

How to make an owl

You will need:

Paper cup, polystyrene/ping pong ball or ball of paper, paper, pipe cleaner, glue, two wiggle eyes (optional), and felt tip pens/Deco pens or paint.

How to make your owl:

1. Choose a polystyrene ball or ping pong ball or ball of paper to be the head of your owl.
2. Colour the head of your owl in the colour of your choice – you can use felt tips, Deco pens or paint.
3. Colour the paper cup (body of the owl) in the colour of your choice with felt tips pens, Deco pens or paint.
4. Cut a small triangle out of paper and colour in if necessary – this is the beak of your owl – and attach to the head of your owl with glue.
5. Choose two wiggle eyes (optional) or draw a pair of eyes, and attach these to the head of the owl.
6. Take about half a length of pipe cleaner and push into the base of your owl's head. Then make a hole in the centre of the base of the paper cup – an adult may need to do this with a pair of scissors.
7. Push the remaining part of the pipe cleaner through the hole in the cup and bend the pipe cleaner (inside the cup) so the head is upright. Fix the pipe cleaner in position with sticky tape inside the cup.
8. Using paper, cut out the owl's feet (and stick on the cup using a glue stick) and wings – colour as necessary. The wings are a rounded triangle shape.
9. Decorate the wings and then secure to the paper cup body using glue at the top of each wing.
10. You can bend the wings at the bottom so they flare out, if you like.
11. Your owl is now complete – it is ready to take flight!

Here are some owls found in the UK:

Barn owl

Little owl

Long-eared owl

Short-eared owl

Tawny owl

