

# Easter Island Pencil Holder

Add a bit of flair to your child's desk with these whimsical Easter Island pencil holders. Part art project, part history lesson, this activity will let your fourth grader mess around with paint while she makes herself a piece of Easter Island's legacy.

## What You Need:

- Clean soup can
- Brown construction paper
- Cardboard
- Black marker
- Hot glue gun
- Gray paint
- Bowl
- Small sponge
- Scissors
- Pencil



## What You Do:

1. Let your child wrap the brown construction paper around the soup can.
2. Have her use a pencil to mark off the excess paper
3. Give her the scissors and let her carefully cut away the excess paper.
4. Glue the brown paper strip around the can, completely covering all the metal. This will be the neck of the sculpture.
5. Have your child draw a rectangle on the cardboard that is roughly the same size as her piece of brown construction paper.
6. Next, draw a large triangle on the cardboard that is about half the height of your rectangle.
7. Let your child cut out the rectangle and the triangle from the cardboard.
8. Help her cut the top of the rectangle into a slight curve -- this will be the statue's rounded forehead.
9. Fold the triangle lengthwise to make the statue's nose.
10. Pour gray paint into your bowl.
11. Have your child dip the sponge into paint.
12. Help her gently dab the gray paint onto the two cardboard pieces. Remind her not to completely cover the cardboard. The mixture of gray sponge paint and cardboard will create the weathered look of the Easter Island heads.
13. Set the cardboard pieces aside to dry.
14. Let your child use a black marker to draw the dark, shadowy eye and mouth of the statues.
15. Use the hot glue gun to attach the rectangular cardboard face onto the soup can.
16. Carefully glue the triangular nose onto the face.
17. Have your child gather up her pencils and markers and dump them into her new Easter Island pen holder. This is one school supply that will definitely stand out in the crowd.