

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Wide-Eyed Dragon



Crayola Supplies

- School Glue
- Glitter Glue
- Scissors (pointed tip)
- Model Magic® (colored & white)
- Gel FX Washable Markers

Other Supplies

- cardboard rolls from Hallmark gift wrap
- chenille sticks
- recycled Pringles® Snack Stack™ cups

Why?

Recycled Pringles® Snack Stacks really fire up your imagination! Celebrate Chinese New Year, or your favorite story, with this dramatic dragon!

How?

1. Wash and dry several recycled Pringles™ Snack Stacks cups. To create a dragon body, you will attach them together. **Ask an adult** to punch a hole in the ends of each cup and another hole on each side. Use Crayola® Scissors to poke the holes.
2. *Connect the body sections.* Form a small piece of Crayola® Model Magic® into a cube. Push a chenille stem through it. Connect dragon sections together by passing the stems through the end holes. Fold the chenille stems inside. Connect all of your sections.
3. *Shape legs.* Create long dragon legs by forming Crayola® Model Magic® around chenille stems, leaving a finger-length empty.
4. Shape dragon feet, too. Press them onto the bottom of each leg. If the Model Magic® is slightly dry when you attach the feet, use a drop of Crayola® School Glue to hold the feet on the legs.
5. Push the empty chenille stems into the holes on the sides of the body. Twist the stems together inside the body

so they are tightly connected. Prop up the dragon so its body is off the table enough to be supported by the legs. Air-dry your dragon overnight.

6. *Heads up!* Create a head for your dragon from a recycled paper-towel tube. Cut teeth and eyes into the tube. Color it with Crayola® Gel FX Markers.

7. Form a neck with Model Magic®. Glue the head to the top of the neck. Glue the neck to the front of the dragon's body. Add details such as flames, spines, spots, or stripes. Prop up the head and neck and air-dry it overnight.

8. *Twitch the tail!* Form a long tail from Model Magic®. Glue it to the back of the body. Add details. Air-dry overnight.

9. When your dragon is completely dry, add decorations with markers and Crayola® Glitter Glue. Air-dry the dragon before displaying it.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "My children are captivated by knights and dragons. They worked together to create replicas from favorite stories." Rex W., father of ages 11 and 13.
- "Our son recycles everything for art projects! This dragon project really captured his attention!" Mariah L., mother of age 10.

Interesting Information

In Indian mythology, serpent-dragons, known as *Nagas*, live under the sea. *Naga* is the word for a spring (with water) in the language spoken in Kashmir. In Sanskrit, *Naga* means serpent. Nagas are honored in Thai, Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Tibetan, Egyptian, and other belief systems.

Safety Guidelines

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

Glitter Glue: **WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD** -- Small parts. Not intended for children younger than 3 years of age. Not intended for use as face/skin paint.

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children ages 6 years and older. Adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

Related Books

Ignis by Gina Wilson

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Raising Dragons by Jerdine Nolen

The Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame

Three Tales of My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

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Crayola® 3D Cool Critters

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