

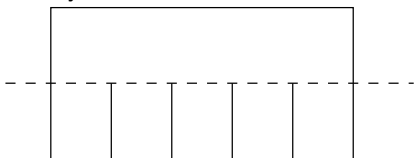
Upcycling - a simple pen holder

Here you learn how to make a simple pen holder using gift paper that is too small to re-wrap other gifts but too good to go into the recycling paper bin.

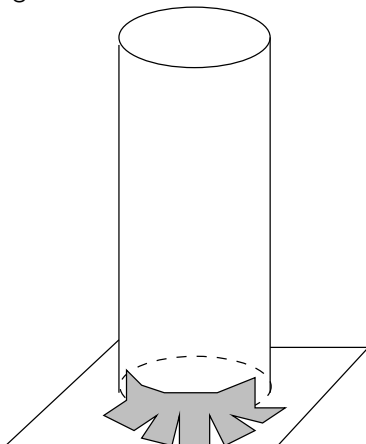
All you need is

- one to two empty toilet paper rolls;
- scrap paper (for linking, can be used/printed);
- a card board piece about 8 x 8 cm (most easy is a square shape, but also hexagonal, heart-shaped, flower-shaped or round pieces can be cut out, depending on your personal taste); should the card board - e.g. taken from cookie boxes - be too soft, then you simply take two and glue them on top of each other;
- a piece of gift paper, ca. 12 x 15 cm;
- a piece of gift paper, ca. 10 x 10 cm;
- white or coloured paper (e.g. from one-sided printed flyers) for the inside feeding
- scissors, glue and ruler / set square
- for folding and glueing, pegs, small skewers etc can be quite helpful

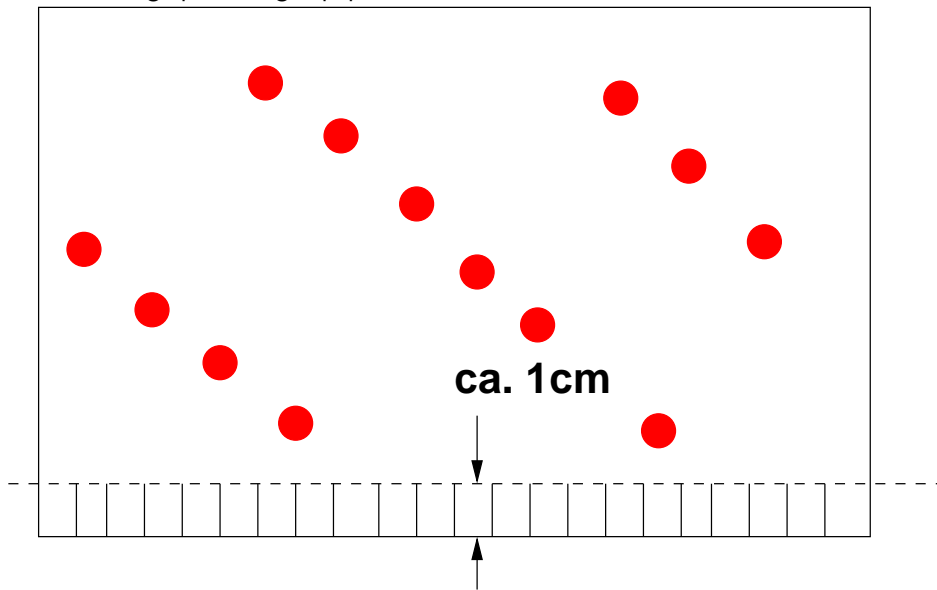
(1) Cut out 3 pieces of paper having ca. 4 x 2 cm size. Fold them along the dashed line and cut them in laterally ca. 3-4 times:



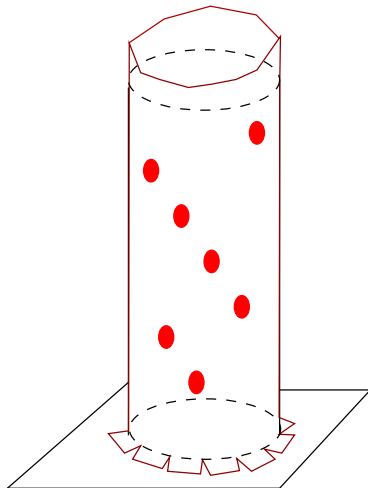
(2) If you want to have a very stable holder, you now take a second toilet roll, cut it open lengthwise and glue it around the other one. This will look as follows:



(3) Now, the large piece of gift paper is folded and cut as follows:

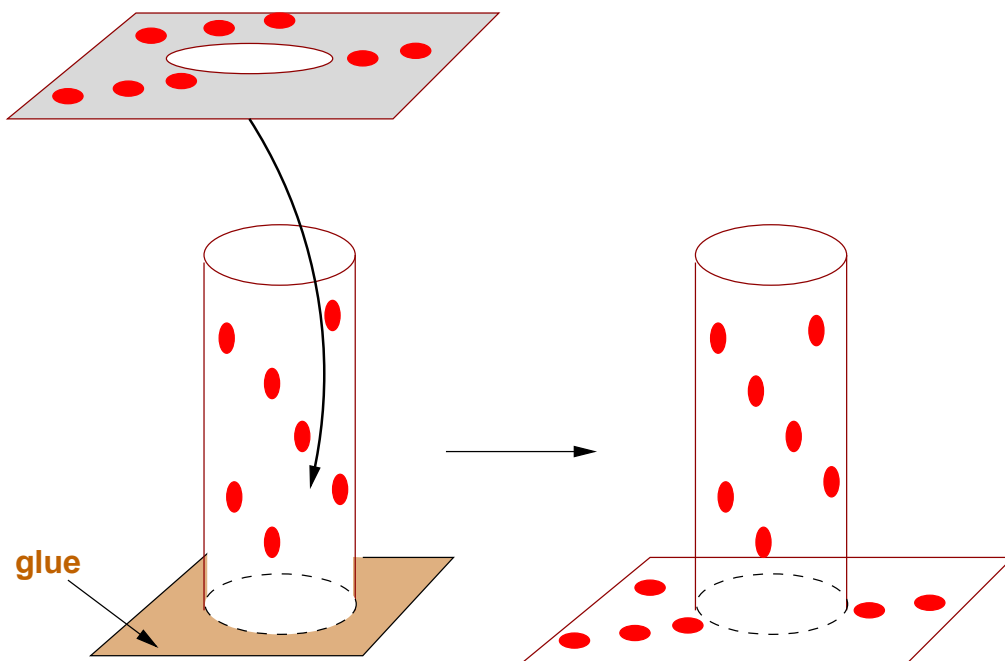


(4) Then, it is carefully wrapped around the toilet roll, where the glued tabs point towards the base plate (use glue sparsely so that the gift paper does not form crinkles):



(5) Cut tabs into the gift paper downwards to the upper rim of the toilet roll, wrap the tabs around the rim and fix them by glueing.

(6) Cut a round hole into the centre of the smaller piece of gift paper, e.g. by using nail scissors. The diameter should be just a bit larger than the diameter of the toilet roll. Smear some glue onto the foot of the raw pen holder and fix the gift paper piece on the foot:



(7) Turn everything upside down, cut tabs into the protruding gift paper, fold these around the base plate and fix them with glue to the bottom side.

(8) For the inner lining, you take coloured paper and cut

- a circle of 4.1 cm diameter (a little bit smaller than the inner diameter of the toilet roll) and
- a rectangle ca. 9,2 x 15 cm

and fix these to the inside of the pen holder.

(9) Finally, a thin cardboard or coloured paper that just covers the bottom side with the glued tabs is glued from below.

Thats it - congratulations and enjoy your creation!

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