



Crafting with Cardboard - Maya Pyramid

The Maya civilization was one of the longest-lasting civilizations in history. They built fantastic cities and pyramids throughout Mexico and Central America. They created these marvelous structures as monuments to various Maya deities, as well as burial monuments for powerful leaders. Now it's your turn, craft your very own pyramid to gaze at!

What You'll Need:

- Honest History Mailer (or any scrap cardboard, about two 8.5x11" pieces)
- One 8.5x11" piece of Construction Paper
- Maya Pyramid (Printed Template)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Washable School Glue
- Tape
- 12" Ruler

Instructions:

1. Prep all your materials! Make sure you have all your materials readily available along with an open space for crafting.
2. Take the printed template and cut out the triangle—this will guarantee that every side of your pyramid will be equal. Once you've cut it out, place it on the mailer and use your pencil to outline a total of 4 triangles.
3. Carefully cut out your four triangles—these will serve as the base of your pyramid.
4. Take one of your triangles and draw a one inch line from one of the points and cut off the top of each triangle at the same height. Set aside these smaller triangles, you'll need them later!
5. Tape your triangles together to create the four sides of your pyramid, lining them up along the edges. Turn over the taped sides, fold them at the hinges and stand your pyramid up. The tape should be on the inside of your pyramid. Take a piece of tape and seal the sides together to form the pyramid.
 - a. OPTIONAL* - At this point if you'd like to decorate and color in your pyramid now is the best time to do so before you tape up all the sides!
6. Take the 'Temple Ground' square from the template and trace on the cardboard. Cut the square and glue to the top of your pyramid.
7. Grab the four smaller triangles you placed aside and cut along the dotted line of the smaller template triangle and repeat for the rest of the triangles. Repeat the process from step 5 for the smaller triangles.
 - a. OPTIONAL* - If you want to create a door for your temple, cut a small rectangle from one of the triangles!
8. Take the 'Top of Temple' square from the template and trace on the cardboard. Cut the square and glue to the top of your pyramid.
9. Cut 4 strips of paper about 1 inch wide and 7-8 inches long. Fold each strip like an accordion about ¼ inch each fold, to create the steps. With glue, attach each strip to the sides of the pyramid.
10. Wait for the glue to dry and now you've got your own Maya pyramid to marvel at!



Crafting with Cardboard - Treasure Chest

Step into the role of a pirate like Cheng I Sao as she roamed the South China sea in the 19th century. With hundreds of Junk Ships under your command, you too can keep your treasure safe in your very own chest.

What You'll Need:

- Honest History Mailer (or any scrap cardboard about 2 8.5"x11" pieces)
- Treasure Chest (Printed Template)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Washable School Glue
- Tape
- 12" Ruler
- Piece of string
- Paper Fastener

Instructions:

1. Prep all your materials! Make sure you have all your materials readily available along with an open space for crafting.
2. Take the printed template and cut out the templates for your treasure chest. Trace the templates on your cardboard and carefully cut along the lines.
3. Once the top and bottom of your treasure chest are cut out, carefully fold following the dotted and solid lines.
4. Take the bottom of your chest and fold in the tabs. Take your tape/glue and carefully seal the sides. Set aside.
5. Now take the top of the chest, folding into thirds like the template. Carefully fold the tabs of the lid inward. Find your lid side and align with the middle of the lid. Tape/glue together. Carefully continue to tape/glue the sides of the chest to the top lid.
6. Now that both parts of your chest are pieced together, carefully glue the lid to the chest, placing the hinge portion of the lid to the inside of the chest.
7. BONUS: If you want to create a lock for your chest, take your paper fastener and carefully make a hole in the bottom part of your chest. Then take your string and tape one end to the inside lid that way you can keep your treasures safe!



Crafting with Cardboard – Rocketship

Take a trip to the moon! Create your own rocket ship for all your space expeditions! What kind of mission will you launch? Where will you go? The moon? The stars? You've got a galaxy to explore!

What You'll Need:

- Honest History Mailer (or any scrap cardboard about 2 8.5"x11" pieces)
- Rocketship (Printed Template)
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Washable School Glue
- Tape
- 12" Ruler

Optional:

- Colored Pencils/Crayons/Markers

Instructions:

1. Make sure you have all your materials readily available along with an open space for crafting.
2. Take the printed template and cut out all the pieces. With a pencil and ruler, trace the rocketship panel templates onto the piece of cardboard.
3. Once finished outlining the templates, grab your scissors and carefully cut along your lines to create all the pieces of your rocket. Set aside.
BONUS STEP If you want to add your own creative flair to your rocket, take your colors and add your own style, and even name your rocket!
4. Take your window and side templates and trace along your construction paper. Now that you have your windows, glue them wherever you'd like on your rocketship panels.
5. Now it's time to create your rocket! Carefully fold the panels of the cardboard inward and fold the tabs inward as well.
6. With glue or tape, piece together the rocketship panels. Use the tabs as extra reinforcement of the inside of your ship.
7. After piecing together the rocketship, add wings to the corners of the panels with tape.
8. Once you've completed the rocketship, you're ready for takeoff!



Crafting with Cardboard - Art Easel

Just like in Issue 9, An Era of Exploration, every artist needs an easel! Here's a little DIY on how to create your own, reusable, sustainable and simple easel for all your young artist's needs!

What You'll Need:

- Honest History Mailer or large piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Pencil
- String or Twine
- 12" Ruler

Instructions:

1. Make sure you have all your materials available along with an open space for crafting.
2. Take your mailer and carefully peel the bottom tab. From the back of the mailer, carefully peel the left side of the cardboard to make one long piece of cardboard.
3. Cut the top and bottom tabs off the cardboard and fold the cardboard against the fold
4. Take the mailer and invert it (it will stand taller cause the fold is new!) Take one side of the mailer and fold in half to make a bit of a triangular stand
5. Next, take your scissors and string and cut two pieces of string about 9-10 inches. With your scissors, make a small cut about an inch from each corner of the mailer. Make a small knot on each side of the string and place between the corner cuts of the cardboard mailer.
6. Ta-da! Now your easel is ready to go and perfect for starting your next art project.

FUN ART IDEA!

- Use the craft from Issue 9 and create your own paint!