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Toilet roll phones

Why not try making some old fashioned phones in this easy craft project? Rather than recycle them, put your toilet roll tubes to good use.

You'll need:

- Empty toilet roll tubes (one per phone)
- Extra pieces of cardboard
- String
- Craft glue
- Paint/colouring pens (optional)
- Scissors

Method:

- Cut a circle from a piece of cardboard to make the dial

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- Draw 10 circles on the dial and number them 0 to 9
- Using the glue, stick the dial to the toilet roll tube
- Using the scissors, cut small notches into the top of the tube. These are where the handset will sit
- Cut out the handset from a piece of cardboard
- Make a hole in the bottom of the toilet roll tube and a hole in the handset
- Pass one end of the string through the handset piece and tie it off
- Pass the other end through the hole in the toilet roll tube and tie it off
- Your child can paint/colour the phone
- Your phone is now finished and ready to play with ... Hello! Hello! Who's calling please?

Why not?

- Do an online search for more children's activities that use toilet roll tubes?

The benefits of this activity:

- It will encourage your child to engage in a conversation and to listen carefully
- It will also teach your child the importance of taking turns



CAUTION:
Close supervision
is needed when
playing with
string!