



# CRAFT

## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

### WHAT DO I NEED?

Brown paper, used gift wrap or any scrap paper

Glue

String or ribbon

Toilet roll tubes or cut-down kitchen roll tubes

Cracker snaps (optional)

Paper and pen

Tissue paper or newspaper

Other fillers of your choice



1

Cut the brown paper or gift wrap to the correct size by lining up three cardboard tubes along the paper and making sure the paper will cover them in both length and width. Allow around 3cm overlap for width around the tube.



2



Once your paper has been cut to size, line up three cardboard rolls inside it again. Then glue along one long edge of the paper before rolling it over to stick onto the other long edge of paper.

3

Your three tubes are now wrapped snugly within a tube of paper—with the ends still open. If you are adding in a cracker snap, do that now by feeding it through the tubes and securing with a dab or two of glue.



4

Now, to make the cracker shape—pull the cardboard tube from one of the ends slightly away from the centre roll (without removing it completely). Slightly crease and twist between the two rolls.





5

Take a piece of string or ribbon and tie it around the creased twist. Make a bow and remove the end cardboard tube completely.



6

Now you can fill the cracker from the untied end with what ever you want to put inside. This could be paper hats made from tissue paper or newspaper, slips of paper with a fact or joke or homemade sweets.



7

Shake the contents into the centre tube then repeat steps 4 and 5 to twist the second end, tie with a string or ribbon bow and remove the end tube.



8

If the ends are unequal, use scissors to even them up. Optionally, add some embellishment to the centre of the cracker.



**Note: you can make as many crackers as you want but you will need two more inner tubes than the total number of crackers. So if you want to make six crackers, for example, you will need eight tubes.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**