

Cardboard Tube Binoculars

These cardboard tube binoculars are a great rainy day craft for kids. They can use them to go bird watching, as a camp craft, or as a nature craft!

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Supplies

- 2 cardboard tubes
- 1 sheet camouflage felt
- Scissors
- White craft glue
- Craft foam to match your felt
- 6 rubber bands
- 40 " piece of twine or yarn
- Pen

Instructions

1. Lay felt, design side down, on the work surface and cut felt in half.
2. Roll up the cardboard tube inside the felt, gluing as you go. Trim off excess. Repeat for the other tube.
3. Cut a strip of craft foam long enough to go around the end of the tube, about 3/4" wide. Glue the strip around the end of the cardboard tube, lining up the felt seam with the craft foam strip seam.
4. Secure with a rubber band. Repeat for the other tube.
5. Cut another strip long enough to go around the opposite end of the tube, only this time cut it 1/2" wide. Glue as above and secure with a rubber band.
6. Place the tubes side by sides with the seams facing each other. Put a rubber band around both tubes to hold them in place.
7. Use a pen to poke a hole in the side of the tube, about 1/2" below the 1/2" wide craft foam strip. Insert the end of your twine into the hole from the outside of the tube. Bring it through the tube and tie a double knot. Trim off excess and gently pull the twine taut. The knot will keep the twine from coming back out through the hole. Repeat on the other side.
8. Pipe a generous amount of white craft glue in between the two tubes, lip over and do the other side as well. Let them dry completely, several hours or overnight, before removing the rubber bands and using your binoculars.