

FESTIVE PIÑATAS



Easy to make
and perfect for
any celebration

You will need:

- Cardboard toilet paper tube
- Coloured tissue paper
- Tissue paper off-cuts
- Coloured/metallic paper pieces
- Metallic curling ribbon
- Ribbons (optional)

Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- Sticky tape
- Sweets or small gifts

How to make it:

- 1 Start by cutting a circle of tissue paper about 8-10cm diameter. Use glue to stick the tissue paper circle over one end of the toilet paper tube. **Optional:** carefully cut a small nick in the centre of the tissue paper circle. This will help the paper to tear when the ribbon is pulled.
- 2 Now cut some strips of coloured tissue paper. Aim for a rough size of 16 x 5cm but it doesn't have to be exact.
- 3 Fold each strip in half and then in half again. Make 2 or 3 cuts into the paper as shown in the diagram to create a fringe effect. Open out the strips.
- 4 Apply glue to the strips on the opposite edge to the fringe. Starting at the covered end of the toilet paper tube, carefully wrap the tissue paper around the tube. **Tip:** liquid glue such as PVA may be better as it's easy to tear the delicate tissue paper when using glue sticks.
- 5 Continue gluing the strips of tissue paper around the tube until you reach the top. Finish off the top edge with a strip of coloured or metallic paper. You'll need a strip approximately 16cm in length.
- 6 Add a hanging loop by either poking holes in the top of the tube and threading ribbon or by gluing a strip of paper to the top of the tube. You can see both options in the photo above.
- 7 Use sticky tape to attach curling ribbon to the tissue paper covering one end of the tube. Attach the tape firmly so that, when the ribbon is pulled, the tissue paper will tear.
- 8 When the glue is dry, finish the piñata by filling it with sweets or small gifts and tissue paper off-cuts. Hang the piñata up, and then pull the ribbon so that all the sweets and confetti fall out.

