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Create this adorable pirate ship craft with a free template! When youre done, check out this toilet paper roll castle to add to the fun! This post contains affiliate links. We feature a lot of beautiful crafts with all kinds of fun materials on this site, but sometimes the biggest winner is when you can use ordinary materials you already have to make something youll have fun using. Here, we use simple paper and objects that could be mistaken for trash, and the end result is instantly playable. This pirate ship is not actually seaworthy since its made from paper materials, but it is perfect for pretend play using a bed or floor as the ocean. Since its made from a tube, kids can even stick little people inside for transport. You can even experiment with it in the bath, just be aware that it might be a single-use endeavor! You can also make a second ship for the good guys by just leaving off the pirate flag or designing your own flag using different colors. This craft is based on a cardboard tube. When I was a kid, empty toilet paper tubes were a crafting staple. They were almost endlessly available, and there were equally endless things to do with them. These days, many people are more wary about hygiene and less encouraging of their kids playing with bathroom garbage. If thats you, dont worry there are many other ways to enjoy the same crafts. Some ideas: Amazon sells the same kind of tubes without the toilet paper. They are actually stronger. You can use paper towel rolls from the kitchen or elsewhere, just cut them down to size if the instructions are made for toilet paper rolls. Other products that may come on cardboard rolls include wrapping paper, aluminum foil, etc. You can make your own tubes by rolling up cardstock or thin cardboard and gluing or taping it closed Empty a toilet paper roll before it goes into the bathroom by pre-cutting the toilet paper into sheets of 2-3 squares. This can also be a great lifestyle fit if you have a little one who likes unraveling the roll for fun, or family members who tend to waste too much paper. Personally, I think its well worth the few minutes of extra effort of preparing the roll in order to engage kids in this classic activity of repurposing household trash by crafting. My kids actually enjoy being the ones to pre-cut toilet paper themselves its a fairly easy task to teach at any age. Cardboard tube (such as toilet paper roll or a purchased craft tube) Colored paper Ruler Scissors Glue (I like tacky glue because it holds well before it cures) Tape Sticks (such as craft sticks, skewers, mini dowels, or natural sticks) Template you can download and print at the end of this post 1. Cut out all the pictures from the template. For parts that you want to leave white, such as the skull and bones, youre done. For the other pieces, trace the template onto the colored papers of your choice and cut those out. 2. Glue the window cutouts onto your cardboard roll. 3. Take two sticks for the sails. 4. Glue a paper sail to the top of one of the sticks. You may want to secure it with a piece of tape across the stick as well. 5. Glue the skull and bones onto the flag cutout. 6. Glue the flag and the rest of the sails onto the sticks. Use tape to secure them as needed. 7. Poke two holes in the top of the cardboard tube to put the sticks through (you may want to help children with this step since it may require some force with a pointy object). 8. Poke the bottoms of the sticks through the holes. Use glue as needed to secure them in place. 9. Glue the anchor cutout near the windows for a finishing touch. Your cardboard tube pirate ship craft is complete! To download, fill out the form below. Youll be signed up for our free newsletter unsubscribe at any time in the footer of the emails. I respect your privacy and the law and wont share your information with anyone. Ahoy mates! We've got a great activity for you!If your kids have plans to set sail in dangerous waters or hunt for a hidden treasure, then they're going to need the appropriate vessel.You can't send them out unprepared, so with that in mind, we compiled a list of the best tutorials on how to make a pirate ship out of cardboard boxes.Whatever your level of craftiness and the zeal of your pint-sized pirate, we have the ship for you. So get out your eye patch, your hooked hand, and your spyglasswe're about to build a ship.And don't forget to put your little swashbuckler to work! A lack of cooperation would surely mean he or she will have to walk the plank. Want to hear about the best discounts on baby products, toys, craft materials and all things kid-related? Join our Facebook group for promo codes and secret sales!First up we have Anna, from over at Pattern Me Mommy, who has an absolutely awesome pirate ship tutorial.Her husband Mike took on the project, and not only did it provide the perfect opportunity to spend some QT with their son, at the end of the day they built a pretty badassship. Although the list of supplies is somewhat daunting (packing tape, rope, wire ring anchor points, drywall screws, pine board, dowel rods...), a quick trip to Home Depot and/or Lowe's will provide you with everything you're going to need.Image credit: Pattern Me MommyYou can find another great pirate ship over at Create in the Chaos. Ellen and her three boys show you exactly how they do it, step by step.For this one, all you're going to need is 2 large cardboard boxes, some duct tape, and a box cutter. Depending on your little pirate's desires, you could potentially paint it, but here you get a basic idea of how to put it together.Image credit: Create in the ChaosMichelle from Molly Moo Crafts offers yet another approach to making your pirate ship, and besides the fact that it looks amazing, she made it in less than an hour! Very impressive.We should note though, that your kids won't be able to climb inside this one. This ship is for dolls and action figures only.You're only going to need a handful of items to do this craft: a cardboard box, of course; a glue gun, a craft knife, a ruler, a pencil and a marker, twine, twigs, and fabric for the sail. If you've got these items on hand, we have the ship for you!Image credit: Molly Moo CraftsAnother option along these lines, i.e. a small pirate ship for your child's toys to play in, comes from Maggie at Red Ted Art.Unlike the others, she puts her pirate ship together with a medium-sized delivery box and then adds a layer of paper macheto give it more stability. This step is optional, but we think it gives the ship a nice, unique touch.You'll agree that the final product looks pretty darn good!Image credit: Red Ted ArtAmanda Medlinshows us yet another option for making our own pirate ship. She and her husband and their kids build a pretty impressive vessel in their tutorial.From the glitter anchor to the PVC pipe sail to the telescope/can, which shoots out deadly ping pong balls, this option will surely serve as wonderful inspiration. Image credit: Amanda MedlinKate, from Kate's Creative Space, really pulls out all the stops on her ship.She takes pirate shipbuilding up a notch with an artist's touch,using wood-effect wallpaper to give the ship a "nautical" look, curtain rings to look like life-rings, and a realistic-looking pirate treasure map, complete with singled edges.This is definitely one ship you want to steer clear of should it cross your path. Image credit: Kate's Creative SpaceAt Weird, Unsocialized Homeschoolers, Stefwho claims not to be craftyshows us how to put together a pretty darn crafty pirate ship any kid would love.You need but a few items: 2 large boxes, duct tape, spray paint, a box cutter and 2 short PVC pipes.We love this tutorial for several reasons. Not only does the ship look awesome, Stef includes a handful of tips that will come in handy for any pirate shipbuilder and she has some great suggestions for using your ship to create a unique learning experience.Image source: Weird Unsocialized HomeschoolersAnd last but certainly not least, we'd like to highlight Lorraine's tutorial over at Ikot Bag. In addition to having a great sense of humor, she skillfully put together an impressive ship with the help of her 3 daughters.It has a wheel, multiple sails, and a perch for the captain's parrot, and although her daughter names it Queen of the Waves (a decidedly un-pirate-y name), it would indubitably commend respect in the most dangerous pirate-infested waters. Image source: Ikot BagThere's a good chance you'll want your ship to be ready in time for International Talk Like a Pirate Day, which usually falls in September, so start gathering your materials now that you know how to make a pirate ship out of cardboard boxes.What are you waiting for? There are ships to be pillaged and booty to be stolen, you lubbers! Today, sail the seven seas with your HABA Little Friends and this DIY cardboard pirate ship! Our friend, @studiorosie, made this sweet craft that will have your little one taking on the waves and riding the tide of fun all day!Gather Your Supplies:These are the supplierfor this project. Create your DIY Cardboard Pirate Ship:Step 1: Cut out the templates for the pirate ship. Trace the ship, large cross section, small cross section, and ship floor templates on cardboard. Cut out each of the cardboard shapes. Follow the dotted lines on the templates to make notches in the cardboard.Note:See below for how notches should look.Step 3:Slide together the ship and the large cross section using the longer vertical notch of the ship. Then, slide together the ship and the small cross section using the shorter vertical notch of the ship.Note:See below for visual.Step 4: On the right and left side of the ship, slide together the floor and the cross sections using the horizontal notches.Note:See below for visual.Step 4: Trace the sail template on a piece of white paper and cut out the shape. With a bamboo skewer, poke through the paper sail on the top and bottom. Then, poke the skewer into the corrugation of the cardboard.Step 4:Enjoy! Follow @studiorosie on Instagram for even more fun crafting adventures! We love to see your creations! Tag us on Instagram @habausa for a chance to be featured! Hi, in this instructable I show you how I made a pirate ship.For this project I used cardboard from pizza boxes, egg cartons, hot glue, thread, super glue and paint.It took me about 5 days to finish, working a couple of hours daily.I started by designing the patterns. I had some idea of what I want to create so I drew the profile of the ship, then the top view of the deck. The ribs of the ship were a little bit of a guessing game, knowing only two dimensions from the side view and the top view. You can see the result translated in 10 images containing the patterns I will be using in the following steps. All 10 pages are in A4 format (297x210 mm) so try to use them without changing the aspect ratio. My cardboard was 2 mm thick and used two pieces for each pattern, so the thickness you see there is 4 mm (except for the orange one which is the main line of the boat and made it in 4 layers, 8 mm thick). You may have to adjust some of the patterns if you use a thicker or thinner cardboard.Patterns.zipGluing the pieces together should be easy if you follow the first picture with all the patterns along with the video. Basically the colored 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 pieces are glued to the brown A, B, C, D, E pieces and sit on top of the orange piece. The green a, b, c, d pieces are the deck and sit on top of everything. Make sure to glue the deck horizontally.I made some long 15 mm stripes of the same 2 mm pizza boxes cardboard and started gluing them to the framework. I started from the bottom of the ship and worked my way up. I overlaid each piece over the one before just a little bit.Using the green patterns a, b and d, I outlined the railing top view. You can make wider, thicker or thinner. Mine was 15 mm wide and 6 mm thick. I made the pillars gluing 3 small 30x5 mm cardboard pieces together.I added some details using thin stripes of cardboard on the sides. Although these details are not so visible now, they will look great when making the patina. I also added some round and square windows.I needed a stand for the ship so I decided to go for a rocky one, full of textures. I made the stand out of egg cartons. I broke the carton into smaller irregular pieces and glued them together. This type of carton is easy to bend and glue in any shape you want.I made the main three pillars by rolling and gluing the cardboard until I reached the desired thickness. One pillar is about 20 mm thick. The middle one is the tallest and it has 360 mm, the one in front has 320 mm and the last one has 220 mm. I made patterns for the sails also. 1a and 1b are for the front, 2a and 2b are a little larger and are for the middle and 3a is for the third pillar. I made the curved sails by gluing two pieces of cardboard together and bending them while the glue is still hot. I used the cutting mat to help along with the bending. I added threads as best as I could. I am no expert in this so I used some Google images for reference. Even though I had no idea of the correct way this should be done, the threads added a realistic effect to the ship, and this aspect was all that mattered to me. I glued the ends of the threads using super glue.I covered the surface in a dark color first. This will serve as a base. Make it go in all the cracks and the deepest holes. It will act like a shadow and contrast layer when we add brighter colors. I add a brighter color only to the surface of the texture, gently rubbing the brush with very little pigment so I don't get it in the cracks. On top of that bright color you can add other colors as well. You can make it brighter and more colorful, it's your choice. I went for a wooden look for the main body of the ship. I painted the sails white first and then added a diluted brown to the top and spread it gently and dissolving it to the bottom until the sail looked older and used. I hope you liked my instructable and got some inspiration to start your own projects. Have fun!0 ratings0% found this document useful (0 votes)2K viewsThe document describes how to make a cardboard pirate ship using materials like cardboard, hot glue, thread and paint. It takes about 5 days to complete, working a couple hours each day. The AI-enhanced title and descriptionSaveSave DIY Cardboard Pirate Ship.pdf For Later0% found this document useful, undefined Talk Like a Pirate Day may be September 19th, but theres no bad time to use this printable pirate ship template to make an adorable kids craft! How to Make a Pirate Ship!There are many different types of materials you can use to make your own DIY pirate ship. From cardboard to crayons, theres a medium for everyone.When we were making ours we discovered that using a printable pirate ship template like the one below made it super easy for kids of all ages. Having that basis for the boat just made it a lot easier for everyone to manage.While you could print out this template and trace the pieces on cardboard, we found that a cardstock papercraft pirate ship was the best option for us. If you want something a bit sturdier though, go for the cardboard or heavier cardstock just be sure to hold little ones cut it out!Printable Pirate Ship Template and CraftAges: 3+Time: 30 minutesMaterials Directions:Step 1: Print out and trace the pieces of the pirate ship template. Cut out the pieces for the ship.Step 2: Glue the blue rectangular piece (waves) horizontally on the tan base of the boat.Step 3: Glue the two masts that were cut from brown construction paper to the boat.Step 4:Glue the pirate skull to the black flag. Attach it to the top of the front mast.Step 5: Glue the three remaining white flags onto the mast with one below the pirate flag and two on the second mast.Step 6: Glue the 3 circular pieces on the bottom part of the ship to make the windows.Step 8: Use a black marker to add details to the windows and anywhere else on the ship that you'd like to emphasize.Enjoy! Show Us Your Pirate Ship!Did you use the printable pirate ship template to make your own pirate ship craft? Show us! Snap a picture and tag us on Instagram @ThatKidsCraftSite! We cant wait to celebrate your creativity! Other Kids Crafts Youre Sure to Love(one-half-first)[one-half-first][one-half][one-half] Mindy is an enormous, hand-picked, quality checked, and categorized craft / DIY tutorial collection. Our mission is to help you discover the world's best free craft tutorials, patterns, and printables! We have fantastic crafts, helpful tips, and step-by-step tutorials from talented and passionate craft bloggers all around the world. Our library consists of thousands of in-depth craft tutorials and covers an immense variety of crafts and hobbies. Whether you want to see specific crafts or just pretending to sail their pirate ships across the seven seas! If your kids love pirates and pretend, be sure to make this fun printable pirate finger puppets to use along with this pirate ship. Supplies: Colored paper Cardstock paper or thin cardboard (for example, from a cereal or cracker box or from dividers used between breakable items in shipping boxes.) Craft glue Pencil Scissors Template Pirate Ship TemplateDownload Directions: Print and cut out the pirate ship template. Choose a piece of cardstock or thin cardboard for the ship and mast base. Then choose colored papers for the rest of the patterns. Trace the patterns on the chosen papers and cut all the pieces out. Fold and make creases along the yellow lines of the side and back ship pieces. Use scissors to cut slits along the thin folded parts of the side patterns; keeping a small gap between the slits. See below for an example. Apply glue to the pieces you folded up. Attach the bottom and one side of the ship by gluing the folded and clipped tab under the base of the ship.. Attach the other side of the ship in the same way. Use glue to join the two sides of the ship in the front. Then attach the back of the ship by gluing the bottom tabs onto the ships base and the side tabs onto the sides of the ship. Prepare the masts base by folding along the yellow lines, then punch a hole in the middle. Apply glue along the 2 side folds, bending the base into an arch shape. Then attach the two sides with glue to the center bottom of the ship, as shown below. Attach the windows with glue to the outside of the ship. Glue the (optional) border on the bottom of the ship. Glue the anchor onto the front of the ship. Roll the mast strip into a thin straw shape. Use glue to secure the mast. Glue the skull and crossbones onto the small flag. Punch holes in the sails where the yellow circles are marked. Insert the mast into the holes on the sails. Secure them with a little glue if necessary. Attach the flag to the top of the mast. Insert the mast pole into the mast base to finish your pirate ship craft. After creating your pirate ship be sure to create more fun pirate crafts with your kids! Welcome back to this weeks How To where I made a Cardboard DIY Pirate Ship / Pirate Boat for the children! We do adore a little Pirate Craft here or there (a great addition to our special Crafts for Boys collection)! Red Ted was given a fabulous pirate ship with fabulous pirates for his. He wouldnt let Pip Squeak play (as kids sometimes do, especially with new toy). Lets make a pirate boat! We made our cardboard pirate ship back in early April 2012 and it is still going strong years later! So I bought her some pirates (thinking the pirates were the problem). He then said Mummy, can you make Pip Squeak a pirate ship too?. This was about 4 weeks ago... and \*finally\* I found the time during the Easter holidays to Get Crafty for the kids. And this is our DIY Pirate Ship How To! Hope you like it! I love this Pirate Ship sent to us by Facebook Reader Andrea C ! Thank you for sharing your photo with us! Use our easy peasy guide tohow to make paper mache from flour inexpensive, environmentally friendly and quick! Move those Legos aside... time to get crafty! We love fun crafts that you can play with! Cardboard (I used a mid sized delivery box), masking tape, newspaper & paper mache paste (here is an easy homemade paper mache recipe), scissors, paint, glue, 2 sticks (for masts), odds of fabric (I used some old suit fabric from The Englishman and white felt), varnish Some of the materials are optional e.g. you could use acrylic paints in which case you wouldnt need varnish... similarly you dont HAVE to add a layer of paper mache, but I think it adds stability! See what you can find at home and amend our DIY Pirate Ship How to, to suite what you have at home! For those who have asked... we have these fantastic Pirate Toys that my kids still enjoy playing with over 6 years later. They are a bit pricey, but I would say a fantastic COLLECTORS item... and ahem, we have quite few now. They are called arsy toy and are made by djeco! Great crafts only need basic materials! In this case, cardboard, some masking tape and home paper mache paste! 1) Cut out your basic pirate ship shape. We had 5 parts: the bottom, the two sides, the back and a deck. I have included the dimension in a rough sketch for you. Really they are just approximations. Best to cut your two side panels and the back, tape it all together and then to cut your base and desk to fit your boat. I kept trimming off a little for a good fit! I based our ship on Red Teds Toy. Both my little boy and girl LOVE playing with this DIY pirate ship! It is an easy craft mom or dad can make! So much fun! 2) Cut port holes into your sides and back of your DIY Pirate Ship. I used some nail scissors (that I have especially for crafting) as they have a nice round curve. Tape your sides and back together. 3) Having trimmed your bottom and deck, tape these in too. The deck is quite fragile and is the part that probably benefits the most from the paper mache. 4) Cut out 12 cardboard discs poke a hole through them. Make sure the stick fits snugly. Then glue all the discs together with strong (!) glue and finally glue in place on the boat. Add masking tape to secure it (picture doesnt show the tape, sorry!). 5) Now to paper mache! We happened to have lots of white packing paper lying around, so I decided to use that. Of course ordinary newspaper is fine too. Check our easy and low cost paper mache recipe. Cut your paper in lots of small-ish strips. Start adding layers of mache especially over the joints. Secure all the masking tape try to give extra hold to the deck. Yes it is fiddly, but if you can get a few layers of paper under the deck propping it up, then that will give it extra strength. I like to layer my paper in different directions you know how when you tear newspaper it one direction it tears really is easily, but not in the other? Well, I believe that if you criss cross your paper layers when paper machining, you get a stronger final construction. I do this particularly in areas of stress and weakness e.g. I layered extra round the circular discs. 6) Let dry. Then paint. The children chose blue! Have a blast decorating the ship! And let the kids get stuck in too! 7) Let dry again and add detail I painted on some skull and cross bones and anchors. I first drew some on paper, cut them out and traced them on with pencil. 8) Let dry and varnish (I used Mod Podge, but any varnish will do) 9) Make a sail: I used a rectangular ish piece of black suit fabric. Sewed the edges. Across the top, I left the seam wider so I could insert a stick. Near the middle I snipped the fabric, threaded through some string and with that tied the sail to the mast! For the skull and cross bone I stuck on some white felt.

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