



TINKER
LAB *At Home!*

UPCYCLED HOLIDAY DECORATION

Age: 4+

Materials:

- 4 or 5 Toilet paper rolls
- White glue (Elmer's or similar)
- Glitter
- Scissors
- Paper to protect your working table
- 2 Large paper plates or regular plates
- Ruler and pencil (optional)
- Markers or paint (optional)

Introduction: Who knew a simple, recycled material like toilet paper rolls could look so beautiful? With a little planning, some glue, glitter, and markers, you can make stunning wintery decorations in no time at all! These eco-friendly ornaments are easy to make and zero waste! A no-cost option to help the planet!

Activity: Start by pressing down on the toilet paper rolls to flatten them and cut them along the shorter side. The width of each cut strip should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. (Optional: you can use a ruler and a pencil to mark $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sections on each paper roll).



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Use 5 strips to form the center of your snowflake. The idea is to build the snowflake design around it. Stick them together, putting a little glue only on one end, as shown in the picture.



Press with your fingers until the two pieces of cardboard are perfectly fixed. Wait a few minutes, all we need is just a little patience! Once dry, the center of your snowflake will look like a flower.



At this point you have already made a decoration ready to hang, but if you want you can go further, making it even more elaborate and beautiful.

Next, take the remaining paper roll strips and fold them in half creating small V's or "bunny ears". Glue 4 or 5 bunny ears together from the middle. They will start to look like the petals of a flower. Allow them to dry.



Repeat this 4 more times to create a total of 5 bunny ears segments. Once the segments are dry, pour some glue into the external/ upper part of the petals of the center. Press down each bunny ear segment to a petal and keep it still. Again, allow the pieces to dry.



Once you've glued all of your segments to the center of your snowflake you are ready to decorate!

Pour some white glue into a paper plate and on another paper plate pour out some glitter (or pour the glitter directly into your covered paper workspace). Grab your snowflake and dip it in the glue.

Immediately after dipping the snowflake in glue, dip it in glitter. Press down to ensure an even and consistent coverage. Allow it to dry completely.



You can thread some silver ribbon through one of the pieces at the top of the snowflake and tie it into a knot or hang it to your walls!

Another option instead of using glitter is to create some patterns with markers or even paint!

Play with your imagination, create different shapes, and have fun.

