

How to make a cat ornament

You will need: cardboard roll, paint, paintbrush, cotton wool, sticky tape or glue stick.

Instructions:

1. At one end of the cardboard roll gently push down and slightly inwards. This will form the ears of your cat.
2. Paint the cardboard roll in the colour or colours of your choice and leave to dry.
3. Once dry, in contrasting colours, paint on the eyes, nose, whiskers and any other details you wish. Leave to dry.
4. Finally, with a strip of cotton wool or a cotton wool ball (which you have gently pulled out to form a 'sausage-like' shape) stick one end to the back of the cat using sticky tape or glue. This is the tail of your cat.
5. Well done – your cat is ready to display. Purr-fect!

Fun facts: the ancient Egyptians held cats in high esteem and had penalties for harming a cat. They worshipped a cat goddess (half feline, half woman) called Bastet.

The Museum has a mummified cat in its collection.

Mummified cats were often placed with their owners in the same tomb. The idea being that they would go to the afterlife together.

