

CARDBOARD ANIMAL CRAFTS



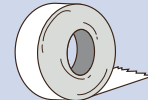
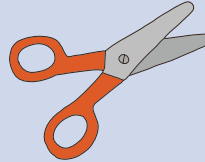
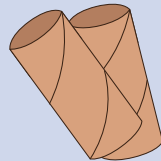
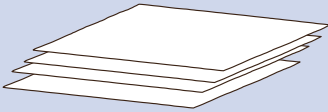
The Children's Reading Foundation

Read Together 20 Minutes Every Day.™

Repurpose some toilet paper tubes and have fun crafting with materials from home. Your child will have an opportunity to develop and practice fine motor skills while you create these tube READY! animals together.

What you'll need:

- 8½ x 11 white paper (for printing)
- 2 empty toilet paper tubes
- Scissors
- Tape or glue



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. Print out Toilet Paper Tube Animals sheet on the other page of this document.
2. Separate the READY! character pieces by cutting along the dotted lines. If your child can cut by themselves, ask them to practice their scissor skills by cutting out the animals' heads, bodies, feet, and tails. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut out the animals together.
3. Tape the bunny's body around the first empty toilet paper tube. Then tape the bunny's face to the front, the paws below the face, and the tail at the back of the toilet paper tube.
4. Once done, tape the lion's body around the second empty toilet paper tube. Tape the lion's face to the front, the paws below the face, and the tail at the back of the toilet paper tube.
5. Now you are ready to Play With a Purpose. Use your Toilet Paper Tube Animals to tell a story. Ask your child questions and follow their lead to add details to the stories. Have the READY! animals be a part of your daily reading routine too!

Making crafts and doing activities is always fun! But remember, Playing With a Purpose is being actively engaged in your child's play. These activities are intended to enjoy together at the same time you ensure your child's safety and offer help as needed.

