

Like it? Make it!

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS!

What
you'll
need

- Two sheets of colourful crêpe paper
- Three cardboard toilet rolls
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Ribbon
- Stickers, stars or coloured paper
- Cracker treats (small toys, sweets, jokes)
- Cracker snap (optional)

Start
here!

Make a bang this Christmas with your
very own festive crackers...



1 Lay one sheet of crêpe paper on top of the other sheet, then evenly place three cardboard tubes along the edge of the paper, and tape them into place. If you like, you can thread a cracker snap through the trio of tubes, tapping it in place in the centre tube for a big BANG!



2 Glue along one edge of the paper and then roll the paper around the tubes (keep the tubes in their original position as you roll). Once the cracker is rolled up, glue the paper together at the join.



3 Twist one end of your cracker so that the paper in the gap between the middle tube and the end tube scrunches up, then quickly tie some ribbon around the twisted bit.

4 Pick your cracker surprises and put them in the open end of the cracker. Next, repeat step three to seal this end of the cracker.

Top tip!
Make your own
paper hats to hide in
your crackers!
Remember to ask your
parents before you
buy cracker
snaps.

5 Now for the fun bit! Decorate your cracker with shiny stars, or coloured bits of paper to make it look super festive. Once you're finished, it's time to get CRACKING!



GREEN CHRISTMAS!

Follow these five simple tips for having an
eco-friendly festive season...

GREEN LIGHTS

Everyone loves sparkling Christmas lights, but if you switch to LED energy-saving lights, you can save up to 90% more energy. Remember to turn them off before you go to bed!



TREE WISE!

If you buy a real tree, make sure you go for an organic one that you can recycle locally after the Christmas fun is over for the year. Or, even better, pick a potted tree that you can use each year!



IT'S A WRAP!

Nothing beats ripping the paper off all those gifts, but try saving it to use for next year when you're wrapping all of your family and friends' presents.



RE-USE, RECYCLE!

Having fun at Christmas can leave lots of waste, so recycle it! Leftover food can go on compost heaps, cards can be made into gift tags, and if you out-grow your presents, share them out next year!



SAVE ENERGY!

When you've finished watching TV, remember to always turn it off. And try to use rechargeable batteries for your new toys – that way they'll last until next year!



Q What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? **A** A Christmas quaker!