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Length of time it will take: 1 hour to make 3-4 crackers

Christmas crackers

Get in the mood for Christmas with these gorgeous handmade crackers! Add in your own personalised messages and jokes to make them extra special.



Crafty shopping list

- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons
- Prizes
- Glue
- Cracker snaps
- Three small cardboard tubes (empty toilet rolls work well, or you can cut down a finished tube of wrapping paper to make three tubes each 10cm long)
- See our suggested suppliers list online at mind.org.uk/crafternoon

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How to make



Cut a piece of wrapping paper to the length of three cardboard rolls, and wide enough to wrap around once. Glue a cracker snap down the centre of the paper lengthwise.



Place three cardboard rolls on the paper end to end, and put a line of glue on top of the middle roll only. Then roll the paper around the three rolls to seal the paper in place.

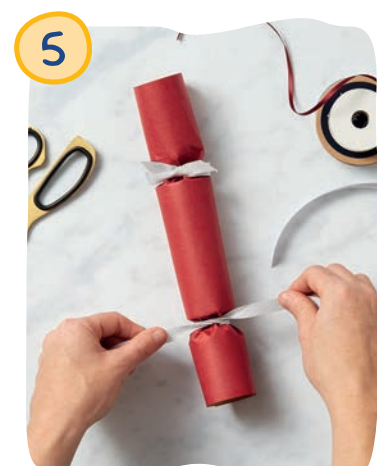


It's time to fill your cracker!

Fill the middle roll with whatever you like: sweets, paper hats, or a positive personalised message.



Now seal your cracker. First move one of the end rolls so it sticks out of the wrapping paper by about 2cm.



Next, twist the tube sticking out and the middle tube away from one another, so that the paper between the two tubes twists and collapses in on itself. Tie a ribbon around the twist, and remove the end tube.

Do the same on the other side, and tie with another ribbon.



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You've made your first cracker!

Admire your work, take a photo and share it using #crafternoon on Facebook or Instagram.

Crafty variations

Instead of using printed wrapping paper, create personalised crackers by decorating plain paper with the names for your Christmas guests by decorating each one with their name.

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