

Cardboard Cardinals



Cardboard Cardinal Directions

MATERIALS

- Old, clean corrugated cardboard, about 10" x 5" rectangles
- Bird template (See page 3)
- Yarn
- Utility scissors
- Felt, black and yellow
- Googly Eyes
- Red Feathers
- Craft Glue
- Black Pipe Cleaners
- Decorative string for hanging



DIRECTIONS

PREP: Cut a bird shape for each student as it takes a sharper scissors than the standard child's scissors. Add a 1/4" slit in the tail to begin the wrapping. I also cut lengths of yarn into about a 4 yard lengths for each student to start wrapping. It generally took about 3 or 4 of these for each student to completely cover their bird.

1. Place one end of the yarn in the slit in the tail and then start wrapping about a 4 yard length of yarn. This seems to be a good length that keeps students supplied for awhile, but didn't get tangled as they worked.
2. Whenever a length is done, cut a small slit cut to tuck their end into. Kinders needed help with this, but older made their own slit. Continue with more yarn until the face is covered. Make a final slit for the end, and then adjust the yarn to cover it.
3. Felt pieces may be precut for kinders, but older could make their own. Attach them to the face with a small amount of craft glue.
4. Cut a pipe cleaner in half for each leg. Students form their feet and toes as they wish. An embroidery sewing needle helps to poke a hole INSIDE the two layers of cardboard to create space for each leg to be inserted.
5. Tuck feathers into the tail and face and wing area as desired.
6. Add a decorative string through the back body. The embroidery needle helps for this too as it takes just one stitch through the yarn before tying a knot.

