

DIY Christmas Crackers From Cardboard Tubes

Beginner | about 1 hr 15 min hands-on, no drying time | makes 6 crackers

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- [ ] 12 empty toilet paper tubes (2 per cracker)
- [ ] Wrapping paper: one 7 x 12 in sheet per cracker
- [ ] Double-sided tape
- [ ] Scissors and a ruler
- [ ] Gold satin ribbon, about 20 in per cracker
- [ ] Small chocolates and wrapped sweets
- [ ] Tea bags, lip balm, stickers, scratch cards
- [ ] Tissue paper for paper crowns
- [ ] Printed jokes or riddles
- [ ] Kraft gift tags and a pen
- [ ] Optional: pinking shears for fanned ends
- [ ] Optional: cracker snap strips for a real bang



Step by Step

- [ ] Tape two tubes end to end to make one 8 in barrel
- [ ] Fill the barrel with sweets, a joke and a crown
- [ ] Cut wrapping paper to 7 x 12 in and lay it flat
- [ ] Roll the paper tightly around the barrel, tape the seam
- [ ] Pinch one paper end, tie ribbon 1/2 in from tube end
- [ ] Tie the other end, then fan or pink the paper edges
- [ ] Add a kraft tag with a name or a tiny pinecone
- [ ] Repeat for all six crackers and store them flat

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