

# Tube Figures

Most of the figures at the wedding party are made using card tubes, as shown in this example.



## Materials required:

- Sheet of newspaper for head shape, and arms.
- Cardboard tube for body.
- Acrylic paints including white
- Glue stick and/or small pot of Elmer's 'Glue All'. (PVA glue).
- Hot Glue Gun (optional).
- Small paste brush and paintbrush.
- Black marker pen, medium point
- Small scissors and ruler.
- Masking tape.
- White tissue paper.
- A pot for water, an old plate for mixing paint and a cloth for cleaning brushes.
- Florists wire if required (see page 3).

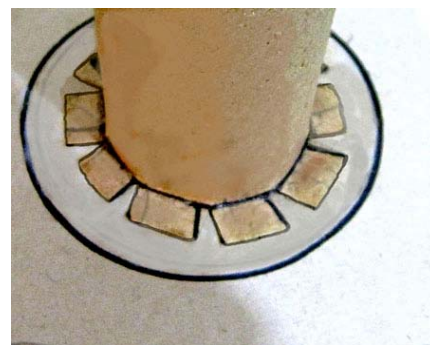
<p><b>1.</b> Use a Cardboard tube, for the main body section, cutting it to the length required.</p>	<p><b>2.</b> Make two 'V' cuts down from the top of the tube, about 1.5cm long, one at each side of the tube, for the arms to fit into.</p>	<p><b>3.</b> The arms are made from just one tight, taped roll of newspaper about 16cms long, or more if the figure is bigger</p>
<p><b>4.</b> Then place the middle of the taped roll of newspaper across the top of the cardboard tube, and gently push the roll down into the 'V' cuts, making two arms. Secure this roll with masking tape as shown above.</p> <p><b>If you want to insert wire in the arms at this stage, see steps (a) to (f) below.</b></p>	<p><b>5.</b> Trim each arm to the required length. Then on a piece of white card, draw and carefully cut out a pair of hands and glue the hands, one into the end of each sleeve, positioning them carefully!</p>	<p><b>6.</b> For the basic head shape make a scrunched up ball of newspaper and secure it with masking tape.</p>



**7.** Then carefully glue tissue paper around the ball, making a smoother shape for the head.



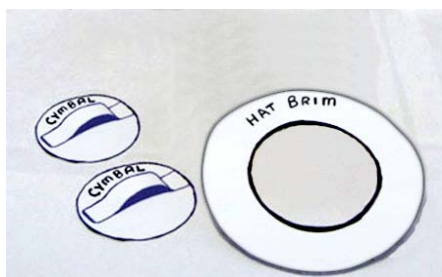
**8.** Fasten the head neatly at the top of the cardboard tube using masking tape.



**9.** Cut slits about 1cm up from the bottom of the tube and fold out to make tabs. Use hot glue or masking tape to fix the tabs to either a circular card base, or jar lid.



**10.** Glue tissue over the figure and the base, covering any gaps or masking tape.



**11.** To make the hat brim, cut a circle of card the size you want, and then cut a hole in the centre, big enough to fit over the head. Cymbals are made from two small cardboard circles with card tabs for handles.



**12.** Fit the hat brim over the head covering any gaps with glued tissue.



**13.** The 'shoes' are made from small 'parcels' of tissue paper glued to the base, just in front of the figure.







**14.** Draw the face and clothes....



**15.** ...finally paint the figure. The cymbals are attached to the hands with glue.

## Optional Steps

The steps (a) to (f) below show how to insert wire into paper tubes used for arms or legs, so that they can be bent to make elbows or knees if required.

		
<b>(a)</b> At this stage decide whether or not to use wire in the arms (or legs if you are making a figure with legs).	<b>(b)</b> The wire (florists wire is ideal) should be slightly longer than the paper tube.	<b>(c)</b> Thread the wire through the centre of the tube.
		
<b>(d)</b> Bend the ends of the wire over the paper tube so as to avoid any sharp points protruding.	<b>(e)</b> Cover the wire ends with glued tissue to neaten the ends of the tube.	<b>(f)</b> Glue the hands in position.

Hands to cut out.

