

Upcycled Sculpture

Family Friday Project

Necessary

Recyclables

Scissors

Tape and/or string

Useful

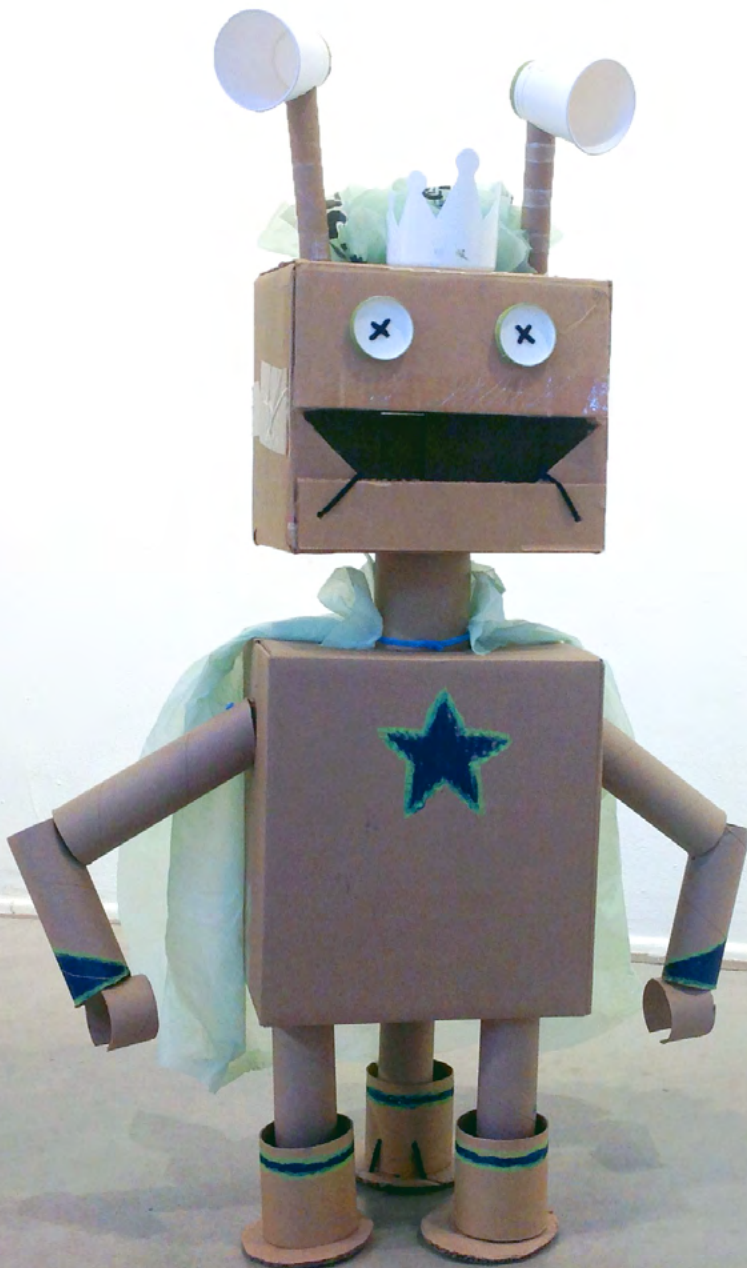
Pipe cleaners

Something to poke holes—
Phillips-head screwdriver,
chopstick, skewer, or nail

Lettuce knife, plastic knife, or
kids' pumpkin carving knife

Buttons

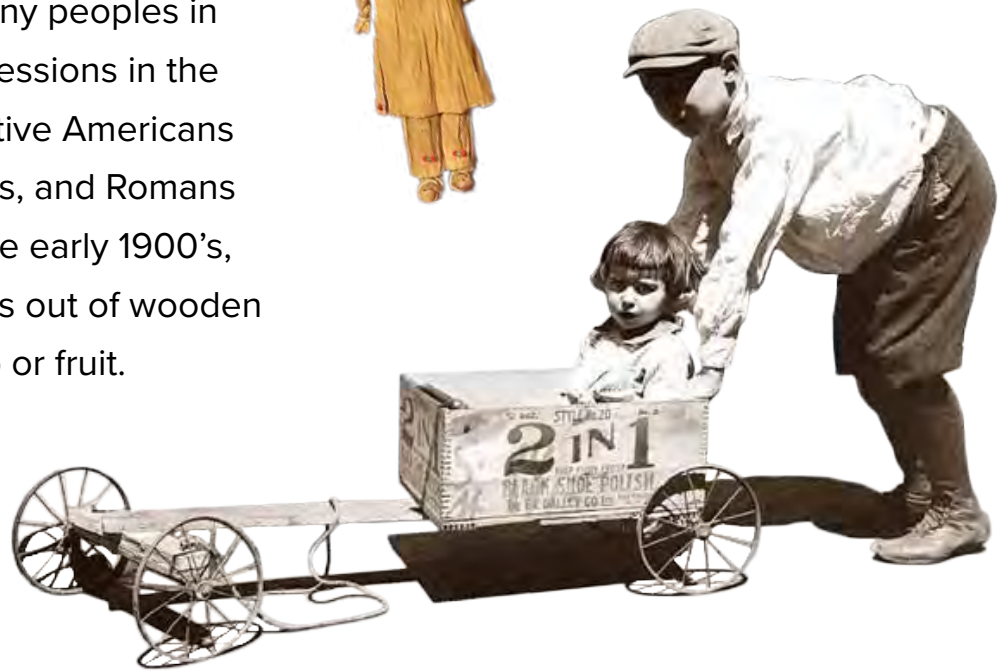
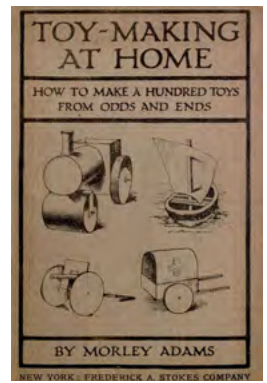
Crayons, pastels, markers,
or paint



Upcycling

History

People have been making things—even toys—out of odds and ends for a long time. In ancient Greece, kids played an early form of jacks using stones and jumped rope using regular rope. Many peoples in Africa used seeds and depressions in the ground to play mancala. Native Americans made dolls out of corn husks, and Romans made dolls out of rags. In the early 1900's, children made soap box cars out of wooden crates that had carried soap or fruit.



Artist Spotlight: Angela Haseltine Pozzi

When artist Angela Haseltine Pozzi noticed increasing amounts of plastic waste washing up on the shores of her home state of Oregon, she decided to do something about it. With the help of volunteers, she collected the plastic and turned it into brilliant sculptures of the marine life most affected by plastic pollution. She went on to found the [Washed Ashore Project](#), through which over 10,000 volunteers have collected over 20 tons of plastic from beaches to create over 70 sculptures.



Let's get started!

Collect Supplies

Recyclables such as boxes, newspapers, grocery bags, milk jugs, yogurt containers, egg cartons, paper cups, straws, bottles, cans, cardboard tubes, bottle caps, etc. With your parent's permission, you could even gather old clothes, rags, broken items, and other things that are no longer used.

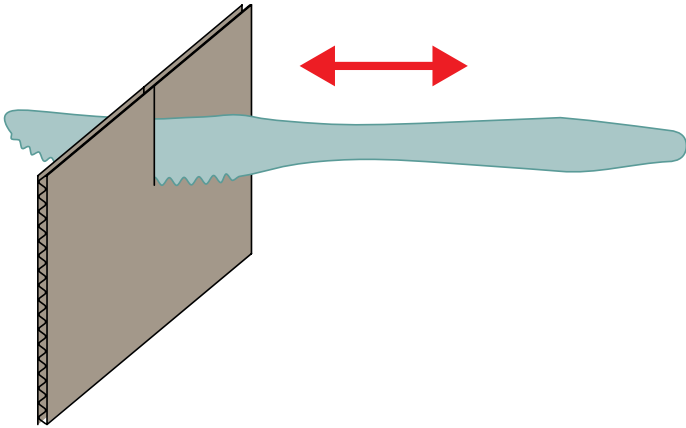
Tools such as scissors to cut; a plastic, lettuce, or pumpkin carving knife to saw cardboard; a Phillips-head screwdriver, chop stick, skewer, nail, or wire to poke holes; and a yarn needle, twist tie, or looped wire to thread string.

Connectors such as tape, string, pipe cleaners, twist ties, and toothpicks.



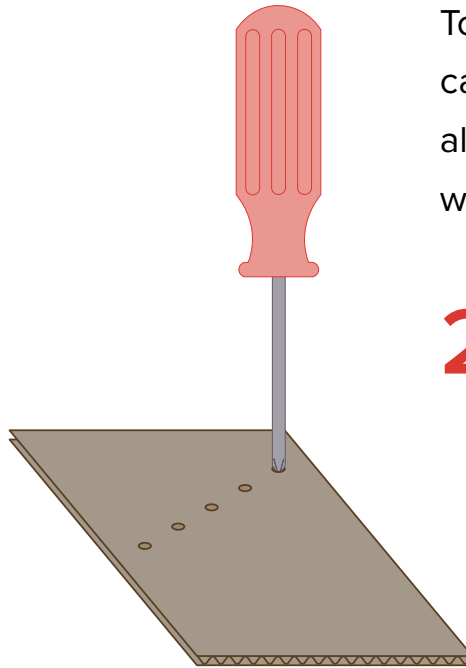
Tips & Tricks

Cut corrugated cardboard by sawing it with a plastic knife.

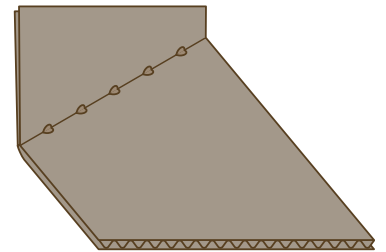


To bend corrugated cardboard, first poke holes along the line where you want the fold.

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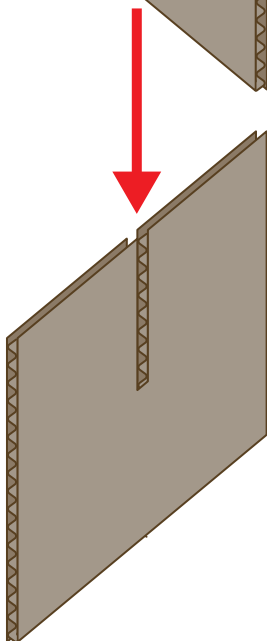


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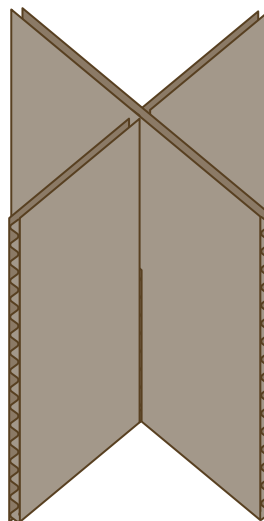


Use slots to intersect pieces of cardboard.

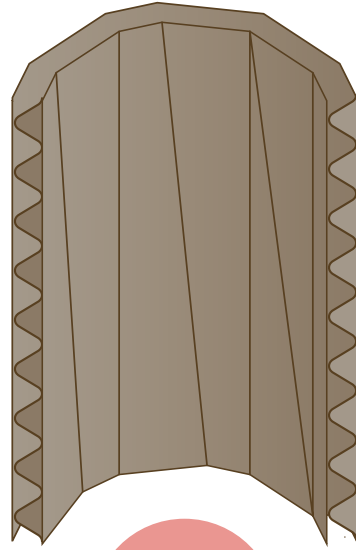
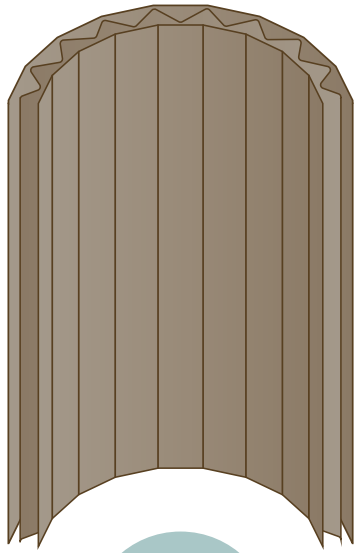
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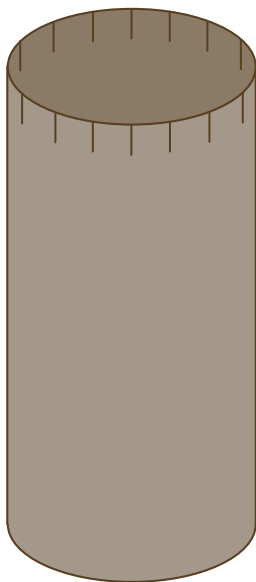


Roll corrugated cardboard with the flutes, not against them.

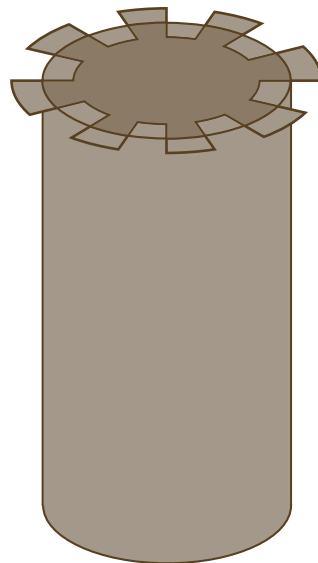


Make a more stable base for attaching tubes by cutting slits in the opening and folding tabs in and out.

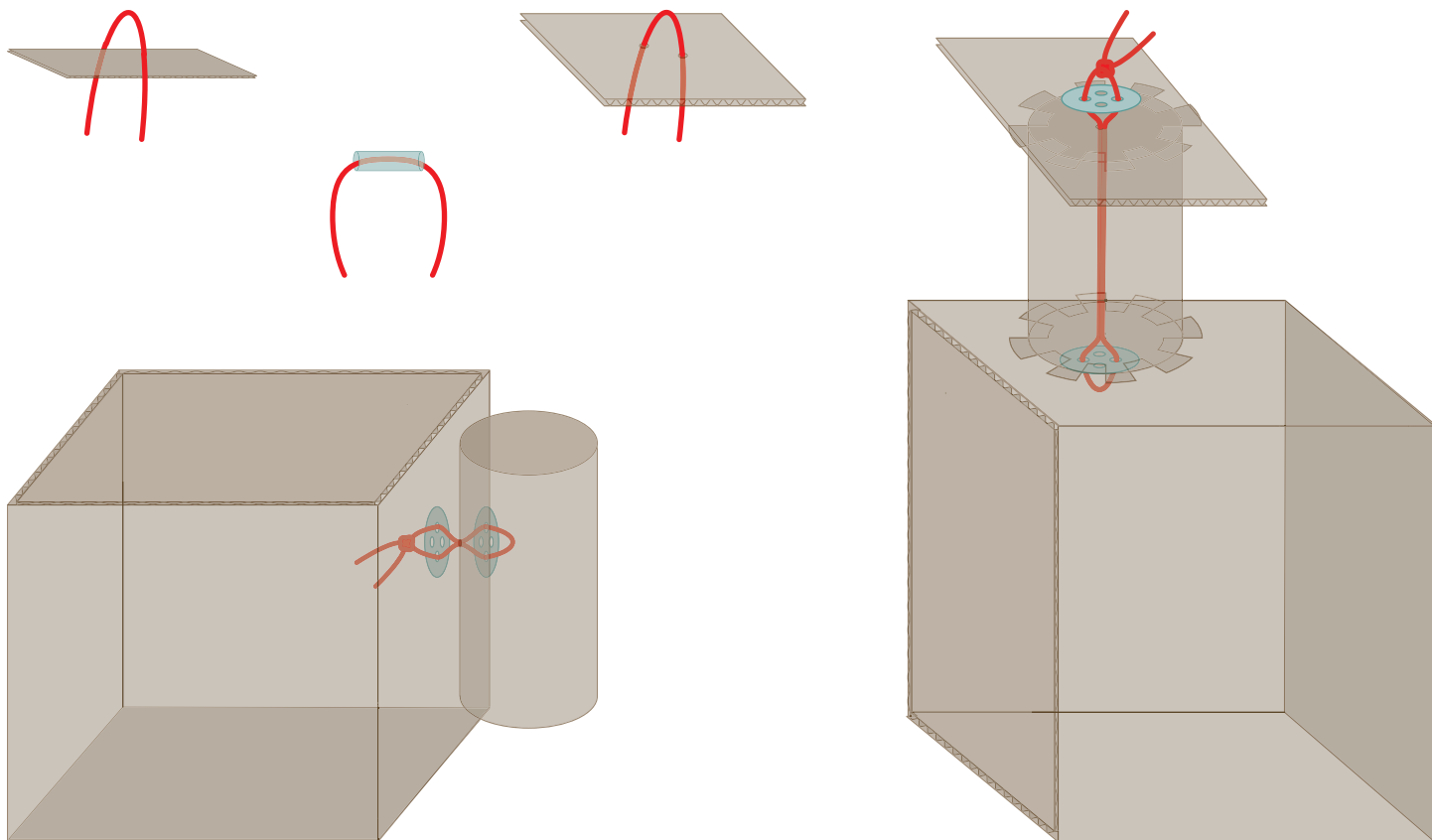
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For movable joints, attach pieces together by stringing them between buttons. If you don't have buttons, make some out of cardboard or a length of straw.



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