## Make your own mill model out of recycled materials

You will need:

2 empty cereal boxes 3 toilet roll tubes 1 empty toothpaste box Carboard for base and water wheel Paints/Felt tip pens Scissors Glue/Masking Tape

1. Firstly, you need to turn all the empty boxes you have INSIDE OUT. So, open them up so they are flat, usually there is a joining side which you can easily rip along.

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This means you have a blank canvas to decorate later on.

- 2. Then you need to decorate the empty boxes to make them look like BUILDINGS. I added a brick effect to one and cut little windows out of the other.
  - a. To create a brick effect, place MASKING TAPE in horizontal stripes across the box and then in vertical stripes along each line. Then mix up a brick colour from yellow and red and paint over the masking tape. Once the paint is dry, you can take the tape away to reveal a GRID PATTERN that looks like bricks!



- b. For the windows, I used a piece of the box as a template and drew 8 identical rectangles with little rectangles inside them in pencil. Then (you'll have to ask an adult to help you with this bit) I cut the little rectangles out and outlined the windows in black felt tip pen.
- c. Don't forget to cut a little door out of your mill building, or no- one will be able to get in!



- 3. Now you can decorate your toilet roll tubes and the toothpaste tube to make them look like CHIMNEYS. I experimented with different patterns on my chimneys, so they look a bit different when the mill is all assembled. If you don't want to spend a long time painting a whole brick pattern, you can just paint a few bricks here and there like I've done on my big chimney. This can look just as good!
- 4. To make the WATER WHEEL just use a plate or an empty jar or glass as a template to draw a circle onto a piece of cardboard and then ask an adult to help you cut this out. I decorated mine with black felt tip and a paper fastener to make it look more like a wheel.



- 5. The last piece to decorate is the BASE of the mill. I painted mine green to look like grass and painted a little blue river so the water wheel will be able to run the mill!
- 6. Finally, once all the pieces have been decorated and have dried, it's time to assemble the mill! I placed one cereal box on its side and put the chimneys on top and the water wheel on the side. Then I put the other cereal box the right way up and stuck it next door.

When you've finished your mill model, send us a pic to <u>learning@dltust.uk</u> or share it with us on <u>twitter</u> or <u>facebook</u>