

TP Tube Pinata

Animal(s) served: parrot, raven, macaque, squirrel monkey, ferret, raccoon, squirrel

Supplies needed: empty toilet paper tube, colored paper, crepe paper, small rubber bands, flour, water, pencil, scissors, hole punch, paint brush

Procedure:



1. Cut crepe paper in 15" strips. Fold and cut "fringe" along one side. (You will need 3 strips per pinata.)
2. Cut circle from colored paper, approximately 1" wider than tube diameter. Mark diameter of tube with pencil. Remove wedges from outer edge to pencil mark.



3. Mix paste of 2 parts water to 1 part flour. (Extra paste can be kept refrigerated for several days.)
4. Brush coat of flour paste over one end of tube. Place colored paper disc over end and secure with rubber band. Allow to dry.



5. Remove rubber band. Brush coat of flour paste over sides of tube.
6. Unroll fringed crepe paper. Starting just above covered end, spiral wrap around tube.



7. Continue adding fringed paper until entire tube is covered. Add more paste as needed.
8. Punch a hole at open end (approximately 1/2" down from edge).
9. Allow to dry. (a paper clip makes a good "hanger" and can be removed once dry)



Please note that all behavioral enrichment (BE) items must be approved by zoo staff. Animal health, behaviors and dietary requirements often change, making some BE offerings inappropriate. There are also some items that the zoo sanctuary gets in great numbers; more than we can use. It is a good idea to check before making any enrichment item to assure it will be enjoyed by the animal(s) of your choice.