

Make a lion

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

Instructions:

1. On the thin card, draw and cut out an oval cloud-shape. Then fold in half and cut out half an oval, that once unfolded will be a frame or border not less than 1.5cm depth all around. This is the lion's mane.
2. Paint the cardboard roll in yellow and the lion's mane in orange or brown. Leave to dry.
3. Draw and cut out two small circles (eyes) from the thin card. Use the permanent marker, to draw a pupil on each circle.
4. Use the scissors to make small cuts all around the of the mane.
5. Attach the mane to the cardboard roll using glue. Leave to dry.
6. Glue on the eyes and mark on the other features and details using the permanent marker.
7. Gently fray out the edges of the mane to give it texture.
8. Your lion is ready to roar!



Fun facts: the lion and snake-shaped door knocker on the main door of the 17th century Cloth Hall, that forms part of West Berkshire Museum, dates from the 19th century (1800s) so is much younger (by at least 200 years) than the building. The door knocker is made from bronze.

Nearly all wild lions live in Africa, below the Sahara Desert, except for a small population that live around the Gir Forest National Park in western India.