

# XCentric Ideas

A woven basket filled with rolled-up papers and documents, set against a patterned background. The basket is made of reddish-brown twill and is filled with several rolled-up papers of various colors (white, cream, brown). The background is a dark red surface with a patterned rug or mat.

**Throw it away??  
No don't!!!**

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# How creative ....

After my previous recycling issue, I found these absolutely creative, amazing uses for an everyday item ... toilet roll inners.

I mean really, we just throw them away. And every household uses toilet paper ....

Turn the pages and be amazed ... I was!

I've added the websites to every idea for more information.



## Fire Starter:

Store dryer or Hoover lint in toilet rolls and use as fire starters.



## Seedlings:

A great way to start your seedlings off and saves money on buying pots. Simply cut 4 slits in the one end of the roll about a third up and fold the 4 pieces inwards as you would a packing box. Fill with potting compost and plant your seeds, you'll be growing veg in no time.



## Desk organiser:

Collect a few toilet rolls to create a desk tidy or craft organiser. Find a firm piece of cardboard or even some thin plywood and glue a line of glued toilet rolls to the base. Paint the tubes and cardboard beforehand to a colour to match your study or desk.

Or use a nicely decorated box and fit the rolls in snugly.



## Bird feeder:

You'll need toilet roll, peanut butter, bird seed

Cheap and cheerful bird feeder. Punch two holes at the top of the toilet roll and thread some string through to make a loop, cover in peanut butter then roll in bird seed. Hang up in the garden and watch your neighbourhood birds enjoy.



## Cable tidy:

Store and keep wires neat, both while using them and for storage. Fold in Lengths and slot through the roll, you can even decorate the toilet roll beforehand.



## Toilet roll paint:

Create your own gift wrap by dipping the one end of toilet roll in paint. Your kids will love making these.

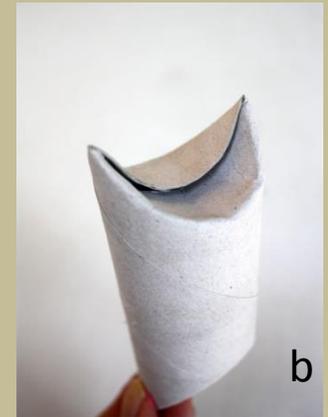
<http://mandeeandbrandy.blogspot.com/2011/01/toilet-paper-roll-painting.html>



## Festive crackers:

Cover toilet rolls with pretty handmade paper or tissue paper. Tie the one end with ribbon. Decorate the body of the toilet roll with glitter/scrapbooking stickers, etc. Place little trinkets/chocolates/sweets and a joke inside. Tie the other end of the cracker. Voila!

<http://www.ourbigearth.com/2008/12/13/holiday-traditions-handmade-christmas-crackers/>



## Gift box:

Fold in one side of the roll (picture a & b.) Repeat with the other side of the roll. Open up the sides, paint the toilet roll – but not too much paint! Just a thin layer. Decorate with glitter and stickers. Give it a nice shine with a light coat of clear spray paint. Fill with candies or treats and fold back the ends.

<http://www.skiptomylou.org/2010/08/31/recycled-pillow-box-favors//>



<http://www.furnishburnish.com/diy/diy-napkin-rings/>



<http://www.makeandtakes.com/up-cycled-christmas-napkin-rings-place-cards>



<http://www.katescreativepace.com/2013/03/28/an-easter-welcome/>

## Napkin rings:

Yarn napkin ring – cut toilet rolls in half or in thirds. Glue the beginning of yarn to the inside of the ring, wrap around and finish off by securing the end with glue.

Raffia napkin ring/placeholder – glue a pretty piece of raffia fabric on the roll, decorate and add a name.

Printed picture napkin rings – cover toilet roll with pretty paper and decorate.

# Music shakers:

Toilet Paper Rolls

Patterned Paper for decorating

Packing Tape

Strong glue

Pasta, beans or some other small solid objects that will make noise when shaken.

You will want to tape one end off of your toilet paper roll and make sure it is completely sealed so nothing will come out. Don't worry about it looking pretty right now because you will be covering it up with patterned paper. (Picture left)

Take your shaker filler and fill up the toilet paper roll 1/3 of the way. Don't worry if the filler sticks to the tape inside. That won't matter when your kids are busy shaking away. Then, you will want to seal the other end with more packing tape so none of the filler will come out.

Next, you will want to measure out how much patterned paper you will need to cover your toilet paper roll in. Then use some strong glue and glue the paper to the roll. Hold in place for a few minutes to make sure it is dry and will stay in place.

Decorate with little flowers.



<http://gcdstudios.blogspot.com/2012/07/crafty-kids-week-toilet-paper-roll.html>



## Toilet roll monsters:

Paint goofy faces on toilet rolls and decorate with small pom-poms and glitter.

<http://alisaburke.blogspot.com/2010/10/little-monsters-tutorial.html>



## Toilet roll bunnies:

Decorate toilet rolls with paint, glue on fabric or paper ears & feet, eyes, nose & whiskers.

<http://www.laughsideasinspiration.com/2013/03/10-easter-decorating-ideas.html/>

[www.pragentemiuda.org](http://www.pragentemiuda.org)

# Festive lanterns:



Paint

Paintbrushes

Glitter

Also required: pegs, fishing wire and masking tape

Toilet paper rolls

A scalpel

## Step one

Clip a peg to the toilet roll for ease of painting and paint the toilet roll inside and out, contrasting solid colours on the inside and outside. You'll need to move the peg slightly to paint the part it covers.

## Step two

Still holding the peg and with the paint still wet, roll in glitter. Move the peg again to cover the entire roll. Leave to dry.

## Step three

Use your scalpel to cut the toilet roll along the natural spiral seam. Start about a centimetre from the top and finish a centimetre from the bottom. Repeat the entire way around the roll with the cuts one to two centimetres apart. Use both hands to manoeuvre the roll slightly so the cut pieces bend a little, forming a lantern.

## Step four

Cut or punch a hole in the top of the roll on opposite sides and thread a piece of fishing wire through and tie.

## Step five

Hang from the ceiling with white-coloured masking tape (to blend in with the paint) or tie to a light fitting.

## Napkin rings:

You need toilet rolls, scissors, hobby paint, brush, a hole punch, a needle and yarn.

Start by cutting the rolls in half. To make the embroidering easy, we made holes with a hole punch. We used a piece of graph paper as a template for the pattern.

Then paint the rolls. Remember not to use water colors when you paint on the toilet rolls, water colors have a tendency to smear.

Finally, it's time to do the embroidery. When the design is finished you simply tie the ends together.



<http://makezine.com/craft/how-to-toilet-paper-tube-napkin-rings/?parent=Home>

## Seed napkin rings:

You need toilet rolls, craft knife, hobby paint, brush, glue, seeds and beans, clear lacquer spray

Start by cutting the rolls in half. Paint the rolls. Glue on seeds and finish off with the lacquer spray.

[http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft\\_themes/Nature/seedmosaicnapkinrings/seedmosaicnapkinrings.html](http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Nature/seedmosaicnapkinrings/seedmosaicnapkinrings.html)





## Thank you card:

empty toilet paper roll  
about 30 inches of ribbon  
embellishments (letter or flowers)

scrapbooking paper scraps  
glue

Flatten a toilet paper roll. Measure length and width. Cut 2 pieces of scrapbook paper the length and width of the flattened paper roll. Adhere the 2 pieces of paper to the toilet paper roll (one on each side, covering the roll) Adhere your ribbon to the paper roll so that it will secure the gift card at the bottom. You should be able to tie a bow at the top. Embellish by adding additional papers, a greeting, flowers, etc. Insert gift card and tie a bow at the top.

<http://reneethefrugalmom.blogspot.com/2010/04/tasty-savings-tips.html>



## Cuff bracelet:

Cut toilet rolls in half. Cut open the one side of each halved toilet roll. Decorate with paint and glue on some beads and glitz.

<http://happyhooligans.ca/toilet-roll-bracelet/>

# Wreath



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## Wreath:

Toilet rolls  
Spray paint

Glue  
Wreath form

First cut the toilet rolls into thirds. With quite a few third pieces of toilet paper rolls, be ready to cut them into spirals. Once they are cut, curl them back around on themselves to make little rosebuds. Start to place the rosebuds around a 'dollar store wreath form'.

With enough rosebuds, start to hot glue them on, to cover the wreath form. They are pretty much all different sizes, so it does not look exactly the same all over.

Spray paint, let it dry and you're ready to decorate your door.