

Amazing Animals



How to make lots of exciting animals

Other things you will need:
scissors, white paper glue (PVA).

Getting Started:

- When making the animals it will help to look at the illustrations on the box, so don't throw it away.
- Lines on the cards show you where to stick the straws. These are only a guide; don't worry if you can't stick the straws exactly between the lines.
- Between the lines are dots or crosses to show you which straws to use:
blue crosses are for *thick* straws.
red dots are for *thin* straws.
- Decide what to make first and count how many thick and thin straws you need. Cut the straws to the right length and stick them onto the card. It is easier to start at the top and work down.
- Read the more detailed instructions before starting.
- There are more Artstraws in the box than you will need, so don't worry if you make a mistake.



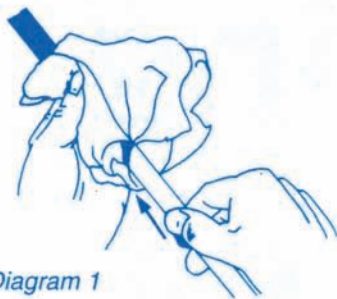


Diagram 1



Diagram 2



Diagram 3



Diagram 4

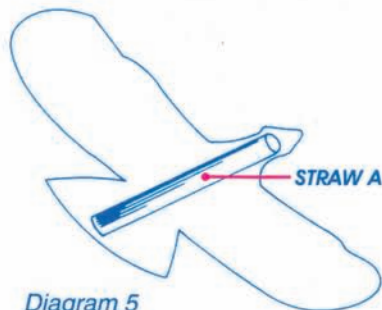


Diagram 5

Colouring the straws

Use paints, food colouring or large felt tip pens. The best way is to dip a piece of damp J-Cloth into the paint, wrap it around the straw and slide it along. Colour the straws first and leave them to dry before cutting or sticking (see Diagram 1).

Sticking

Use white paper glue (PVA) because it dries colourless. It is best to apply the glue to the straw rather than to the picture. The straws will stick with only a little glue so do not use too much.

Tiger Mask

1. Press out the mask and stick on the straws. The mask shows you where to stick the straws. Look at the picture on the box to get an idea how long each straw should be.

The straws for the tiger's mane can be feathered at the ends to make it more bushy, (see Diagram 2).

2. Fix the elastic to your mask by sticking 2 short lengths of straw to the back of the mask and threading the elastic through them, (see Diagram 3).

Dinosaur

1. Press out the dinosaur and stick straws onto both sides. The coloured side shows you where to stick the straws. Look at the picture on the box to see how long the straws should be. Don't forget to cut them into a point at the end.
2. Flatten an Artstraw and roll it up, gluing the end to hold it in place, (see Diagram 4). Stick three of these onto the dinosaur's body.
3. Fold the dinosaur along the top edge to make him stand up.

Eagle

Press out the eagle, colour and stick on all the thin and thick Artstraws. The straws should be slightly longer than the model and pointed at the ends (look at the picture on the front of the box).

How to make Moving Wings

Straw A. Stick a thick straw underneath the eagle from the head to the tail, (see Diagram 5).

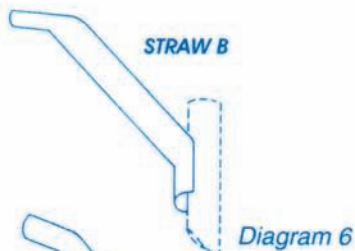


Diagram 6

You may want to reinforce this part by binding a piece of sellotape around it, but be careful not to squash the centre straw.

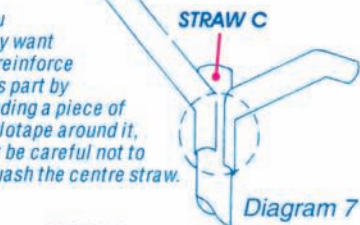


Diagram 7



Diagram 8

Diagram 9

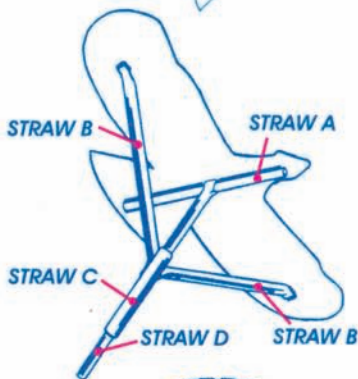


Diagram 10

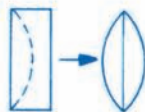


Diagram 11

Straw B. Cut a 16cm length of thick straw. Flatten about 1.5cm at both ends and bend the ends up. Curve one of the flattened ends so that it will fit round another thick straw, (see Diagram 6). Repeat this with another thick straw.

Make sure that the unflattened part of the two straws are exactly the same length. You can do this by increasing the length of a flattened end on one of the straws.

Straw C. Cut a 10cm length of thick straw. Stick the two curved ends of **Straw B** close to the top, one on either side of **Straw C**. (see Diagram 7).

Stick the two flat ends of **Straw B** to the underneath of the eagle's wings about 9.5cm on either side of **Straw A**.

Straw D. Make two cuts, opposite each other, about 0.5cm long, to the end of a thin straw. (see Diagram 8).

Do not open the cuts yet.

Take another thin straw, flatten it and fold it in half all the way along.

Push this up inside **Straw D** just up to the cuts.

With the cut end first push **Straw D** up into **Straw C** so that it comes out underneath the wings.

Fold out the cuts and stick them around **Straw A**. (see Diagram 9).

Leave the model until you are sure all glued joints are dry.

"Flying" the Eagle

Hold **Straw C** in one hand and push **Straw D** up and down to flap the eagle's wings, (see left).

Parrot Pictures

1. Make the parrot first, starting at the bottom of the picture and working upwards so that the feathers overlap correctly.

2. To make the tail feathers: flatten a length of thick straw and make cuts close together along one side, (see Diagram 10).

Bend into shape and stick on. The ruffle round the parrot's neck is made the same way.

3. To make the body feathers: flatten a piece of Artstraw. Cut as shown in the diagram and open up to form the feather shape, (see Diagram 11).

4. To make the frame: work from the top to the bottom changing from thick to thin straws as shown.



Diagram 12



Diagram 13



Diagram 14



Diagram 15

Spider (you will need 27 thick straws)

1. Take 3 thick straws and fasten them together with an elastic band. Do not flatten the straws.
2. Plait in the usual way, i.e. fold the left straw over the centre straw, then the right straw over this new centre straw. Continue alternately crossing left and right straws over the centre straw, (see Diagram 12), until you have used the first three straws.
3. Gently crease and pinch the ends of 3 more straws and gently push and twist them into the ends of the plaited straws, (see Diagram 13).
4. Continue plaiting and joining until all the straws have been used.
5. Fasten the end of the plait with an elastic band.
6. Tie a piece of elastic band to one of the elastic bands. Starting with this end, roll up the entire plait, (see Diagram 14).
7. Stick the end down and leave to dry.
8. When completely dry, gently push up the centre of the rolled up plait with your thumbs to form the spider's body. Carefully dab glue in several places underneath the body to help it keep its shape.
9. To make legs: Cut 8 equal lengths of Artstraw (approx 12cm long). Bend over 1cm at the bottom of the straw. Bend over and flatten 1cm at the top of the straw, (see Diagram 15).
10. Insert the flattened part of the legs between the first and second layers of the body (4 on each side) keeping the legs opposite each other, so that he will stand up. Glue in place.
11. Choose one of the faces and stick on 2 straws to make antennae (see picture on the pack). Stick the face onto the spider's body.

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