

The background features a vibrant blue sky with a large, thick yellow ribbon looping across it. Below the sky, there are large, curved shapes in teal and pink. The foreground is a collage of cardboard art: a house with a triangular roof, a tree with many branches, a purple scribbled circle, and various other cardboard cutouts of trees and houses. The word 'helium' is written in a yellow, lowercase, cursive font in the top left corner.

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Inspiring life through art

Cardville

**For Children
Aged 9-12 Years**



Overview

Activity Cardville

Description

Use your imagination to create a little village full of buildings, trees or people.

Materials

- Scissors
- Cardboard (Cereal/food boxes, toilet roll inserts)
- Pen or Pencil (Optional, just if you wish to mark out lines before you cut)
- Colours (Optional)

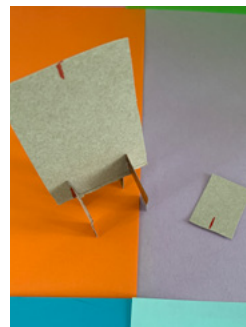
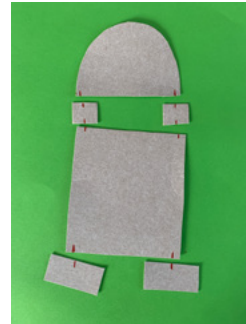


Introduction

Welcome, creative friends, to our online activity, Cardville! Get ready to dive into the imaginative world of card-crafting. We'll be transforming the cardboard we usually recycle into a unique, small cardboard village by exploring exciting shapes and structures together. All you need are scissors, cardboard, maybe a pencil, and your fantastic ideas. Let's get crafting!

Instructions

- 1.** Begin by collecting your cardboard, cereal boxes and toilet roll inserts. Cut out the flat sides to create smooth, flat pieces of cardboard that will be easy to work with.
- 2.** Planning your village is important. Do you want a tall building(s) or long wide building(s). Will you make houses, shops or schools? Think about what building you would like and sketch it on the cardboard or on a piece of paper to plan it out.
- 3.** Once you have made a plan, think about what shapes you will need. To make a simple house, cut out a square or rectangle for the building's body and use a triangle or semicircle for the roof. You can draw these shapes first if you like, either all as one piece or with the roof separate.
- 4.** Now that you have the building and roof shapes, you'll need to create "legs" to help support the structure to stand up, and "links" if you're attaching a separate roof. Legs and links are made using the same method.
- 5.** To make legs, cut out two small rectangles - one for the left side and one for the right side of your building. Cut a slit halfway down each rectangle. Make similar slits in the parts of the building where the legs will be attached. Join the rectangles to the building using these slits. Links are made the same way, just make a small cut at the top and bottom centre of each rectangle, and similar cuts in the part of the building where the roof will be attached. Fit the pieces together by sliding the slits into each other.



6. Once your buildings are made, fill out your village with trees, bushes, and people. Cut out the shapes you like and use the 'legs' to stand them up. If you wish you can decorate your village with coloured cardboard or colouring pencils if you have them.

7. Ask a parent or guardian to photograph your village and email it to ondemand@helium.ie

