toilet paper roll.
- 3. Paint both the circle and the toilet paper roll with the flesh paint and allow to dry thoroughly.
- 4. Glue the circle to the top of the toilet paper roll and cut off any protruding edges.



- 5. Add the angel's hair and glue the wiggle eyes in place. Use the scissors to shape her hair neatly.
- 6. Use the black pen and pink felt-tip pen to add nostrils, a mouth, rosy cheeks and freckles.



Make the angel's dress:

- 1. Make a fold at the top of the lace 1" from the edge of the lace, and use a running stitch to keep the fold in place. This will be the collar of the dress.
- 2. Gather the frills of the dress together and measure the dress around the toilet paper roll before ending the running stitch with a secure knot.
- 3. Add glue around the middle of the toilet paper roll and glue the dress in place.
- 4. Add the ribbon around the collar of the dress and cut off any extra ribbon.



Make the angel's crown:

- 1. Cover the top and sides of the bottle cap with silver masking tape and cut off any protruding edges.
- 2. Glue the five 10mm rhinestones evenly around the sides of the cap.
- 3. Glue a smaller rhinestone above each big rhinestone.



4. Glue the crown onto the angel's head.

16 Toilet Paper Roll Craft Ideas 5. Use the glue stick to add glue to the wings and glue the wax paper onto the wings. 11. Cut the wings out and use the craft glue to affix them to the angel's back.

Toilet Paper Roll Snowman

By: Benetta Strydom

Evoke the spirit of the holiday season with this Christmas Snowman Toilet Paper Roll Craft. This project is quick, easy and cute. Toilet roll crafts are a great way to go green during the expensive holiday season. If you're looking for toilet paper roll crafts for kids, this is the perfect craft project for you. Save up those toilet tubes and avoid a trip to the craft store with this seasonal project.



- Empty toilet paper roll
- Empty egg carton tray
- White cotton filling
- 3.4" square dark grey felt
- 3" square red felt
- 10" x 1.2" strip of sky blue felt
- Pair of 8mm wiggle eyes
- One 10mm wide red button
- One copper button
- Wooden kebab stick
- White acrylic paint
- Artline 210 Fineliner black pen
- Orange, black and light blue felt-tip pens
- Paintbrush
- Standard scissors
- Thick embroidery needle
- Needle and thread
- Quick-drying craft glue (such as Bostik Clear)

- 1. From the egg tray, cut a circle that would fit on top of the toilet paper roll.
- 2. Paint the toilet paper roll with the white paint and allow to dry thoroughly.



Make the snowman's hat:

- 1. Spread glue on the egg tray circle and add the grey felt square to the glue. Allow to dry thoroughly.
- 2. Cut the felt into a circle slightly bigger than the egg tray circle.
- 3. Add the button as a decoration.



- 4. Cut off the end of the kebab stick and use the orange felt-tip pen to add color to it. This will be the snowman's nose.
- 5. Color the rest of the kebab stick with the black felt-tip pen and allow to dry.
- 6. Use the embroidery needle to make two holes on the sides of the roll.
- 7. Push the kebab stick through the holes and measure an arm length of 1.3" on each side. Cut off the rest of the kebab stick and add glue to the inside of the roll, so that the stick won't come loose.
- 8. Glue the snowman's hat on his head.
- 9. Glue the wiggle eyes in place, and then add the nose.
- 10. Use the light blue felt-tip pen to add frozen cheeks and the black pen to add a mouth and freckles.



11. Glue the cotton filling around the bottom part of the toilet paper roll, and use the scissors to give it a round shape.



Make the snowman's mittens:

- 1. Cut two circles each with a diameter of 1" from the red felt.
- 2. Add a running stitch all around the edge of each mitten and draw the stitches in to create a little draw bag, before ending the running stitches with a secure knot.
- 3. Add glue to the inside of each draw bag and glue them to the ends of the kebab arms.

Make the snowman's scarf:

- 1. At both ends of the blue felt strip make small incisions, so that it will look as if the scarf has fringes.
- 2. Fold the scarf in two and stitch the two sides together to make a thick scarf.
- 3. Fold the scarf around the snowman's neck and glue it together where the sides cross on the front, and glue the button on the scarf.

Jewelry Crafts with Toilet Paper Rolls

Doily Cuff Bracelet

By: Debbie Buckland for Arty Crafty

Turn a simple doily into a beautiful bracelet. This vintage style DIY cuff is great for girls of all ages and is easy and fun to make. You could even add dye to make colored or tie dyed doilies as well.



Materials:

- Toilet paper roll
- Scissors
- Plastic Wrap
- Doily
- Fabric stiffener

Instructions:

1. Get an empty toilet roll and cut it in half.



2. Stretch it a bit to fit your arm – this is going to be your mold.



3. Cover the toilet roll with plastic wrap. This stops your bracelet from sticking to the mold.



4. Now soak the doily in the fabric stiffener and flatten the doily fold in half and drape on your toilet roll mold.



5. Set aside for a few hours to stiffen and dry.

Reversible Cardboard Roll Earrings

By: <u>Tiffany Windsor</u>

Go green and save some cash with homemade Reversible Cardboard Roll Earrings from Tiffany Windsor. These danglers show that DIY jewelry crafts don't have to require expensive tools or complicated methods. Use what you have and wear these earrings all year long.



Materials:

- Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue
- Scissors
- Paper towel rolls
- Acrylic paint white, black
- Paint brush
- Die cut machine and floral dies
- Staz-On Ink Jet black
- Rubber stamp
- Hole punch (small)
- Jump rings large
- Fish hook earrings
- Small beads

Instructions:

- 1. Cut down side of paper towel roll.
- 2. Gently open and flatten by bending cut sides back and forth.



3. You may find that some paper towel rolls will start to separate on the back side. Use glue to secure those edges back down. You might also want to weigh down the flattened pieces with a book at this step while the glue dries.



4. Paint one side of cardboard white. Let dry. Paint reverse side black. Let dry.



5. Stamp the white painted side with black ink and stamp the black painted side with white paint (or ink).



6. You can hand-cut your flower shapes or use a die cut machine.



7. Here are examples of several different shapes of flowers and an example of how the cardboard looks when stamped over the plain surface.



8. Glue small beads to the center of the flower. Punch a small hole and insert jump ring to hang on fish hook earrings.



9. With both sides painted and stamped, you can wear the earrings either way depending on how you attach your earring findings.



10. To create a chandelier style, join small flowers together with several jump rings.



Toilet Paper Roll Bracelet

By: Maria Chatzi

This beautiful bracelet is a great recycled project to make. Girls of all ages will love decorating these cute bracelets, and they're great to wear anytime, since they're lightweight and fun!

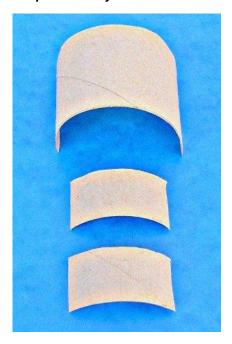
Materials:

- A toilet paper roll
- Paper bag
- A piece of cotton or synthetic doily with a flowery design, color: light blue
- Light blue organza ribbon, 0.3 inches wide and 44 inches long
- Jeans fabric, 4.3 inches long and 1.8 inches wide, color: preferably dark blue
- Pure cotton fabric, 4.3 inches long and 1.86 inches wide, color: beige/dark sand
- 3 small white pearls
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Paper punch
- Glue

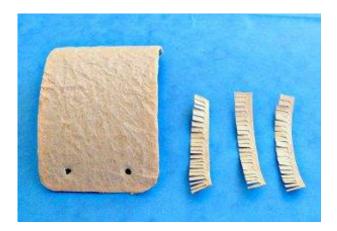
Instructions:

1. Take your scissors and cut your toilet paper roll open (from one end to the other). Measure and cut 2/3 of the length of the paper roll you've just cut open. Put this larger piece aside for a while. Do not flatten it. It should stay curved enough to wrap around your wrist, leaving an open space – ends should not meet. This is going to be used as the base of your cuff. Flatten the remaining 1/3 of the paper with your hands, fold it in half on its wide side and cut it with your scissors. You should have two equal smaller pieces.





2. Take one of these halves (save the other half for another project) and cut it lengthwise into 3 identical strips. Use your scissors to make a fringe on all three strips. To continue, cut a piece of paper from your paper bag that measures a little more than twice the dimensions of the paper roll cuff base. Crumple the paper bag piece twice and spread it out twice. Then wrap it around your cuff base. Use glue to secure it. Hold it in place with your fingers till the glue has dried. Mark with two dots the place where you're going to make the holes for the ribbon, on both ends of your cuff. Distance between dots should be 1.1 - 1.2 inches.



- 3. Open the holes on both ends of your cuff (for the ribbon) with the paper punch.
- 4. Glue the jeans fabric onto the top (or outer) surface of your cuff and the cotton fabric on the bottom (or inside) surface that will come in contact with your skin (pure cotton prevents allergies). Wait for the glue to harden.

- 5. Roll all three fringe strips, one by one, to make flowers. Begin with a tiny blob of glue on one end of the strip, continue with two or three more tiny blobs of glue while rolling and finish with a last blob of glue on the other end of the fringe strip.
- 6. After the flowers have been rolled up, hold each one of them between your fingers for a few minutes to make sure the glue has hardened.
- 7. When the glue has dried, glue them onto the jeans fabric, in the center of your cuff (fringe side up). Position them on the points of an imaginary triangle. Keep them in place by pressing them gently with your fingers, till the glue hardens and is completely dry this is VERY important because, if done in haste, you will ruin the project.



- 8. Open their petals and glue a white pearl in the center of each flower. Wait, again, till the glue is dry.
- 9. Cut out two flowers from your light blue flowery doily piece. Glue them onto the jeans fabric, on the right and left sides of your cuff.
- 10. Now cut your organza ribbon in four equal pieces. Knot-tie these four ribbon pieces in the holes you've made before one ribbon for each hole.
- 11. Hold the two organza ribbons on each cuff end in your hands and knot-tie them together, as close to the cuff as possible.
- 12. Your cuff is ready. Wear it around your wrist by tying a pretty bow with all four ribbons.

Pretty Recycled Princess Bracelets
By: Amanda Formaro of Crafts by Amanda

These bracelets make phenomenal accessories for homemade Halloween costumes and more for kids! Play dress up games and glam up your ensemble with these fashionable cuffs!

Materials:

- Cardboard tube
- Scissors
- Pink felt
- White craft glue
- Craft jewels

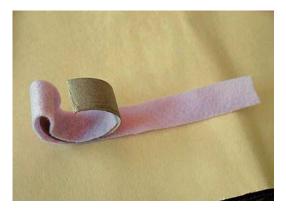


Instructions:

1. Cut cardboard tube into 1.5" wide rings (for each bracelet). Cut each ring open so that the bracelet can be easily slipped onto child's wrist.



2. Cut a strip of felt 1.5" wide long enough to cover the tube.



3. To gauge the size needed, cover the inside and outside of the tube, trim where needed.



4. Use white craft glue to attach the felt to the cardboard tube.



5. Using a generous amount of white craft glue, cover the outside of the bracelet with craft jewels. Let it dry completely.

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