



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



15/20 minutes

Christmas Crackers

Aim: To make Christmas crackers

Equipment:

- Cardboard roll (from kitchen roll, foil, cling film etc)
- Crepe paper or gift wrap
- Narrow ribbon
- Stickers, pictures from old Christmas cards, tinsel, glitter, coloured foil etc
- Small sweets or small toys
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Cut the cardboard tube into lengths of approx 100mm.
2. Cut a square of crepe paper or gift wrapping paper approx 200mm square (200mm x 200mm).
3. Wrap around the crepe paper around the cardboard tube with an even amount hanging over either end.
4. Carefully tie a piece of narrow ribbon around one end to hold closed.
5. Place a few small sweets or a small toy in the other end.
6. Carefully tie another piece of ribbon around the other end.
7. Decorate with cracker with stickers, pictures from old Christmas cards, pieces of coloured foil, glitter or the boy's own drawings; fix these to the crackers with glue.

Useful tip:

When the ribbon is tied around each end, place a spare piece of cardboard tube into the crepe paper by about 20 mm; this will help the cracker to keep its shape as the ribbon is tied. Remove the spare piece of tube after the ribbon is tied.



This activity involves the
use of scissors and glue.
Leaders should exercise
appropriate caution