

CRIB MAKING INSTRUCTIONS - CARDBOARD

Tools needed:

1. Paper knife.
2. Scissors.
3. Ruler.
4. Two paint brushes, one 25mm (1inch) and another 37mm (1.5 inch) wide.

Materials:

1. Cardboard, same as used for boxes, 50cm x 35cm.
2. Thin cardboard, 50cm x 35cm.
3. Christmas cards with nativity scene.
4. Tape, either boxing or masking tape, 50mm (2inch) wide.
5. Paint, stone coloured, dark green and earth brown.

Instructions

1. Print a template and enlarge it approximately 200%. Stick on a piece of cardboard and cut out using a scissors. Some templates are available at the end of this document.
2. Trace the contour of the template on the hard cardboard. You can put dots and then join them using a ruler.





3. Cut the profile using a knife and a ruler. Work over a piece of scrap hardboard, to avoid marking the working top. **AVOID HAVING CHILDREN WORKING WITH SHARP KNIVES.**
4. Fold over, using the ruler as shown. Folding lines are shown on the templates.



5. Start taping the edges using tape..



6. Apply a coat of stone coloured paint using the 1.5inch paint brush. Leave to dry.



7. Paint all over again with stone coloured paint and give some very lightly random stokes using dark green and brown paint. Use very small quantities of green and brown. It is good to practice on some scrap cardboard. This can also serve to remove excessive paint from the brush.

8. Find suitable Christmas cards, having the nativity scene and cut out the profiles of the holy family, the shepherds, some sheep, a donkey, the magi, a cow, a star, a tree etc. Glue them on thicker cardboard if the card is too thin, before cutting. Use either transparent tape, or glue Tec to stick to the crib.

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