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# Make-Your-Own “Clog Monsters”

## PREPARATION:

Collect empty toilet paper tubes and household items (see list). Leave wipes out to dry overnight. You may wish to measure and cut colored construction paper in advance (see step 1).

## MATERIALS:

- Toilet paper tubes
- White and colored construction paper
- Paint and paint brushes (optional)
- Markers, scissors, glue and glue sticks
- Tissue paper or party streamers
- Fabric scraps, pipe cleaners
- String or yarn

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Baby wipes or cleaning wipes (dried out overnight)
- Dental floss, cotton swabs, small bandages, cotton balls
- Toothpaste caps, plastic bottle tops, straws from juice boxes
- Paper towels and plastic wrappers, cut up into small pieces



## OVERVIEW:

Reuse empty toilet paper tubes in creative ways! Make cardboard “Clog Monsters” for a fun craft activity. For an extra eco-lesson, decorate them with clog-causing items that should NOT be flushed down the toilet. Use the Talking Points for reference.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wrap your tube in a piece of construction paper, cut down to the same size. Stick it in place with glue or tape. Or, paint the tube and let it dry.
2. Make your own recyclable “googly eyes” with white construction paper and a marker. Cut them out and glue them on.
3. Draw other features (eyebrows, mouth, etc.) on your monster face with a marker.
4. Cut out white triangles for fangs and glue in place.
5. Now add some small bits that represent disposable wipes and trash that should NOT be flushed down the toilet (see Household Items list).
6. Stuff dried wipes into the tube to make “hair” or hang one over the back like a cape. Make cotton-swab antennae or toothpaste-cap horns. Let your imagination run wild!



Look for the DO NOT FLUSH symbol and never flush disposable wipes or trash down the toilet.



DO NOT POUR Fat, Oils and Grease down the drain.



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## EXTENSION IDEAS:

- Put on a puppet show with your Clog Monsters
- Take a group picture of all your Clog Monsters, upload it to a computer, and make a mini poster for your home or school bathroom.

## TALKING POINTS:

What's a Clog Monster made of? Trash, plastic, paper towels, and other things that should not be flushed down the toilet. This includes baby wipes and any wipes with the Do Not Flush symbol on the package.



**DO NOT FLUSH**

## HERE'S WHAT THE SYMBOL LOOKS LIKE.

When you see this on a wipes package, should you flush the wipe in the toilet?

**NO!**

Where should you put it?

**IN THE TRASH!**

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

These small items can form clogs that cause big problems. “Non-flushables” can break toilets, damage sewers and harm wildlife habitats like lakes, rivers, oceans and streams.



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