

Advent 2021

DIY Nativity Scene Instructions

Example Materials:

- 13 short cardboard rolls
- 3 long cardboard rolls
- 1 toothpaste box
- 1 tea box
- 3 tissue boxes
- 2 brownie boxes
- 2 large, thick cardboard boxes (e.g. online delivery boxes)
- 1 reusable drinks tray
- 1 egg carton
- 4 brown paper bags
- orange fruit netting
- spare fabric
- string
- ribbon
- tissue paper
- paper
- cardboard
- cotton balls
- foil

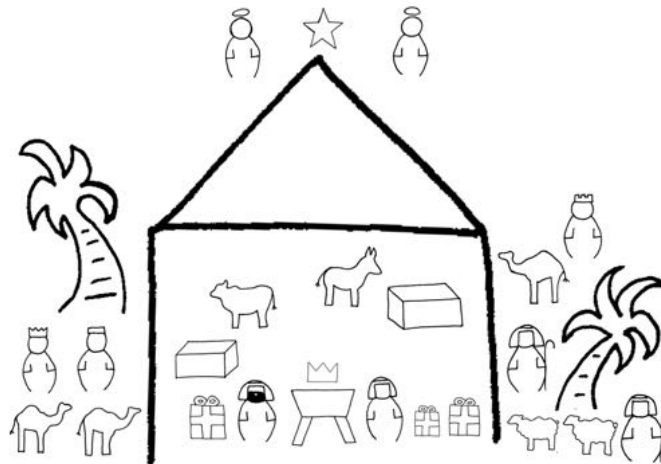


This set of instructions is only an example of 1 way to make your own nativity scene from recycled items but there are lots of ways you could do it!

- If you wanted the people and animals to be smaller you could make them all out of egg cartons instead of short cardboard rolls

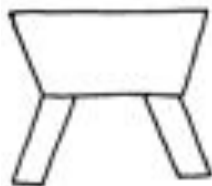
- If you don't want to make a nativity scene you could draw one instead. Each day instead of making the object, person or animal you could draw them! (see example left)

- You could make it out of Lego or toys you already have (e.g. the stable could be a dolls house)



Example Stationary:

- textas
- glue
- sticky tape
- scissors
- stapler



Each piece of the Nativity Scene helps to remind us of part of the Christmas Story (and each reading that we'll be reading through with the Daily Advent Readings)!

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Nov 28 - Stable

The Stable is the piece that all the other characters and objects will sit in and around so it needs to be stable and big enough to fit everything! You could use a couple of flattened boxes to create the base and then the sides of two boxes to make the walls and roof of the stable. You could cover the floor or walls of the stable with brown paper bags if you want it to look more like wood and dirt.



Nov 29 - Palm Tree

Take part of a flattened toothpaste box and cut it into a palm leaf shape and colour/decorate one or both sides. Stick your palm leaf to the top of a long cardboard roll and create your tree!



Nov 30 - Joseph

Cut spare red fabric or red coloured paper to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give Joseph his tunic. Cut out a small piece of fabric or paper for Joseph's head scarf. Add string or ribbon to the scarf and tunic to secure them and for a cute detail!



Dec 1 - Mary

Cut spare blue fabric or blue coloured paper to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give Mary her tunic. Cut out a small piece of fabric or paper for Mary's head scarf. Add string or ribbon to the scarf and tunic to secure them and for a cute detail!



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Dec 2 - Donkey

Cover your short cardboard roll in grey paper (or white paper coloured in grey!) and then cut out a donkey face and ears to stick on the front. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the donkey but make sure they're even so your donkey can stand up!

Dec 3 - Manger

You could use half a short cardboard roll or cut one of the sides off a shortened toothpaste box for your manger. Or you could use part of a reusable drinks tray. Add yellow paper for hay!

Dec 4 - Baby Jesus/Crown

If you would like to make a baby Jesus, you could cut out a baby shape from cardboard and wrap the body section with a tissue or spare fabric for his swaddling clothes. If you don't want to make a baby Jesus, you could make a little crown out of foil instead and write a small J on the front of the crown.

Dec 5 - Angel

Cut white paper or spare fabric to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the angel their tunic. Cut out some white cardboard into wing shapes and decorate them with glitter or glitter pens. Stick the wings onto the back of the tunic to complete your angel!



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Dec 6 - Shepherd

Cut spare yellow fabric or yellow coloured paper to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the shepherd their tunic. Cut out a small piece of fabric or paper and some fruit netting and staple them together for the shepherd's head scarf. Add string or ribbon to the scarf to secure it and for a cute detail!

Dec 7 - Sheep

Stick lots of cotton balls all around a short cardboard roll to make sheep wool and then cut out a sheep face and ears to stick on the front. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the sheep but make sure they're even so your sheep can stand up!

Dec 8 - Hay Bale

Cut a tea box (or other small rectangular, cardboard box) in half and cover it with yellow paper or colour it in with yellow textas to make your hay bale!

Dec 9 - Shepherd

Cut spare orange fabric or orange coloured paper to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the shepherd their tunic. Cut out a small piece of fabric or paper and some fruit netting and staple them together for the shepherd's head scarf. Add string or ribbon to the scarf to secure it and for a cute detail!



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Dec 10 - Sheep

Stick lots of cotton balls all around a short cardboard roll to make sheep wool and then cut out a sheep face and ears to stick on the front. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the sheep but make sure they're even so your sheep can stand up!



Dec 11 - Oxen

Take a short cardboard roll and cut out an oxen or cow face, horns and ears to stick on the front. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the oxen but make sure they're even so your ox can stand up!



Dec 12 - Angel

Cut white paper or spare fabric to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the angel their tunic. Cut out some glitter cardboard into wing shapes. Stick the wings onto the back of the tunic to complete your angel!



Dec 13 - Wise Man

Cut green patterned paper or green spare fabric to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the Wise Man their tunic. Cut foil into a crown shape and stick it to the top of the short cardboard roll. Add string or ribbon to the tunic to secure it and for a cute detail!



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Dec 14 - Camel

Cut out one section of an egg carton and stick it to the back of a short cardboard roll to make a camel hump. Cover the the hump and roll with brown paper. The camel's neck can be made with a thinner cardboard roll or a thick piece of cardboard. Cut out a camel's face and ears and stick that onto one side of the neck and stick the other side to the front of the body. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the camel but make sure they're even so your camel can stand up!



Dec 15 - Gift

Cut a short section of cardboard roll off to make a small cylinder. Cover it with pretty patterned paper, cardboard or fabric to make a gift!



Dec 16 - Wise Man

Cut pink patterned paper or pink spare fabric to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the Wise Man their tunic. Cut foil into a crown shape and stick it to the top of the short cardboard roll. Add string or ribbon to the tunic to secure it and for a cute detail!



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Dec 17 - Camel

Cut out one section of an egg carton and stick it to the back of a short cardboard roll to make a camel hump. Cover the the hump and roll with brown paper. The camel's neck can be made with a thinner cardboard roll or a thick piece of cardboard. Cut out a camel's face and ears and stick that onto one side of the neck and stick the other side to the front of the body. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the camel but make sure they're even so your camel can stand up!



Dec 18 - Gift

Cut a short section of a toothpaste box (or other long rectangular cardboard box) off to make a small square. Cover it with pretty patterned paper, cardboard or fabric to make a gift!



Dec 19 - Star

Cut out 4 cardboard strips that are the same length. Decorate with glitter, stickers or textas and stick each strip on top of each other so every end can be seen. This will make a star shape with 8 points. Tie it up with string (each twist going around a different join) to make it more secure and so you can stick it to the top of the stable.



Dec 20 - Hay Bale

Cut a tea box (or other small rectangular, cardboard box) in half and cover it with yellow paper or colour it in with yellow textas to make your hay bale!



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Dec 21 - Wise Man

Cut purple patterned paper or purple spare fabric to fit around your short cardboard roll and stick it on to give the Wise Man their tunic. Cut foil into a crown shape and stick it to the top of the short cardboard roll. Add string or ribbon to the tunic to secure it and for a cute detail!

Dec 22 - Camel

Cut out one section of an egg carton and stick it to the back of a short cardboard roll to make a camel hump. Cover the the hump and roll with brown paper. The camel's neck can be made with a thinner cardboard roll or a thick piece of cardboard. Cut out a camel's face and ears and stick that onto one side of the neck and stick the other side to the front of the body. The short flaps that secure tissue boxes make very good legs for the camel but make sure they're even so your camel can stand up!

Dec 23 - Gift

Cut a short section of a toothpaste box (or other long rectangular cardboard box) off to make a small rectangle. Cover it with pretty patterned paper, cardboard or fabric to make a gift!

Dec 24 - Palm Tree

Cut out palm leaf shapes from spare cardboard or paper and decorate/colour them. Then stick them together so they make a set of palm leaves and stick this to the top of a long cardboard roll.

