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Christmas Crackers



Why not craft your own Christmas Crackers - complete with gift, joke, hat and even a “bang” if you want it!

Tools and Materials:

- Coloured Paper, 2x A4 & scraps + Tissue Paper
- Felt Tips
- Pen
- Scissors
- Ribbon
- Gluestick
- Christmas Cracker Snap (available online)

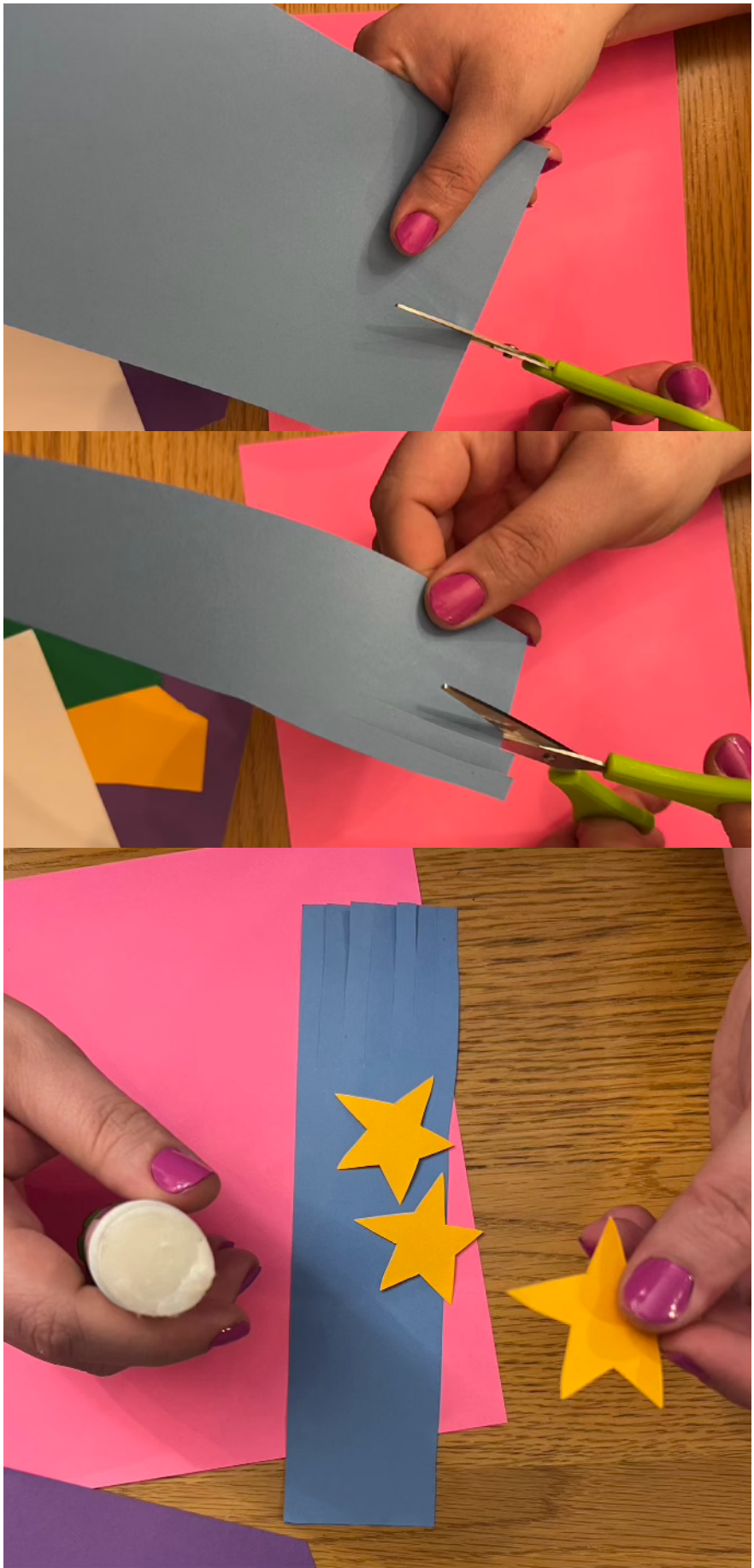


Choose what colours you want - we wanted pink for the outside of the Christmas Cracker so used blue to craft the inside tube, cut a portion of the A4 papery want to be roughly the size of a loo roll innard, cut, roll to get the shape then glue one edge and roll again to secure it

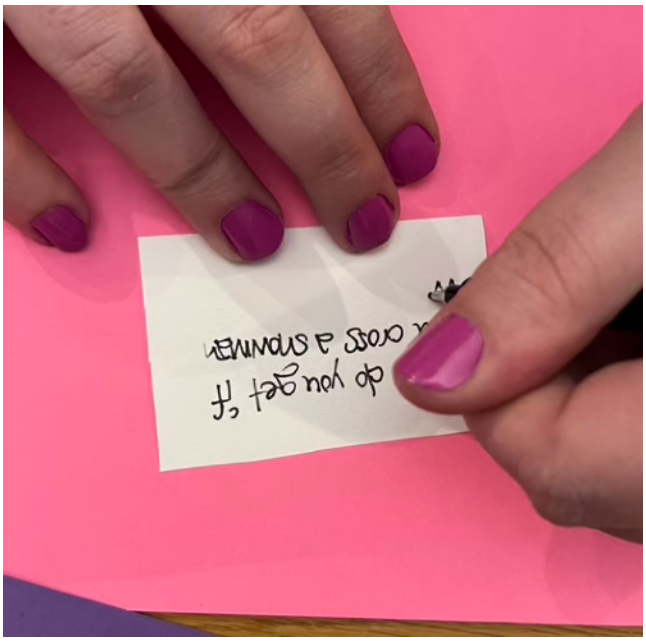




Taking the leftover blue paper cut a strip big enough to be a bookmark, then cut slits into it one end to feather it like so, decorate with whatever you'd like to add collage wise and put to one side



Cutting a rectangle from a light colour bit of paper like the white in our case, think about your best Christmas joke and jot it down!



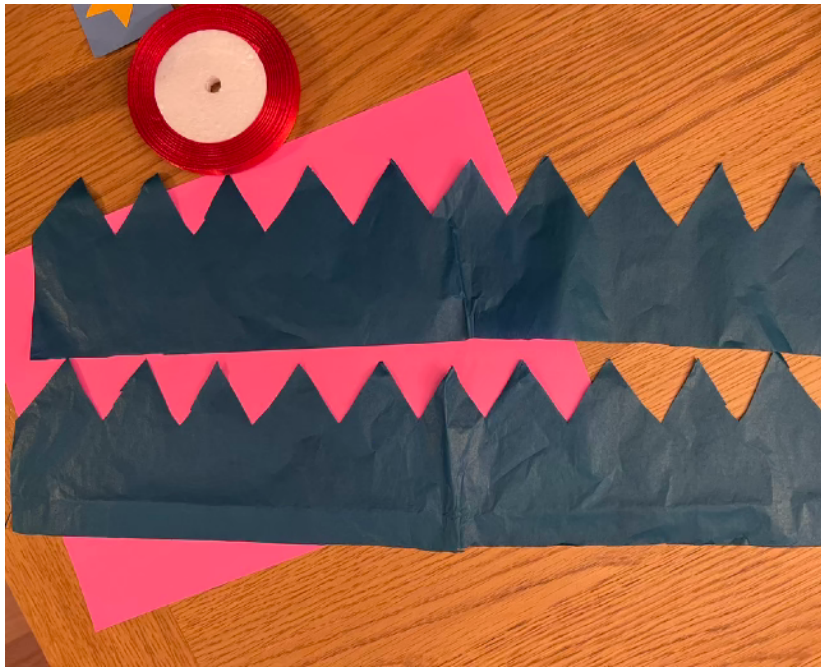
Now onto the crown - cut 2 strips of tissue paper, don't worry if you don't have any newspaper would also work! The strips need to be quite long to fit around your head, you can measure it to get an idea





Once you have you strips, keeping them together cut out little triangles to make the crown top like so

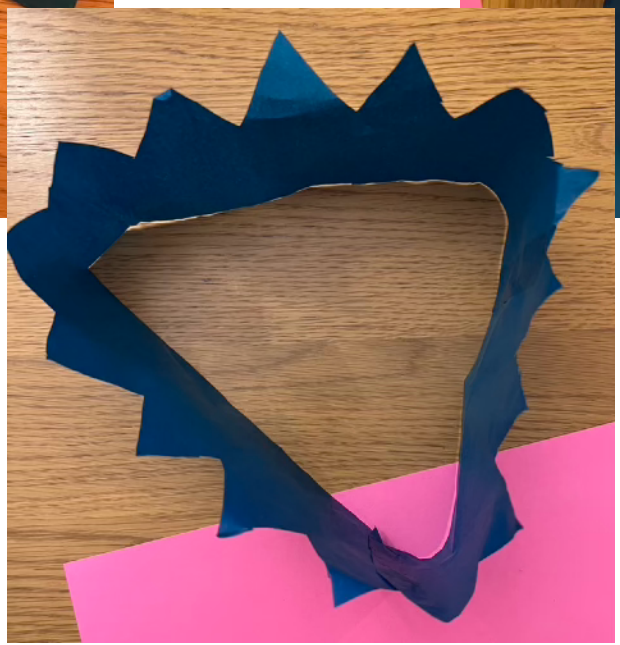




Overlap to match the points then glue together, follow the crown round to do the same the other end to make a circle



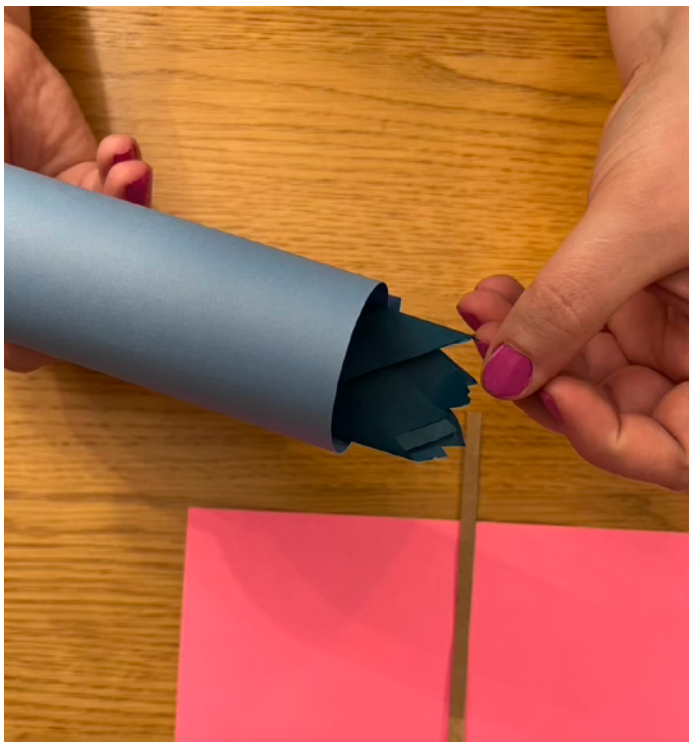




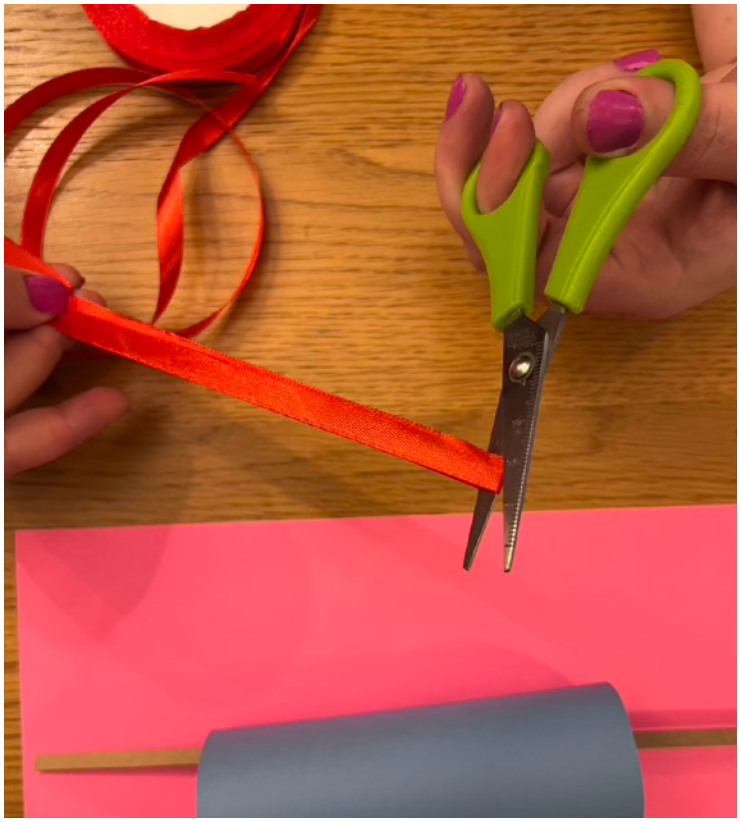
So now you have all the elements - innard, outside cover, joke, gift (bookmark) and crown we can start to put it all together!



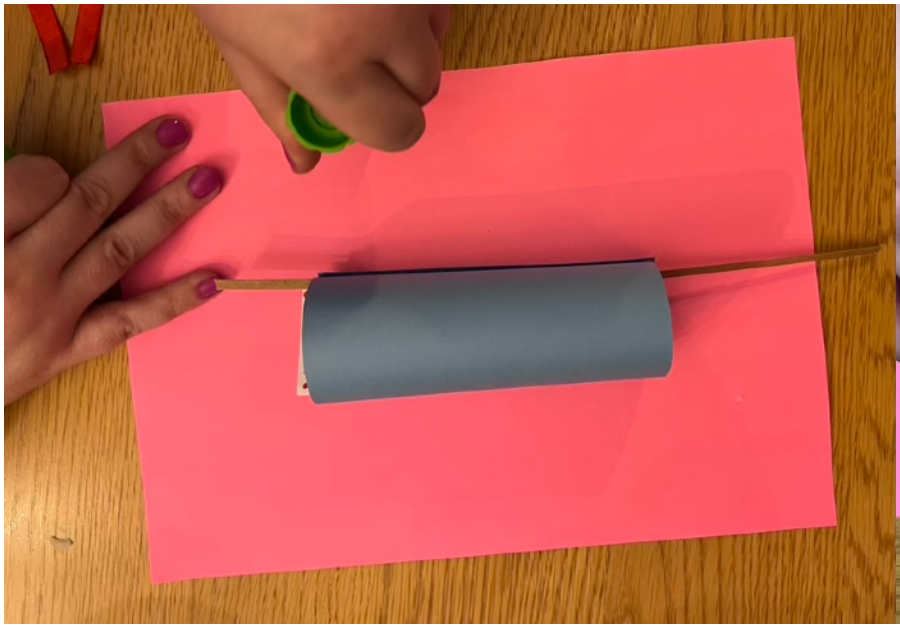
Place the gift, joke and crown in the hat then thread through the snap

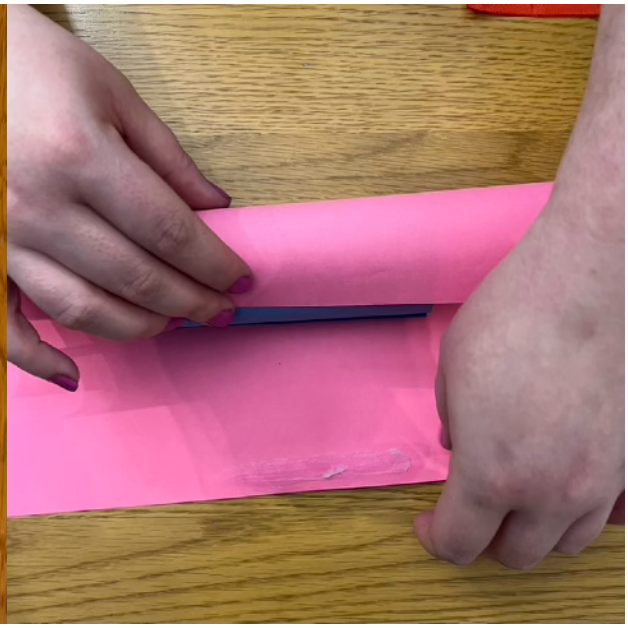


Cut 2 bits of ribbon to tie off the ends ready for when you need them



We found it helped to glue the innard to the pink paper, then glue one edge of the pink and roll it around the blue innard





Scrunch the ends in to push it together. then tie the ribbon around we did ours in knots if you cut it longer you can do bows. You could even add 2 different coloured ribbons!



Once you have the cracker - cut out some decorations from the paper to add to it to customise the cracker for yourself or whoever you would like to gift it to!

There you have it your very own “Christmas Cracker”!

