

Just Outside the Box Freebie

DIY Christmas Crackers

You just about get everything to make crackers, except for the kitchen sink!

Mix and match your cracker's look and contents to personalise each cracker for that very special person.

MATERIALS

You'll need the following to make the Christmas crackers

- Toilet roll for each cracker (or make one from light card sized about 10cm by 20cm)
- Ribbon
- Tissue paper (colour of your choice)
- Cracker snaps (from most craft stores during Christmas or online)
- Glue stick / sticky tape to assemble cracker and crown
- Chocolates / Iollies for each cracker (optional, but hey, it's Christmas)
- Toy for each cracker (optional, I like to use balloons and mini bubble tubes)
- Computer print out (from below) of the cartoon jokes (step 1), crows (step 2) and cracker paper (step 3).

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Follow steps 1 to 3, starting from page 2.
- 2. Wrap the toilet roll with tissue paper and stick on the alien wrapper
- 3. Assemble your crackers remembering to insert the above materials
 - Exceptionally funny cartoon joke (well, better than the ones you buy)
 - Crown (best loosely rolled rather than folded)
 - Snap
 - Toy
 - and don't forget the chocolate!
- 4. Close the cracker by tying ribbon at each end.
- 5. Hide from the kids (big and small) before the big day.



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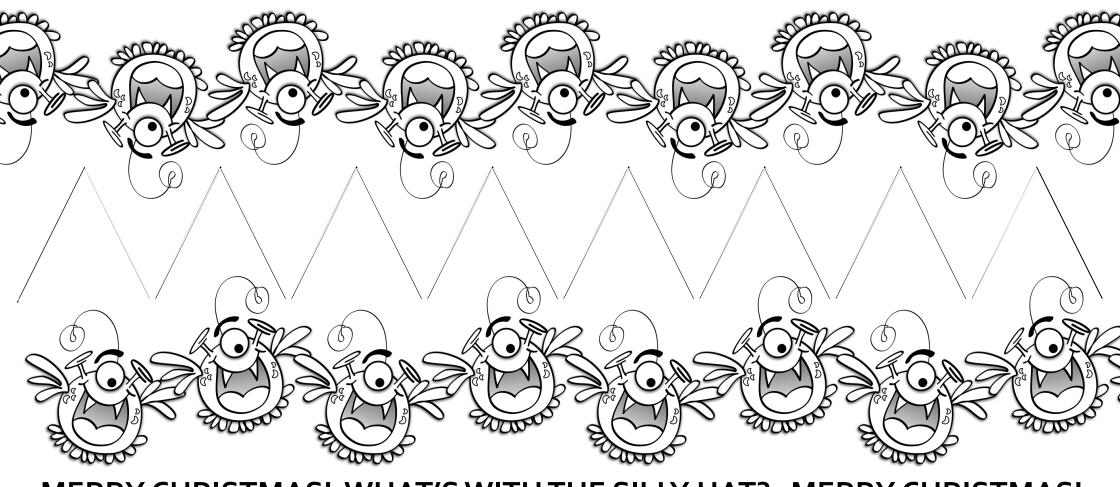
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Step 2: Print crown to pop into each cracker.

Cut out along the straight and zig zag dotted line to create two strips. Glue one end to another and then roughly measure your head to glue both ends to make a crown fit for a king.

Note: To save ink I've made a hat which has a white background. But for a splash of colour, you can print onto coloured paper. **Step 3:** (Cracker wrapper on next sheet) Print and cut vertically to make three wrappers to roll around your cracker.

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