

Family Art from Home

Paper Roll Plants and Animals

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Create an endless array of plants and animals with saved up paper rolls. See your trash transformed into adorable creatures that you can enjoy for years to come.

Materials

- Scissors
- Paint (White, plus other favorites)
- Paper Rolls (toilet paper or cereal box)
- Hot Glue
- Raffia or String
- Elmer's Glue
- Decorative Paper
- Cardboard/Cereal Cardboard
- Clothespins
- Ink (optional)

Make the Animals

Cover paper rolls with a base coat, preferably white. Set aside, let dry.

Choose an animal, then pick a roll for its body. Using the other paper rolls, draw the head and a neck if preferred and the upper parts of the legs (you will add clothespins for legs later). Cut out all the parts and paint them with your favorite colors and patterns. Set aside, let dry.

Attach the parts to body using the slit technique. Make one cut into the paper roll body in the top front for the head and four cuts on the bottom front and back bottom for the upper parts of the legs. Slide them into each other, then clip the clothespins on for the legs. Some adjustment might be necessary to steady the animal. Use cut pieces of decorative paper to embellish the surface and raffia or string for mane or fur.

Make the Plants

Cover more paper rolls with a base coat of white paint. Set aside, let dry.

Cut multiple circles of various sizes out of decorative paper. Fold each circle three times and cut out the petal shapes (see photo). Unfold and attach layered blossoms to the paper rolls either to the center or to the side of the roll. Attach leaves, insects, forest creatures, etc. If you make multiple animals, all attached parts are removable and exchangeable presenting an opportunity to create a creature never seen before!



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