



WOW!

Some pine cones stay on the tree for more than 10 years before opening up to release the seeds inside them.



WARNING!
Ask an adult's permission before using hot glue.

Make animal figurines from pine cones

What you need

- Pipe cleaners
- Pine cones
- Scissors
- Colored cardstock paper
- Hot or white glue

Instructions

1. To make arms or legs for all the animals, hold a single pipe cleaner at both ends and pull the center down between the scales so that the middle is buried in the cone. Pull the two ends down and use scissors to trim each end to your desired arm or leg length.
2. To make the lion, add two sets of legs as described above. For the mane, cut a small doughnut shape out of paper and slip it over the top of the pine cone. Cut V shapes all around the outside of your circle to make it look like the fringe of a lion's mane. Glue on a piece of pipe cleaner as a tail, and twist the end.
3. To make the bear, glue a small pine cone to the top of a larger pine cone. Add arms and legs to the bottom cone as described in step one. Cut a small paper circle for a snout and poke a short snip of pipe cleaner through the

center of the snout to make the nose. Bend the pipe cleaner down and glue the other side to the head. Cut two paper ears and glue each one between the pine cone's scales on both sides of the bear's head.

4. To make the bird, add one set of legs as described in step one. Cut two paper wings (they should look like stretched-out semi-circle shapes) and glue them on both sides of the pine cone. Fold a small paper triangle in half and glue it to the head for a beak. Cut a long, thin triangle for the tail and glue it on the end opposite the head.
5. To make the dog, add two sets of legs as described in step one. Cut two ears out of paper and glue them in between the scales on either side. Make the tail by gluing on a pipe cleaner. Finish the tail by trimming some fluff off the end with scissors.



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK USE UP HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

After a big meal like Thanksgiving dinner, there are often lots of leftovers. It's a good idea to use them up before they spoil, not only to avoid food waste but so they don't end up in landfills—both of which help the environment. When you have a lot of remaining food, you may want to get creative. You can use leftovers to make new dishes, such as a turkey sandwich with cranberry sauce or s'mores layered with pumpkin pie. Challenge your family to see who can come up with the best recipe! Another option is to portion out the leftover food into small containers and freeze them. You can defrost them later and warm them up for quick lunches or easy dinners.



Layer up a turkey sandwich.