

# President's Day Craft

Commemorating President's Day doesn't need to be confined to reciting dry, historical facts. Show your child how to celebrate the holiday creatively! Construct replicas of two of the most famous U.S. Presidents—Abraham Lincoln and George Washington—using toilet paper rolls as their foundation. An afternoon of fun can coincide with paying tribute to key historical figures! This fun craft also taps into your child's creativity and fine motor skills.

Have your child decide which president he'd like to model his figurine after, and then use the Internet to remind him of Lincoln or Washington's facial features and typical clothing style. For Mr. Lincoln, suggest that he could wear a black suit with long pants, a coat and a tie. For Mr. Washington, suggest blue pants, a red coat and a white wig.



## What You Need:

- Toilet paper tubes
- Colored construction paper
- Glue or paste
- Colored markers or crayons
- Scissors

## What You Do:

1. He can start off by decorating the bottom portion of the toilet paper tube according to his chosen U.S. President. Ask him to cut out a strip of colored construction paper that he can use for the President's pants. After he has cut out this strip of paper, help him roll it around one end of the tube and glue it down.
2. Ask him to cut out another strip of paper, of either the same or a different color. This can be glued to the other end of the tube for the President's shirt.
3. Invite him to also cut out an orange or tan circle for the face. He can then add a nose, mouth, and eyes to the circle. Challenge him to embellish the President's face with a fun expression!
4. Have him cut out two shoes of his color choice and two arms in the same color as the shirt. He can decorate each shape by drawing shoe laces, as well as attaching cut-out hands at the ends of the arms.
5. Invite him to glue the two shoes to the bottom of the toilet paper tube. He should also glue the upper part of the arms to either side, and then add the face to the top front of the tube.
6. Your little one can finish off his President by cutting out either a tall hat or wig, and gluing it to the top of his President's head. Both Lincoln and Washington are known to have modeled distinct embellishments atop their heads; Lincoln was infamous for his black top hat, and Washington wore a white distinguished 'do!
7. Once your child has created his first toilet paper tube President, encourage him to make another in order to have a matching set. Once the glue has had a chance to dry, encourage him to decorate your house for President's Day with some toilet paper tube figurines!