

TOILET PAPER ROLL GIRAFFE

What You'll Need: 11 toilet rolls, 1 tissue box, 5 sheets of A4 yellow paper (or yellow paint), Brown paint, Glue, Scissors, a Pen, and Paper fasteners

Paint the Spots: Whether you're going to paint the toilet rolls yellow or use yellow paper, the first thing you are going to do is give your giraffe their trademark spots!

Cover the Rolls and Tissue Box: If you've painted directly onto your toilet rolls, you can skip this step. I found that one A4 size paper, cut into quarters is the perfect size for covering one toilet roll. Cover nine separate toilet rolls. Eight for the legs, and one for the head. For the neck, instead of using A4 quarters, use half a sheet of paper instead so that the two rolls used for the neck will be joined together.

Assemble the Legs: **3A.** To assemble the lower legs so they can move, start by making a knee joint. First, take a hole punch and punch two holes on one end of the roll facing opposite each other. This is the point where the upper and lower legs will join. **3B.** The next step is to cut two semicircles out of the top of the toilet roll, but ensure that you leave enough room around each of the holes so that it is still stable. These semicircles give the legs room to move, the deeper the circle, the more range of motion the leg will have. But keep in mind not to make too deep a circle, because then the leftover tag won't be able to support the weight of the entire giraffe on top of it. Repeat these two steps for four of the toilet rolls. **3C.** For the remaining four toilet rolls, you'll need to make a hole in both the bottom and top ends of the roll. Put each hole at the opposite end of the opening. **3D.** To join the upper and lower legs together, place the tags from the lower legs inside the upper legs until the two holes match up. Secure these holes together using a paper fastener. Repeat this step for all four legs.

Assemble the Head and Neck: **4A.** For the Head, start by cutting a semicircle out of one end of the toilet roll. **4B.** Save this semicircle because it's going to be used to make the ears and to help attach the head to the neck. Draw a cross on the backside of the semicircle. The two rectangles will be glued to the inside of the toilet roll neck and the head. Alternatively, you can punch another hole in the rectangle cardboard and the head so that the neck joint moves and the giraffe can nod. **4C.** Cut out the ears and glue them to the head.

Put Them All Together to Make Your Giraffe: **5A.** To connect the legs to the tissue box, you're going to start by drawing a circle on the underside of the tissue box. When you cut out the circle, you need to leave two rectangular tags large enough to punch a hole through. These rectangular tags are where you are going to join the legs to the tissue box with paper fasteners. Using the same process you did with the knee joints. Repeat this step for all four legs. **5B.** You will draw another circle on the top of the box that is large enough for the giraffe's neck to fit into. With this step I did not make rectangular tags as I had with the legs. Instead I just cut a complete hole so that the neck of the giraffe was able to swivel from side to side. **5C.** As a final touch, I drew two eyes for the giraffe and glued them onto the head. However, you can use white dot stickers if you prefer.

Tag Us on Social Media When You're Done!