

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
the beginning
miniature maker

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Materials and Supplies:

donkey silhouette, eyes and nostrils pattern

thin cardboard (You could use the cardboard from a cereal box.)

Crepe paper streamers: pink, purple, green, yellow, orange, and black (You will need approximately 10" of each color.)

Scissors (A sharp small craft scissors works best for this project.)

Masking tape

buttonhole thread and needle

glue stick

Tacky glue and brush for apply the glue

tweezers

bamboo skewer

Instructions:

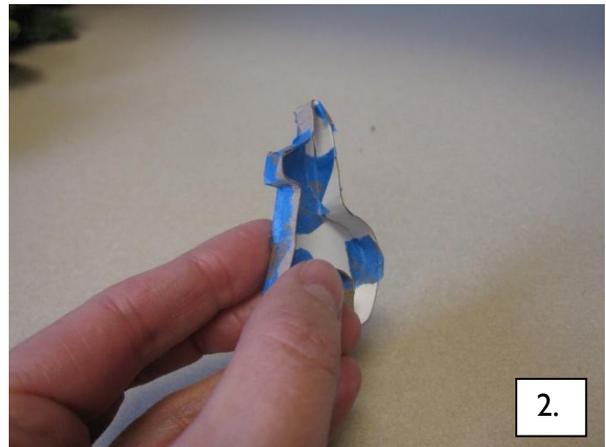
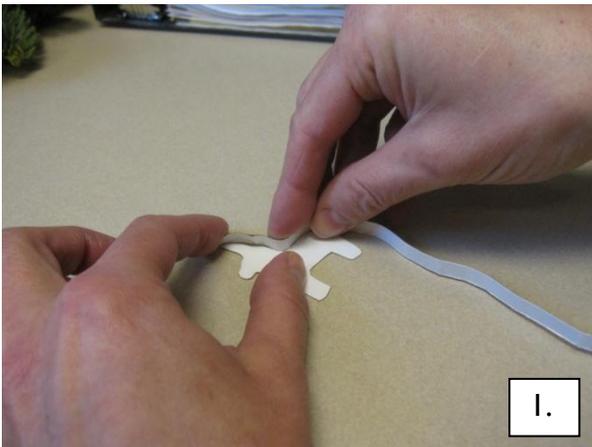
Note: When using Tacky glue in this project apply the glue with a small brush.

Begin by creating the crepe paper fringe strips you will use to cover your piñata.

1. To create fringe strips cut $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 10" strips of crepe paper. Fold the strips in half so that they are $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide x 10" long. (Tip: It is easier to fold this narrow strip of crepe if you start in the middle of the strip and work your way toward the ends.) Open out the strips and then gently run a glue stick over the inside of each strip and fold it back together. Now make little snips along the length of the strips to create fringe. You will need one black strip, one green strip, one orange strip, two pink strips, three purple strips and three yellow strips.

You are now ready to begin your piñata.

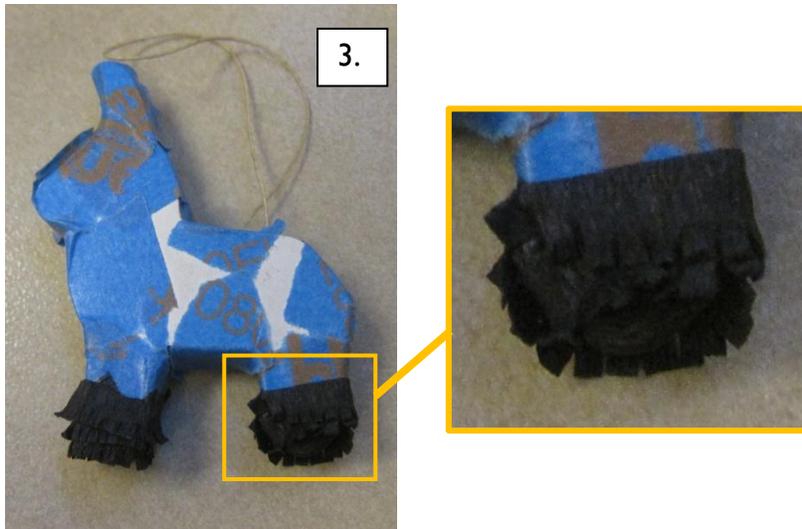
2. Print the donkey pattern, eyes and nostrils in color. (The pattern provided includes extra eyes and nostrils just in case you need them.) Trace two copies of the donkey silhouette pattern on the cardboard and cut them out.



3. Next cut a strip of thin cardboard $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by $7\frac{1}{8}$ " long. Start at the tip of the donkey's ear and bend the cardboard strip around the perimeter of the donkey to get the cardboard strip to follow the shape of the donkey. See illustration 1.
4. Next tape the cardboard strip to the donkey silhouette with masking tape. Use tape on both the inside and outside to secure. See illustration 2.
5. Cut a 12" piece of buttonhole thread and thread your needle. Sew through the cardboard strip into the back of the donkey to create a hanging loop about 2" long for the piñata. Knot the thread on the inside of the donkey frame and trim away excess thread.
6. Now attach the remaining donkey silhouette using masking tape.

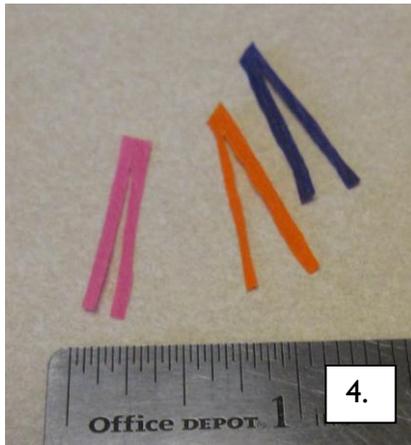
You are ready to begin covering the donkey with the fringed crepe paper.

7. Cut two $\frac{5}{8}$ " squares of black crepe paper from your streamer. Apply Tacky glue to the bottom of the two donkey hoofs and glue the paper over and around the bottom of each hoof.



8. Cut two 3" strip of black fringe. Apply Tacky glue around the side of one hoof. Wrap one fringe strip around the lower edge of the leg two times positioning the second row just above the first. Cover the other leg in the same manner. See illustration 3.
9. Cut two 3" lengths of green fringe and two 3" lengths of orange fringe. Wrap one of the green fringe strips around the lower leg of the donkey. Then cover the upper portion of the leg with one of the orange strips. Use the remaining green and orange fringe to cover the second leg.
10. Cut a piece of yellow crepe streamer $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $1\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Using the glue stick, apply glue to one side of the yellow crepe and fold it in half to form a $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip. Glue this piece to the underbelly of the donkey between the legs.
11. Apply Tacky glue around the lower half of the donkey's body just above the legs. Wrap one 10" long yellow fringe a couple of times around the entire body of the donkey positioning consecutive rows slight above previous rows.
12. Next you will cover the top of the donkey's back. Apply Tacky glue to the top surface of the donkey's back. Begin at the rear applying yellow fringe. Once you have covered half of the back with yellow fringe, change to purple fringe and complete the remaining section of the back.
13. Apply Tacky glue just above the yellow fringe on the side of the donkey's body and wrap one 10" purple strip around the body followed by one 10" pink strip which will bring you to the edge of the back and the base of the neck.
14. Next apply Tacky glue to the donkey's muzzle. Wrap half the muzzle with orange fringe and the other half with yellow fringe.
15. Once the muzzle is complete, glue and wrap the base of the neck with two rows of green fringe. Cover the head of the donkey using two rows each of the following colors, purple, pink and green. Begin at the muzzle and wrap around the back of the neck up to the ears.
16. Now apply Tacky glue to the ears and cover the bottom half with orange fringe and the top with pink fringe.
17. Cut out the eyes and nostrils. (Tip: It is easier to cut these tiny pieces if you cut around the two pieces and then hold the eye or nostril with a tweezers while cutting away the remaining paper.) Place a drop of Tacky glue on each side of the head and use your tweezers to position the eyes on the glue. Place

two drops of glue on the end of the muzzle and then use your tweezers to position the nostrils on the drops of glue.



18. Create a tail for your donkey by cutting 1" x 1/8" pieces of crepe out of three colors. Carefully snip the center of the strips along the length to 1/16" from the end. See illustration 4. Glue the tail pieces to the donkey. Trim the ends of the tail to approximately 1/2" in length.

The last step is to decorate the piñata stick.

19. Cut your bamboo skewer to 4". Apply Tacky glue to half of the stick. Using the remaining fringe and wrap the stick to decorate it.

Donkey Silhouette, Eyes and Nostrils Pattern

