

Fire Truck and Station

Here's a fire truck that's ready for rescue. You can also make a station to park it in.

You Will Need:

- five boxes (crackers; four smaller ones)
- paints
- construction paper
- foam paper
- twine

To Make the Fire Station

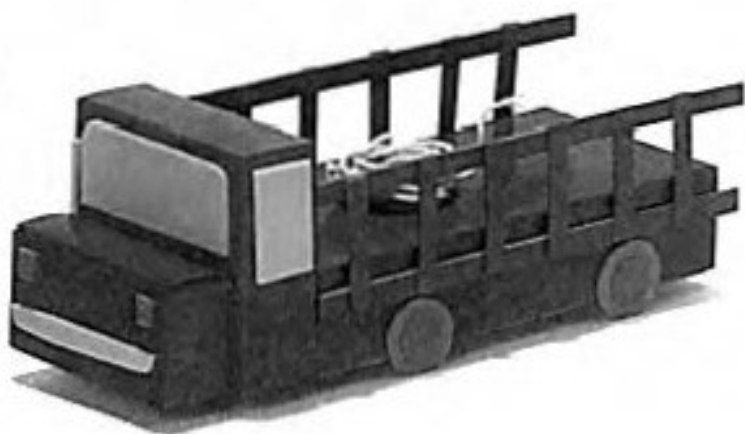
Cut the flaps from one end of a cracker box. Glue a smaller box to the side as the hose tower. Paint the fire station. Cut windows and other details from construction paper and foam paper. Glue them on.

To Make the Fire Truck

Glue two small boxes to the end of a long rectangular box. Paint the truck shape. Cut wheels, ladders, and other details from foam paper. Glue them on. Roll up some twine, and glue it on the truck.

More Ideas

Make a car that fits in a garage, a plane that fits in a hangar, or a train that fits in a roundhouse. Or, try making a stacking box puzzle with several boxes that fit inside one another.



Boxes on the Go!

By boat, by truck, by racecar, by bus—make all of your traveling toys from boxes.

You Will Need:

- boxes of all sizes
- paints
- construction paper
- foam paper
- cardboard
- plastic drinking straw
- ruler
- plastic lids
- markers
- milk carton
- small cardboard tubes
- cotton

1 Tape the boxes closed. Paint them or glue on construction paper or foam paper.

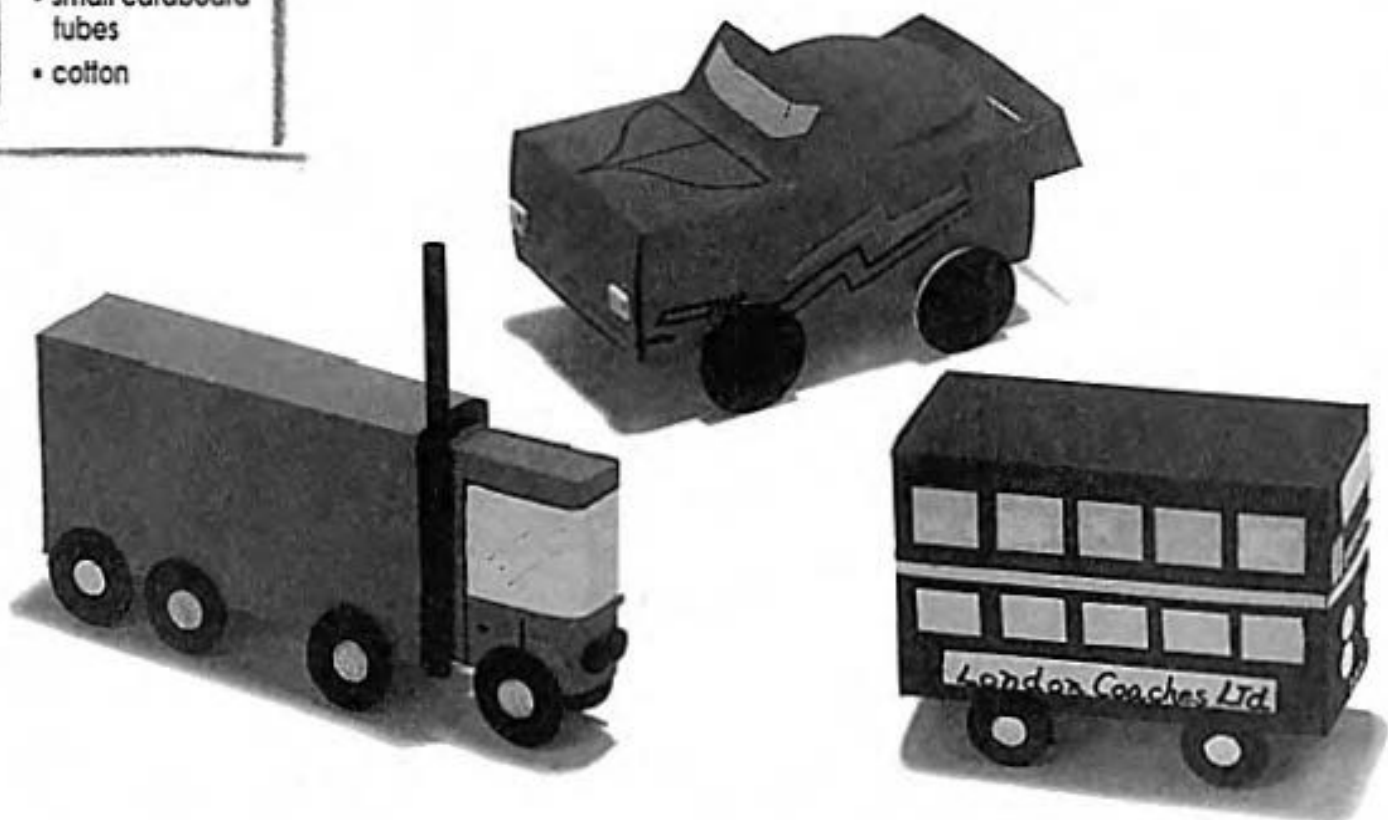
2 Follow the instructions for the craft you're making.

To Make the Truck

Glue together a rectangular box and a smaller box. Cut wheels from cardboard. Paint them, and glue them on the truck. Paint a straw, and glue it between the boxes. Cut details from foam paper and construction paper, and glue them on.

To Make the Car

Lay a box on its side, and cut a U-shaped hole in the top. To make the windshield, fold and glue the flap that you cut. To make the seat, cut a U-shape from foam paper. Glue it in the hole. To make the spoiler, cut a cardboard rectangle about 2 inches longer than the width of the car. Fold each end in one inch, and glue the ends to the sides of car, toward the back. Use painted plastic lids as wheels. Add details with markers and foam paper.



The more you make, the more fun it becomes. Soon you'll be making fleets of vehicles.

To Make the Bus

Cut wheels from cardboard. Paint them, and glue them on the bus. Add windows and other details with markers and cut paper.

To Make the Bulldozer

Cut a section from a cardboard tube, paint it, and glue it to the front of a box. Cut windows in a smaller box. Glue the smaller box onto the larger box. Add foam-paper details.

To Make the Boat

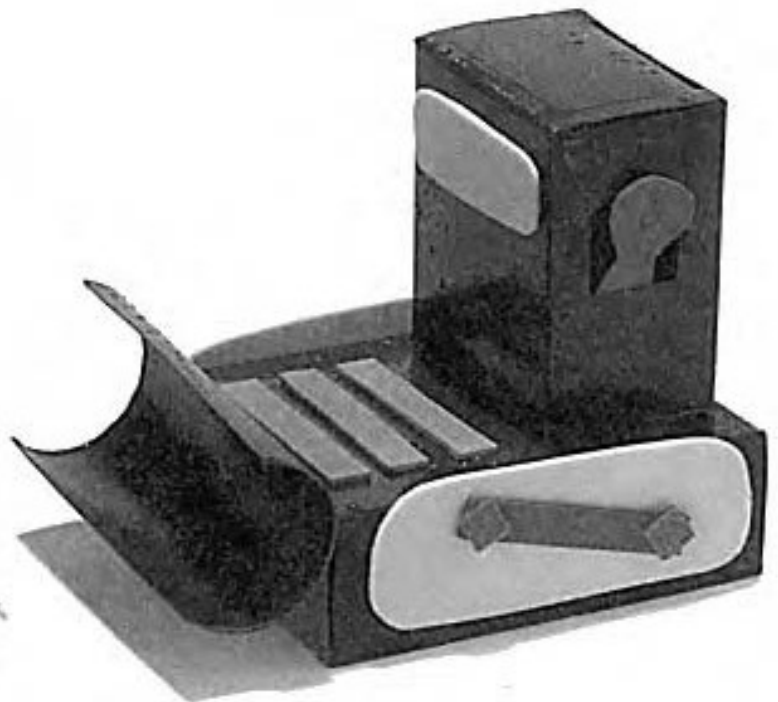
Cut and tape one end of a large rectangular box so that it forms a point, or use a milk carton. Cut a smaller box at a slant. Cut a window in each side, and glue it onto the larger box. Cut a cardboard tube at a slant, paint it, and glue it to the top of the boat. Add painted cotton as steam and other details cut from foam paper and construction paper.

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To float the boat, glue it on a plastic-foam tray.

To make wheels that turn, poke a hole in the center of each wheel and in the places on the vehicle where each wheel will go. Attach the wheels with metal paper fasteners.

Make a racetrack and several cars. Or, create a larger town scene with a river, roads, and a construction site—places to put all of your vehicles.



Big Box Car

Drive this car anywhere—through the living room, across the backyard, or down the sidewalk. It doesn't need gas and it won't get a flat.

You Will Need:

- large corrugated cardboard box
- cardboard
- paints
- construction paper

1 Cut the bottom from the box. On the top, glue the two long flaps inside the box. To make the spoiler, fold back one of the short flaps and glue it in place.

2 To make the hood, tape or glue the other short flap to the sides of the car. Cut wheels and other details from cardboard, and glue them on. Paint the car, then add cut-paper details.

More Ideas

Make a horse, an airplane, a dinosaur, or anything you'd like to ride or drive.

Tie two strings onto the car and hang them over your shoulder.

Have a friend make one, and drive around together.

