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Letter from the Editor

Dear Crafters,

Kids have awesome imaginations and are easily entertained by the simplest things in the world. Give a child a few pieces of colored paper, and he or she could keep themselves occupied for hours. They can cut and color and fold it into a million different shapes. With their curiosity, they wouldn't need much more than a few color pencils to be content.

These fun craft ideas for kids will help you take an ordinary household item and turn it into a fun toy or doll for your child to play with. This eBook takes paper to a whole new level. It has everything from printable paper dolls to make-your-own board games and even a house made out of paper. There's even a tutorial to help you make your own band from paper. All of the crafts are kid-friendly.

If you are looking for a fun activity to do with your kids, look no further than these easy kids' crafts. Not only will your children have fun playing with these paper toys, they will also have a lot of fun helping make them. This eBook will be a lot of help on those rainy days or summer afternoons when there's nothing else to do but stay at home. Your children are going to love all these easy and fun crafts.

Happy crafting!

Sincerely,

Dana Byerwalter

Editor of AllFreePaperCrafts.com

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Paper Toys



Mega Memory Match Game

By: [Summer Donily from Dollar Store Crafts](#)

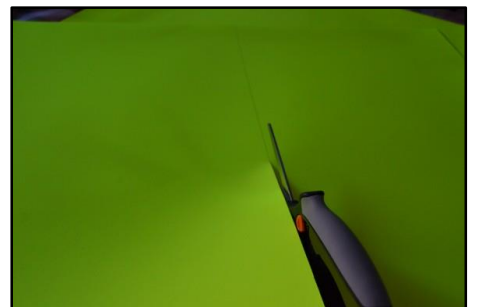
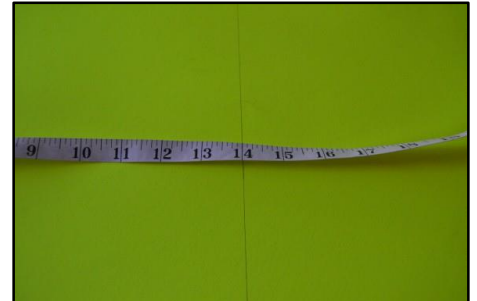
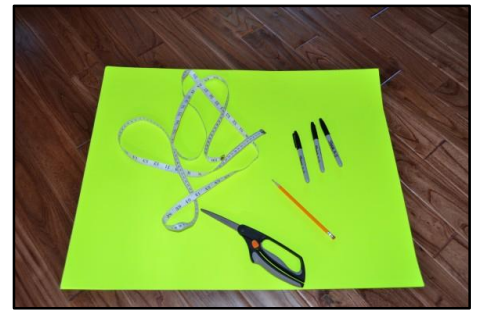
Put a new spin on a classic matching game for kids with this Mega Memory Match Game. Unlike other DIY games for kids, your children can help you make and set up the game pieces. This game will put their minds and bodies to work, since they have to move to flip over the tiles. They'll stay energized and interested in this game as they walk, skip, or jump around the giant cards. You can sit back and relax while they play, or join in the fun yourself.

Materials:

- 10 sheets poster board, on hand or 2/\$1 and up
- Pencil, on hand
- Sharpies, on hand

Instructions:

1. Measuring lengthwise, find the halfway point of each sheet - mark a line all the way down the center.
2. Cut each piece on the line to create two pieces. This will give you 20 cards in total.
3. Once you have cut all the pieces write or draw a matching item on two of the cards. I did the alphabet to help my preschooler remember and recognize his letters. When finish you will have 10 sets.
4. Have your children take turns flipping over two cards at a time until they have a match. If you get a match you get another turn, but if you don't then it is the next player's turn. The game continues until all the matches are made. Have each player count up their matches and the one with the most wins.





Toilet Paper Roller Shaker Set

By: [Carolina Moore from 30 Minute Crafts](#)

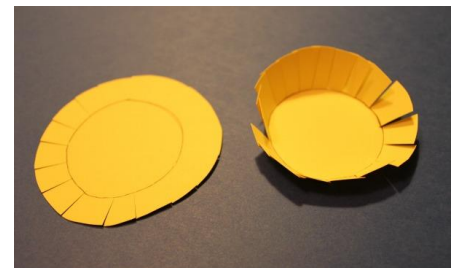
This Toilet Paper Roll Shaker Set is big fun for the whole family. Your little ones can help you decide what to put inside the shakers so that each one makes a different sound. Grains of rice, noodles, and buttons of varied sizes are just a few examples of what you could use to fill these DIY musical instruments for kids. Plus, your children will love decorating the toilet paper rolls so that they look as fun as they sound. For an inexpensive, educational activity, you can't beat these free toilet paper roll crafts.

Materials:

- Construction paper
- Toilet paper rolls
- Mod Podge
- Noisemakers: bells, a large pasta noodle, and some plastic pellets, ect.
- Rubber bands

Instructions:

1. Trace the ends of the toilet paper roll onto a corner of the construction paper – but not too close to the edge.
2. Cut out between 1/2" and 1" away from the circle you drew in the last step. Then cut slits inward towards the center line. Be careful to meet the center line, but not go over it. Then fold all the resulting flaps up in preparation for the next step.
3. Put a layer of Mod Podge around the base of the toilet paper tube, and attach the circle. Make sure the flaps fit tightly down into the Mod Podge.
4. Make sure you add your filler (it won't make noise without it), and then and only then, add the cap on the other end.
5. Use the tube itself to "measure" the size construction paper needed by rolling it down the paper, keeping one edge even with the edge of the paper, and marking the other edge.
6. Cut out the resulting rectangle and Mod Podge around the tube. Hold in place with rubber bands or tape to secure until it has dried enough to stay together on its own. If you leave the rubber bands on too tight for too long, it can cause indentations.
7. After your TP instrument has dried, you can use a marker to draw fun shapes on the rolls, giving them more interest.



Crafty Checkerboard

By: [Carolina Moore from Always Expect Moore](#)



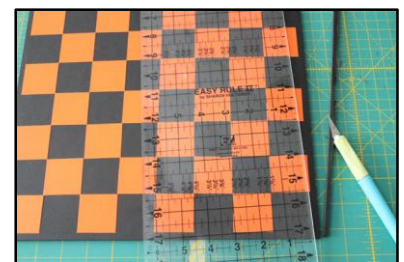
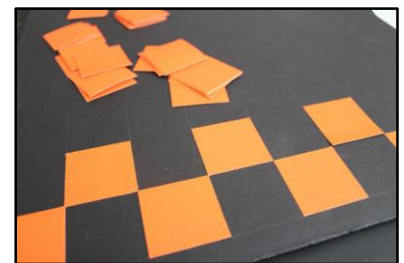
Ditch the red and black color combination of traditional checkerboards and give this Crafty Checkerboard a try. By following this easy tutorial, you'll learn how to make a checkerboard and checkers that reflect your personal style. This is a great, budget-friendly alternative to a store-bought board game. Your kids will love this DIY checkerboard's bold colors so much that they might be willing to sit still long enough to learn how to play the game!

Materials:

- Black Foamcore (a piece at least 13.5" by 13.5")
- Core'dinations Cardstock in orange, purple, and green
- 1 1/4" wooden disks (you need 24, but make extras just in case some get lost)
- Pencil
- Glue Stick
- Craft Knife
- Ruler
- Black paint
- 1" scallop punch
- Glue Dots
- Paper Cutter

Instructions:

1. Start by making the Checkerboard pieces. Paint the disks on all sides, punch scallops from the green and purple Core'dinations cardstock, and attach the scallops to the disks. Half the disks got purple scallops, half got green.
2. Since the wooden disks were 1 1/4" in diameter, make the squares on the board 1 1/2". Draw lines on the foamcore to mark the layout – each line is 1 1/2 inches from the one next to it on all sides. Cut 32 squares out of the orange cardstock – each 1 1/2" square.
3. Use a glue stick to secure the squares.
4. Once all the squares are secure, and after erasing any stray pencil marks, trim the foamcore, giving the checkerboard a 1/4" border.
5. Wait to do this last for two reasons. The first is just in case you mis-measured or the squares didn't line up perfectly, trimming it last ensures that all borders will still be the same size. The second is to protect the edges. If you dropped or banged the board while making it, you'd still have beautiful, crisp edges on the finished project!



Printable Burger Memory Match Game

By: [Mollie Johanson from Wild Olive](#)



Test your memory with a fun paper toy when you make the Printable Burger Memory Match Game. This paper game for kids is a great printable because it is both educational and fun. Even better, the project will barely cost you anything because all you need to do is print it out and cut out the shapes. The little paper patties are so adorable with their various burger toppings. In fact, they look good enough to eat!

[Download the free printable here!](#) (fronts)



[Download the free printable here!](#) (backs)



Making Faces Printable Game

By: [Jill Pauli from Snugglebug University](#)



Making faces at people is mean, but making these faces is totally fun! Keep your kids entertained with the Making Faces Printable Game. Free printable games for kids like this one are perfect to keep them busy for hours at a time. Experiment with different hair styles and accessories when you print out all of the different pieces. While this tutorial suggests fabric or felt for making this game, you can easily use regular printer paper or card stock. Make a fun new project with your kids that they will enjoy with friends and family.

Materials:

- [Pattern](#)
- Freezer paper
- White fabric (for printing on)
- Fusible fleece
- Cardstock

Instructions:

1. First, download the pattern.
2. Then you'll need to print out the face pieces onto fabric and the card pieces onto cardstock.
3. Once you've printed out the pieces, you'll need to cut around the edges of all of the pieces (to reduce waste!) and cut out another similarly sized piece out of fusible fleece.
4. Now just iron the printed fabric pieces onto the fleece according to the fusible fleece instructions, and then cut out each of the pieces. Once they are cut out you are done with the fabric part of the project!
5. You can cut out the matching cards (and laminate them if you so choose) and... Tada! Done! Have fun matching!



Paper Dolls



Elegant Eggshells Matryoshka Dolls

By: [Leslie from Pink Stripey Socks](#)

For a little taste of history, make some Elegant Eggshell Matryoshka Dolls, and you will instantly be transported abroad. Although these might not look exactly like famous Russian dolls this cool paper craft is a new twist on the old. Using an egg, tissue paper, and your painting skills, you can make this paper toy exactly how you want it to look. This paper craft project really allows you to explore your creativity as it brings you back to your childhood. Everyone loves playing with toys

and now you can even make your own from paper.

Materials:

- Eggshell(s)
- Safety Pin
- Chopstick
- Bowl
- Cardboard strip(s)
- Mod Podge
- Scissors
- Paint brushes
- Foam brush
- Craft paints
- Tissue Paper
- 5 pennies (per doll)
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Other extras like Fancy Cut Scissors, Glitter, Buttons, etc.

Instructions:

1. Let's empty out your eggs. To do so, use your safety pin and prick a hole at the wide end of the egg and another hole at the narrow end of the egg. Use a chopstick to enlarge the hole at the narrow end so that it's about the size of a penny. (Push firmly, but gently. Don't be scared! I'm pretty clumsy and ruined a few eggs in the process.)
2. Hold your egg over a bowl. Place your mouth over the small hole and blow. Watch the egg insides ooze out. (Pretty gross and cool!)
3. Thoroughly wash and dry your eggshells. (I just let them sit out for a day.) (Optional: Make scrambled eggs with all your egg innards ... or a quiche... or a frittata... yum.)
4. Place a piece of masking tape over your small hole.
5. Cut out a thin paper strip and roll it into a circle. Tape the ends together. This will now act as your egg stand.
6. Stand your egg on the stand with the masking tape on top (large hole on bottom). Cut your tissue paper into squares. Dip these tissue



squares into Mod Podge and use them to cover the top of the eggshell.

7. Once those tissues dry, turn the eggshell over. Now the large hole should be on top. Make sure your hole is big enough so that you can drop pennies into your egg. Pour a bit of Mod Podge into your egg. Then, drop 5 pennies into the egg. (These pennies will weight down your egg so that it will stand upright even after being knocked over.)



Note: Pour just enough glue to make sure that your pennies stick to each other and to the bottom of your eggshell. If you pour too much, it will take forever to dry.

8. Now cover this upper part of your egg with more gluey tissue paper squares. Now your whole egg should be covered in tissue squares.
9. Take your egg off your stand and rock it back and forth to make sure that the pennies are in the right position to properly weight down your egg. Once you're satisfied with how your egg is standing, let it sit untouched for a couple of days. (Waiting is tough, but you can do it!)
10. Once everything seems dry*, paint away! I used blue tissue paper, so I had to first paint my eggs white first to make sure that my craft paint went on evenly.

(*Note: Honestly, I had a tough time figuring out whether the glue inside of my egg was dry. Baby Chuck and I smashed two of them after waiting 3 days and one was almost dry and the other one had way too much glue in it, so it was still wet. If you have any thoughts/ideas.... I'd love to hear them.)

11. Once your paint dries, paint on a couple layers of Mod Podge onto your eggs to protect your paint job.



Printable Paper Doll

By: [Anto from Stardustsoul](#)

Delight your daughters, nieces, and the girls you babysit when you present them with the Printable Paper Doll. This paper doll template was hand-drawn by this blogger, and the artwork is absolutely exceptional. After printing the doll, an adult needs to do the detailed cutting with a craft knife. Once that step is finished, the girls will delight in dressing this doll in all of her lovely outfits. Paper dolls don't get more beautiful than this, and you don't even need to spend money to have her!

[Download the Printable Paper Doll here](#)





Kokeshi Paper Dolls

By: [Paula Ferrerira from Cards by Paula](#)

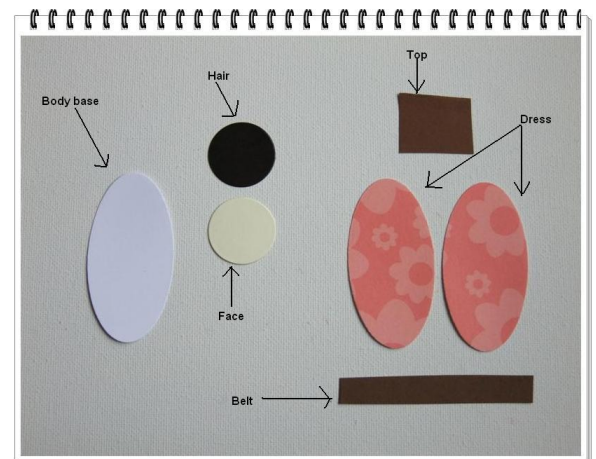
Create paper dolls in the Japanese tradition with the Kokeshi Paper Dolls tutorial. These paper dolls are made from simply combining a variety of paper shapes in pretty colors. The thick bold outlines around the clothes and body give these dolls a distinctive look. If you don't know how to make a paper doll, this DIY tutorial is a great place to start. Use these dolls as toys for your kids or even as embellishments for scrapbook pages. The completed dolls are totally beautiful.

Materials:

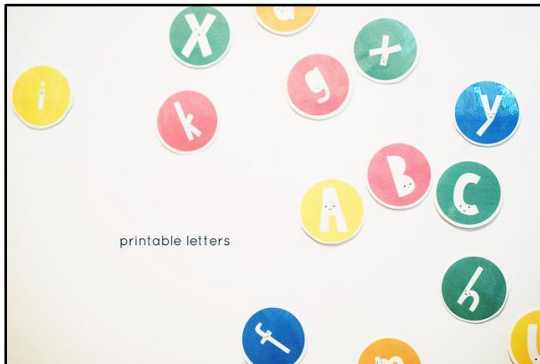
- Glue
- Cardstock
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Start by cutting the shapes shown in the picture.
2. Make the head by cutting the black circle using straight lines and stick it onto the face.
3. Now you're going to make the body. Glue the top piece on the body base and trim, stick the 2 oval dress shapes on black cardstock or other dark color cardstock for an outlined look.
4. Stick these 2 shapes on the body base overlapping them as shown in the next picture.
5. Turn upside down and trim around the body base.
6. Again, stick this on black cardstock and trim making sure you leave a black outline all around.
7. Stick the head on the body and glue the belt on the doll. Finish by drawing the eyes and mouth if you want or just leave the face blank.



Other Kids Craft Ideas

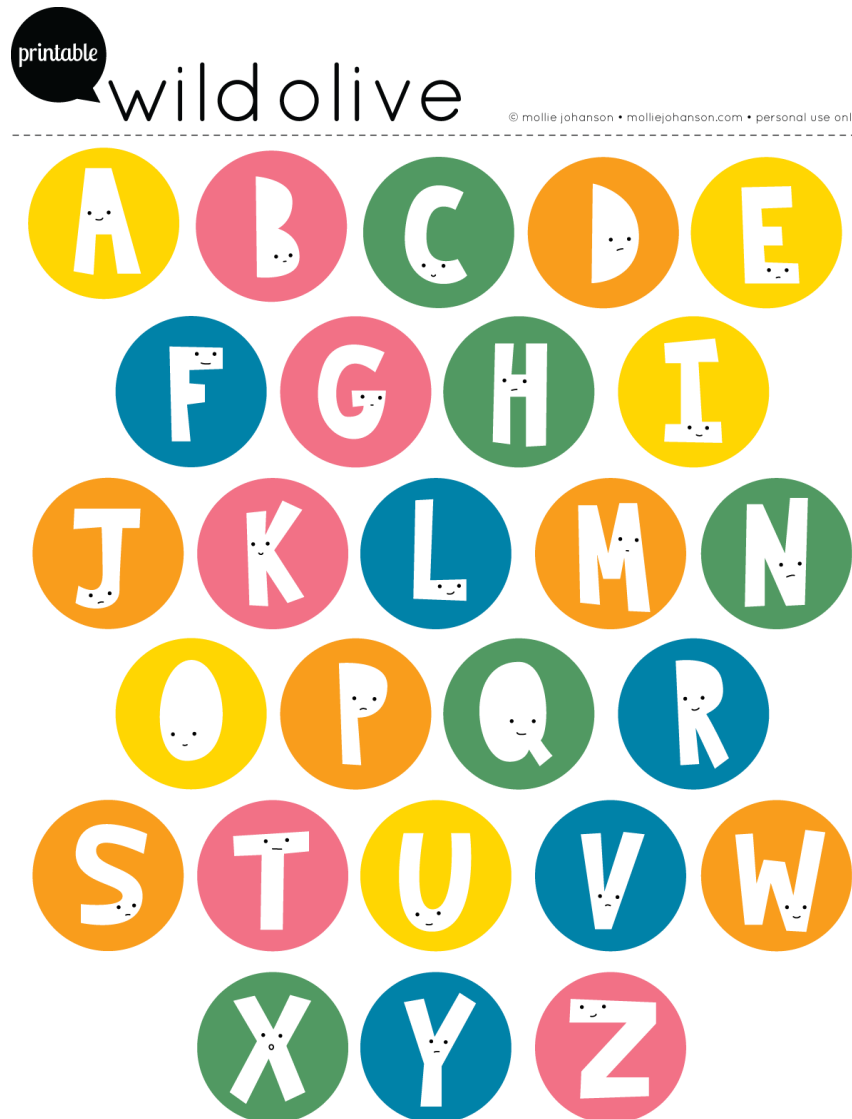


Alphabet Letters for the Fridge

By: [Mollie Johanson from Wild Olive](#)

Print out a great kid's toy and decoration all in one with the Alphabet Letters for the Fridge. These free printable alphabet letters are a great kid's toy because you can attach magnets to the letters and spell out tons of words on the fridge. Kids will love writing out various messages, and younger kids can learn to spell in a fun and creative way. Kids and adults alike will find the little smiling faces on each letter totally precious and exciting.

[Alphabet Letters Printable 1](#)



Alphabet Letters Printable 2

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Tissue Paper Stained Glass House

By: [Leslie from Pink Stripey Socks](#)

Keep your kids busy and creative at the same time with a fun little craft. Follow along with this tutorial to show your kids how to make a Tissue Paper Stained Glass House. You'll only need a few inexpensive materials to make this DIY paper craft, and your kids will have a ball letting their imaginations run wild. Tissue paper stained glass looks just like the real thing, and no one will ever have to know how budget-friendly your little house was to make.

Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Clean and dry plastic lids (studier plastic works better than flimsier plastic)
- Mod Podge
- Foam brush
- Different colored cellophane (you could probably substitute colored tissue paper too)
- Clear tape

Instructions

1. Cut out your six house pieces. You'll need two same-sized "house" shaped pieces for the front and back, two rectangles for the roof, and two rectangles for the side of your house.
2. Cut out random small pieces of cellophane. I chose to cut out hearts and rectangles.
3. Cover your work area. Use your foam brush and Mod Podge the cellophane onto your house pieces. Don't worry if the cellophane dangles off the edges.
4. After the Mod Podge dries, trim any excess hanging cellophane pieces. Your cellophane will dry crinkled, but that's ok.
5. Tape your pieces together to create a house.



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