

Boxy Backpack

Take this backpack anywhere—it can hold toys, treats, books, and anything else you can't leave home without.

You Will Need:

- large box (cereal)
- paints
- felt
- button
- small boxes
- construction paper
- thick ribbon

1 Cut the top from the box. Cut a V-shape in the front, and four horizontal slits in the back—two at the top, two at the bottom. Tape the bottom of the box closed. Paint the box.

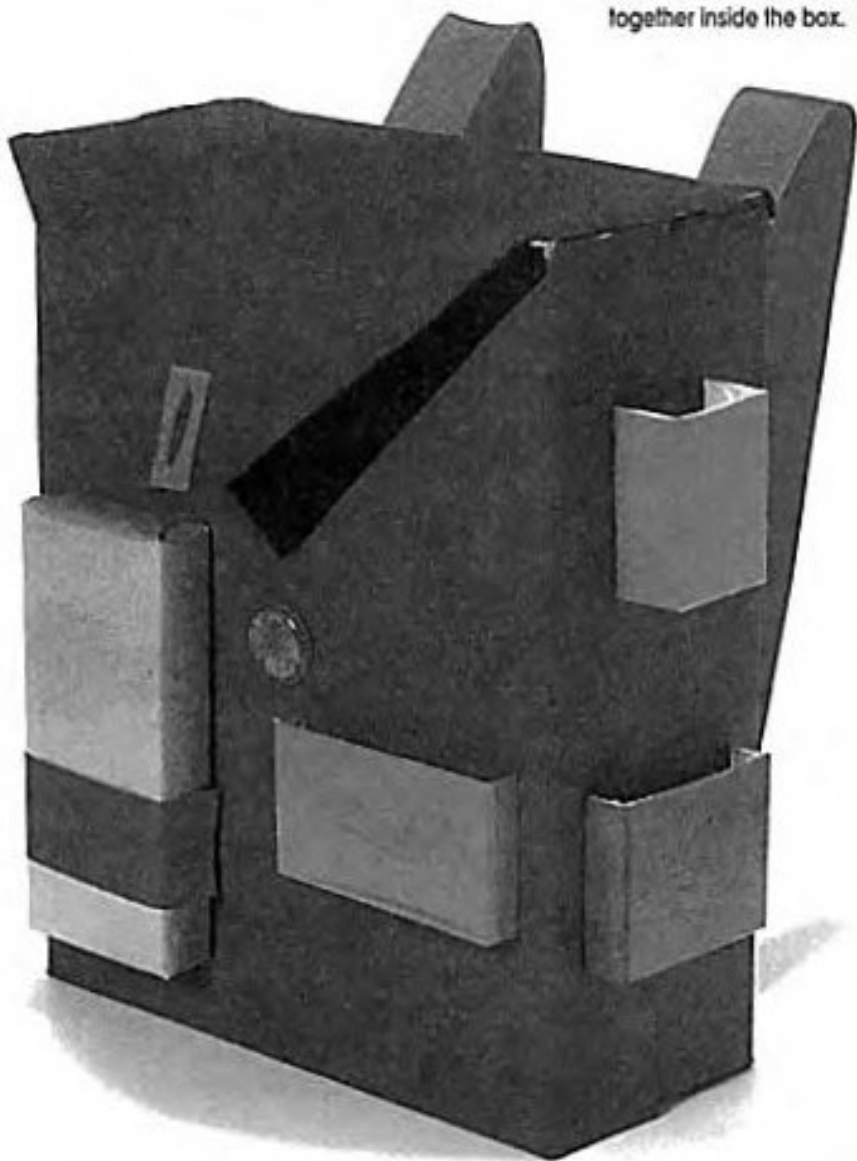
2 Cut out a piece of felt with a V-shape on one edge to match the opening in the box. Glue the back and sides of the felt to the box. Cut a buttonhole in the bottom of the V. Glue a button on the box.

3 Cover small boxes with paper and glue them onto the sides and front of your backpack. Leave the tops off the boxes so that you can carry items in them. To make straps, weave two long pieces of ribbon through the slits in the back. Glue or tie the ends together inside the box.

More Ideas

Pack a lunch, throw it in your backpack, and get permission to go on a hike and a picnic.

Cover your backpack with aluminum foil and use it as part of an astronaut costume.



Wacky Feet

These zany feet are funny to look at, but tricky to walk in. Be extra careful when trying them out!

You Will Need:

- corrugated cardboard boxes
- paints
- small boxes
- construction paper
- chenille sticks
- beads

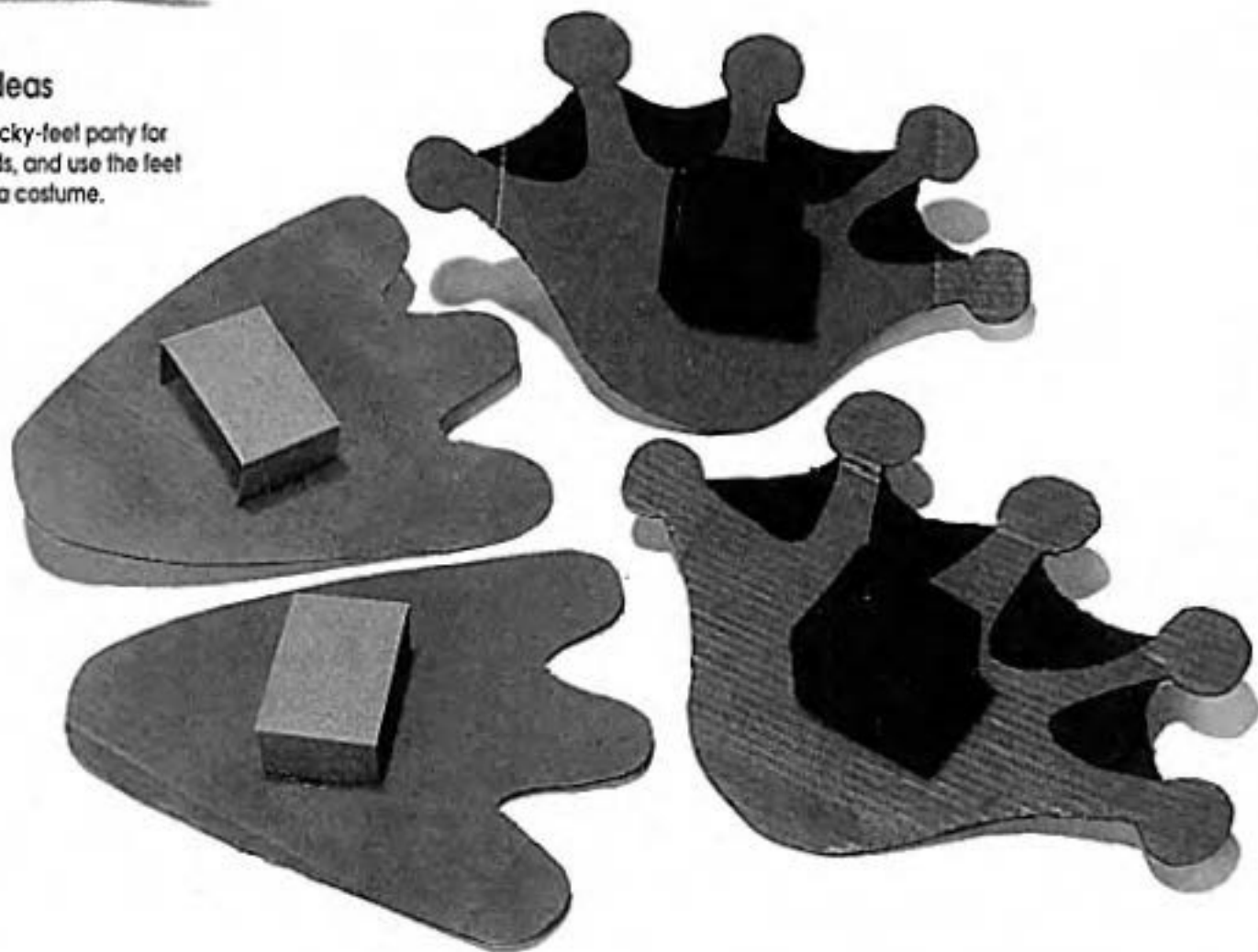
1 Cut the basic foot shape from corrugated cardboard. Paint it.

2 Cut a section from a small box (large enough for your foot). Paint it or glue paper on it. Staple or glue it to the large foot.

3 Make another wacky foot. Put your feet in them. Carefully try to walk.

More Ideas

Hold a wacky-feet party for your friends, and use the feet as part of a costume.



The trick to walking is to lift your knees high and keep your feet at a good distance from each other.

To Make the Duck Feet

Cut each foot in a triangle shape. Round off one point and cut three rounded toes in the opposite end.

To Make the Frog Feet

Cut each foot in a wide triangle shape. Round off one point and cut five webbed toes in the opposite end.

To Make the Pig Feet

Cut each foot in a teardrop shape, then cut a notch out of the point.

To Make the Clown Feet

Cut each foot in a pear shape. Glue on chenille-stick shoelaces and beads.



Papier-mâché Hat

Your tops in this wacky hat.

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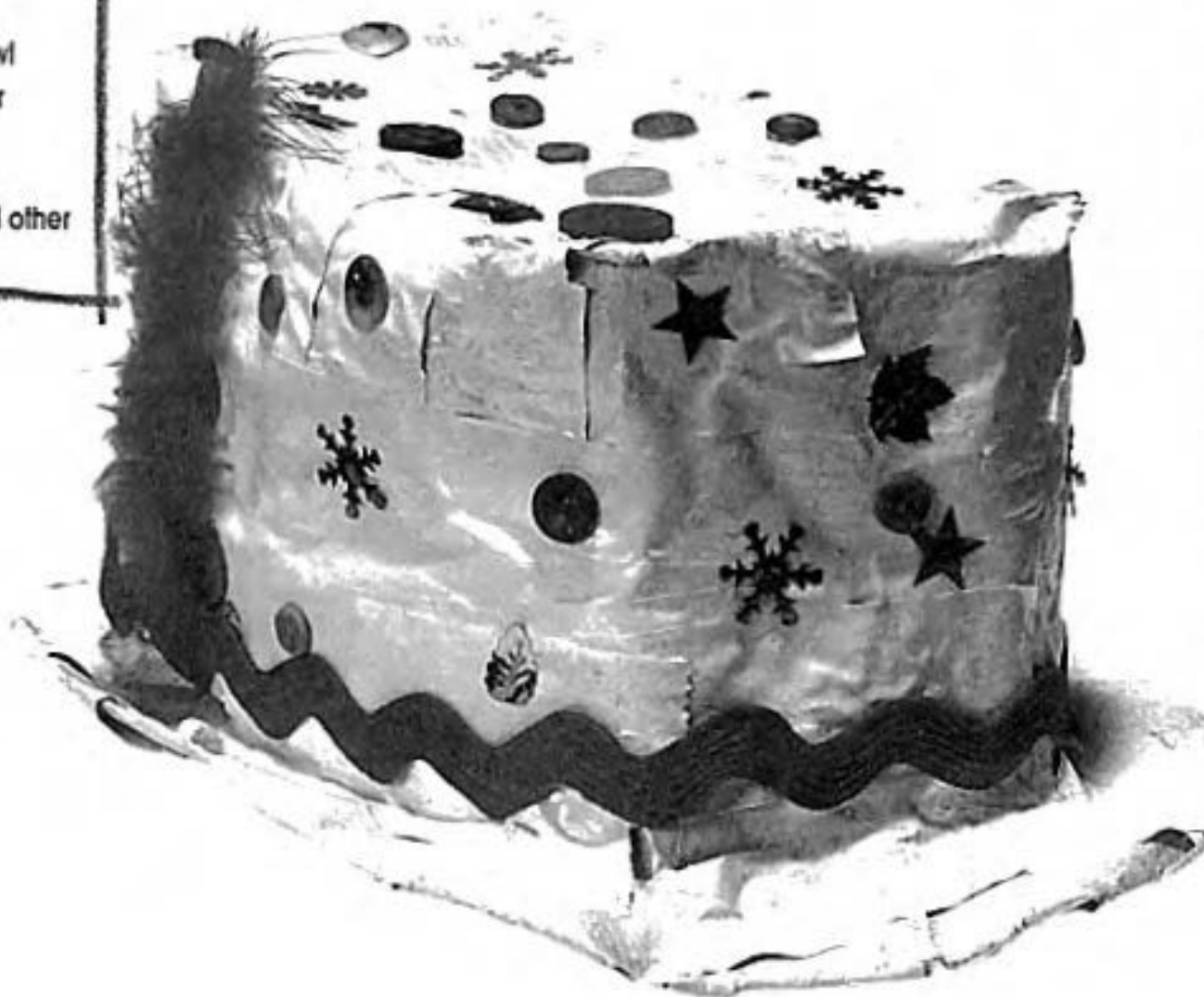
- large paper bag
- pencil
- poster board
- masking tape
- measuring cup
- water
- flour
- mixing bowl
- newspaper
- paint and paintbrush
- ribbon and other trims

This project is extra-messy, so use lots of newspaper to cover your work area.

1 Put the bag on your head. Roll up the opening of the bag until it's the height you want. Cut the rolled-up portion from the bag.

2 Trace around the opening of the bag on the poster board. Draw a larger circle around this one to make a brim, and cut it out. Tape the brim to the bag hat.

3 Mix 1 cup of water with 1 cup of flour to make a paste. Tear lots of newspaper strips. Dip the strips in the paste, and lay them on the hat. Cover the hat with two to three layers of strips. Let it dry completely.



4 Paint the hat, then decorate it with trims. As the hat dries, pull it out a little on the sides. Or find a bowl that is about the size of your head. Turn it upside down and cover it with plastic wrap. Slip the hat over the bowl. This hat dries very hard, so you want to be sure the bag dries in a shape that will fit over the top of your head.

More Ideas

Instead of painting the hat, use a layer of colorful magazine pictures or construction paper cut in strips for your final surface.

