


How to make a woolly mammoth

You will need: cardboard roll, pencil, scissors, thin card (from a cereal box or similar), fine nib permanent marker or felt tip pen (black), paint, paintbrush, glue stick, sticky tape, stapler (optional).

Instructions:

1. Draw a  at one end of the cardboard roll – this forms the front legs and base of your woolly mammoth. Cut out.
2. On thin card, draw a trunk, two tusks (make them curved), two small circles (for eyes), and two small ears. Cut out.
3. Paint the cardboard roll, trunk and ears with brown paint. Leave to dry.
4. To give the mammoth a woolly coat, use a lighter brown and/or white paint and short brush strokes with a fine paintbrush. Leave to dry.
5. Attach the ears by creating a small fold and gluing/sticking or stapling to the top of the cardboard roll (body of the woolly mammoth).
6. Using the permanent marker or felt tip pen, draw a pupil on each eye. Glue the eyes onto the cardboard roll. Position the tusks and either staple or glue into place.
7. Finally, glue on the trunk with the top of it covering the place where the tusks meet. Gently bend the bottom of the trunk slightly upwards.
8. Your woolly mammoth is ready to roam!

Fun facts: the Museum has a woolly mammoth's tusk on display in the permanent exhibition. Woolly mammoths used to roam across West Berkshire! Woolly mammoths were adapted to survive the cold temperatures of the Ice Age. Their bodies were covered in fur and their ears, compared to a modern elephant's, were small to avoid frost bite.

