

# Make a Dacentrurus dinosaur

**You will need:** cardboard roll, paper plate (half) or a semi-circle of thin card (from a cereal box or similar), other thin card (from a cereal box or similar), paint, paintbrush, pencil, scissors, sticky tape, glue stick, ruler (optional), felt tip pen (black).

## Instructions:

1. Cut a paper plate in half. If you don't have a paper plate, on thin card draw around a dinner plate and then draw a line across the centre so you have a semi-circle. Cut out.
2. Draw a head, tail, 6-7 plates and a small circle (eye) on thin card. Cut out.
3. With the cardboard roll, measure it with the ruler and cut in half (each section will be about 2 inches high). These two sections are the dinosaur's legs.
4. Paint the head, tail, plates and two sections of cardboard roll. You can also paint the semi-circle plate/card too. Leave to dry.
5. With the black felt tip pen, draw the pupil on the eye (small circle).
6. With 2-3 of the plates, cut them into smaller spikes – you should get 2-4 'spikes' per plate.
7. Use sticky tape, to secure the head, tail and plates to the semi-circle plate/card. Remember to tape the spikes along the dinosaur's neck and tail.
8. The two sections of cardboard roll need two 2cm slits cut into the top of each section. On each section, each slit needs to be directly opposite to each other.
9. Slot the legs (cardboard roll sections) onto the semi-circle of plate/card along the flat side.
10. Your dinosaur is complete! It should be able to stand so can display it on a shelf, or play with it – imagine its adventures in the Mesozoic era!

**Fun facts: The Museum is going to have a special exhibition on the Mesozoic period, The Time Before Us, in early 2021. This dinosaur called a Dacentrurus is one of the stegosaurids of this time and would have lived in this country. Finds of this dinosaur are relatively rare so its appearance is uncertain. What is certain is that it was a plant-eater that was adorned with plates and spikes.**

