



Create cardboard tube animals

What you need

- Toilet paper tubes
- Paper towel tubes
- Scissors
- Craft knife
- Black marker
- Hot glue, white glue, or adhesive dots
- Pencil with an eraser
- Scrap pieces of cardboard
- Paint, in various colors
- Small dish for paint

SMART IDEA
The first toilet paper, like the kind that is sold today, was invented by Joseph Gayetty in 1857.

For the elephant

1. Ask an adult to help you print out the elephant template from *The Week Junior* website at theweekjunior.com/activities. Follow the instructions on the template page to trace the elephant shape onto a paper towel tube and cut it out with a pair of scissors.

2. Use a craft knife to carefully saw into the tube for the ears. Fold the ears forward. Paint or draw on eyes with a marker.
3. To make the legs, cut a 1/2-inch ring off another paper towel tube. Cut the ring in half. Glue the legs under the elephant's torso. For a baby elephant, shorten the torso length and cut the legs shorter.

For the snake

1. Paint a toilet paper tube and let it dry. Pencil on a head shape along one end of the tube. Cut around the head shape with scissors and then continue cutting down all around the tube in a spiral. Taper the other end.
2. Stamp on polka dots by using a pencil eraser as a stamp. Slide the snake into a paper towel tube to hold it while stamping.

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For the lion

1. Ask an adult to help you print out the lion template from theweekjunior.com/activities. Follow the instructions on the template page to trace the lion shape onto your toilet paper tube and cut it out with scissors. Fold the fringes of the mane back.
2. To make the face, trace a circle onto scrap cardboard, using the uncut side of the tube as

- a template. Cut the circle out inside the traced line. Draw or paint on eyes, a small triangular nose, and a mouth. Glue the face just inside the tube at the mane end.
3. To make the legs, cut off two 3/8-inch rings from another paper towel tube. Taper the cut ends of both the strips. Glue each set of legs under the lion's torso.
4. Fold up the tail.