



Carton Crafts



Piggy Bank

Before you begin, clean out your cartons thoroughly with a mild soap and lukewarm water. Do not scrub the cartons.

IMPORTANT: You MUST let the cartons completely dry for 24 hours. If you begin crafts before the carton is dry, the carton can rip and/or fall apart since the glue is weakened.

Your piggy bank is your own creation. You can make it any color you wish and decorate it any way you like. Use your imagination and have fun!



With a clean and dry carton, begin by cutting pieces of construction paper and wrapping them around your carton. Use tape to attach the paper to the cylinder and use glue for the back.

Wrap a strip of construction paper around the lid. Before you cut, make sure the paper is about a half inch HIGHER than the lid. You will use the excess to crimp around the edge of the lid. Attach using tape.



Crimp the excess paper down using your fingers and secure using lots of small pieces of tape. Don't be afraid to use a lot of tape. You want to make sure your crimping stays put on the face of the lid.

Measure the face of the lid (a compass would make it very easy) and cut a circle from construction paper. You can make your own eyes and mouth out of plain white paper or you can print out and use the face features we've included in these instructions. Glue the face features to the circle you cut out. NOTE: Make sure you leave room for the nose because it will go right in the middle!

Using a paper towel core, cover with construction paper (secure with tape and a little glue).



Now cut out legs and a nose. The legs however, should have tabs (see photo). The tabs will help secure the legs to the body.

Cut four slits on the bottom of the body for the legs. Note: Keep in mind that once the lid is attached it will take up space on the body, so don't make the slits too close to the rim. Attach legs and use glue on the inside to glue the tabs down.



Now make two slits on top of the body for the ears. The slits will be diagonal. Cut out ears from construction paper. Fold the ear once vertically and once horizontally to get a floppy ear look (see photo). Place one side of the ear into a slit. Glue it from inside the carton to secure. Repeat for the other ear.



For the finishing touches you can add a ribbon and a tail. Feel free to paint on toenails, spots or whatever you like. The tail can be a pipe cleaner curled up. If you don't have a pipe cleaner, you can cut a thin strip of construction paper, curl it around a pencil and tighten slightly. This will give the paper the curl you need. Cut it to the desired length and attach with glue.

Cut a slit in the very top of the body and you're done. Time to start adding money!

NOTE: Do not glue the lid to the body! You remove the lid to retrieve coins you have saved up.

MATERIALS:

Construction Material

1 Carton

Construction Paper

Paper Towel Core

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Glue

Scotch Tape

Suggested Decoration Materials

Ribbons

Pipe Cleaners

Magic Marker

