

How to Make Paper Ball Animals, People, and Other Stuff

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Items needed:

Scrap paper
White paper
Tape
Scissors
A regular pencil
Colored pencils (optional)
Colored paper (optional)
Buttons (optional)
Beads (optional)
Cloth (optional)
String (optional)
Glue (if you are going to use buttons, beads, string, or cloth)



First you need to make paper balls out of scrap paper.

To make a small ball (maybe for the head), you use one piece of scrap paper.

To make a bigger ball (maybe for the body), you hold your paper ball in one hand and another piece of scrap paper in your other hand. Then, you take the piece of scrap paper and wrap it around the paper ball.

To make a really big ball, keep wrapping pieces of scrap paper around your ball. If it gets hard to keep the ball in its shape, you can tape it.

You can flatten balls to make a flat body or head.

You can also squash it into different shapes like an egg, a sort of triangular shape or you can leave it round.

So that your finished ball looks better, you can wrap a piece of plain white paper or colored paper around your ball.

For legs, arms and other log shaped items, you need to cut strips of paper with the short side the length you want your arm, leg, or whatever you are making to be. Starting on one of the short sides, roll it up nice and tight the way you would a sleeping bag. Tape it so it won't unroll.

For a triangular shaped ear or other small item, all you have to do is cut a smallish square piece of paper and fold or squash it into the shape you need.



Tape your body and head together. Then tape the legs, arms and other things on to the body.

You could roll up a piece of paper to be a tail, or you could use a piece of string. You could use a piece of string for a mouth, too. You could use beads or buttons for eyes, nose, and mouth. You could also draw the eyes, nose, and mouth. You can color you animal, or you could just leave it. You could even glue cloth onto your animal for fur.

But, you don't have to make an animal. You can make anything! I made a paper pepper. Paper chili peppers are fun to hang up as decorations. You can make different shapes by squashing your paper ball different ways.



Experimenting will help you figure out how to make different shapes.

Have fun making your animal, food or whatever!

