Make a hen



This craft was inspired by an art book explaining how to draw ducks and hens.

You will need: cardboard roll, scissors, pencil, stapler, scraps of thick paper or thin card, 2 wiggle eyes, 2 glue dots (optional), glue stick.

Instructions:

- 1. Flatten the cardboard roll. Cut off a section so you have a 'square' of roll left. It needs to be square in order to make the pyramid shape later.
- 2. Staple one end of the cardboard roll.
- 3. With the scraps of paper or card, draw and cut out a comb (zig zig), wattle (teardrop), beak (triangle), and two wings (teardrop).
- 4. If you wish, you can make lots of small shallow cuts around each wing to give a feathery appearance.
- 5. Bend the cardboard roll to form a pyramid shape.
- 6. Insert the beak and wattle into the open end. Staple into place and also staple closed this end.
- 7. With the glue stick, attach the wings and comb to the hen.
- 8. Using self-adhesive (or two glue dots) wiggle eyes, attach to the hen.
- 9. Your hen is ready to peck!



Fun facts: A chicken has a comb on their head and wattles under their neck. The male (rooster) has a larger comb than the female (hen). The rooster is also bigger and more brightly coloured than a hen; this is so that they can show off their colourful feathers to attract the hens.



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