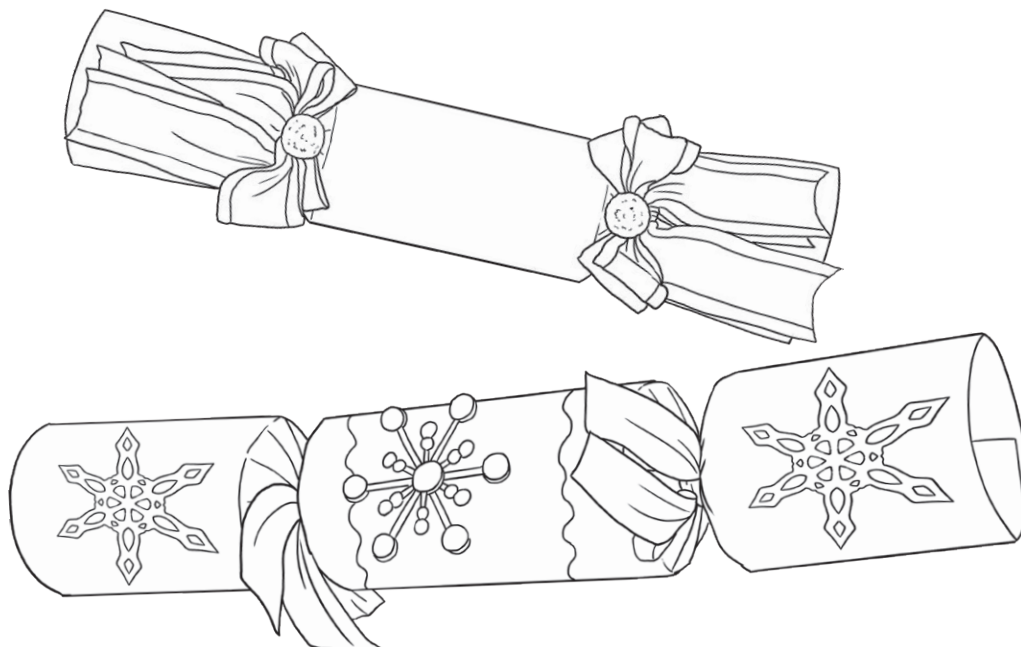


# Make Your Own Christmas Cracker Teacher Instructions

Copy the Christmas cracker template onto thin card. It will need to be coloured and decorated by children before folding and fixing it.

Copy the Christmas cracker hat template onto coloured paper or thin card.

Children then write their own joke on a Christmas cracker joke card.



# Make Your Own Christmas Cracker

The first Christmas crackers were invented in 1847 by a baker from London called Tom Smith. He designed them to package his bon-bon sweets so that he could sell more of them!

## You will need:

- Christmas cracker template
- Christmas cracker hat template
- Blank Christmas cracker joke card for your own joke
- Colouring pens or crayons
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Sticky Tape
- Modelling Clay
- String

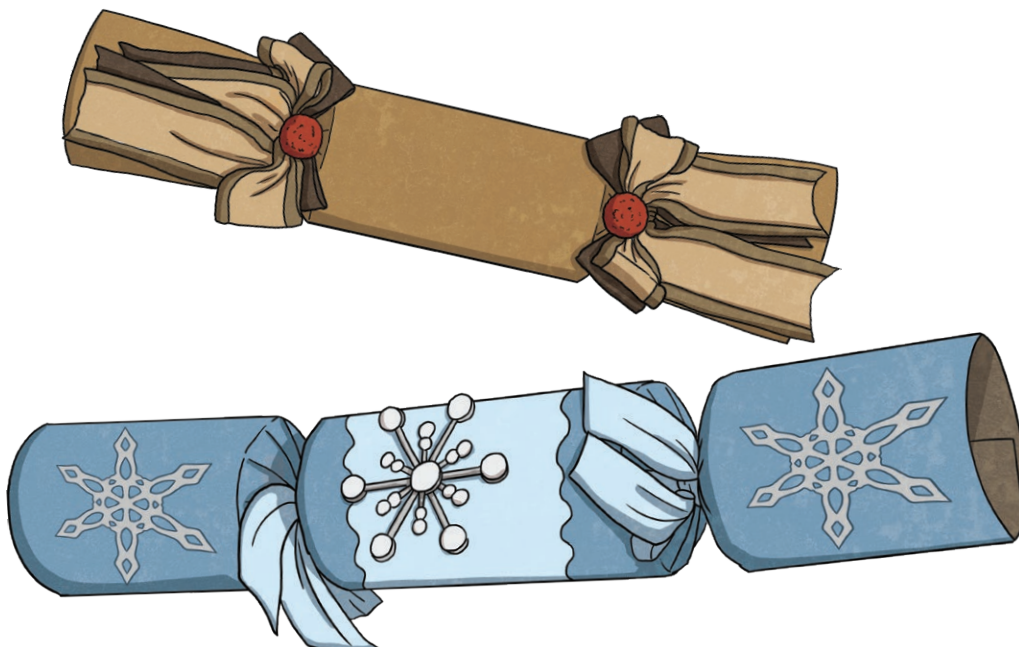


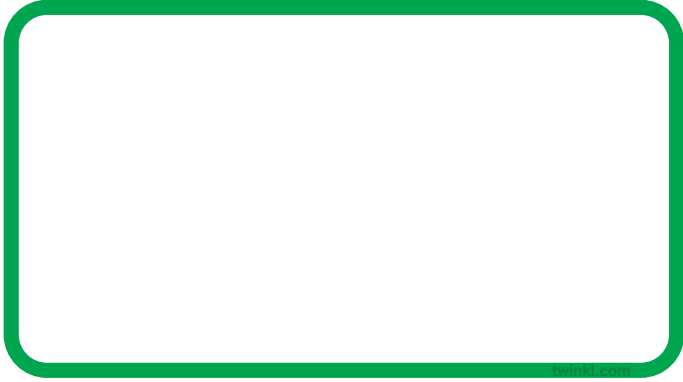
## Instructions:

1. Decorate the Christmas cracker template using colouring pens or crayons.
2. Cut out the Christmas cracker template.
3. Make folds along all the dotted lines to turn the template into a cracker shape.
4. Put the ruler down the middle of the cracker. Using one arm of the open scissors, score a line along the ruler. This will make the cracker easier to pull.

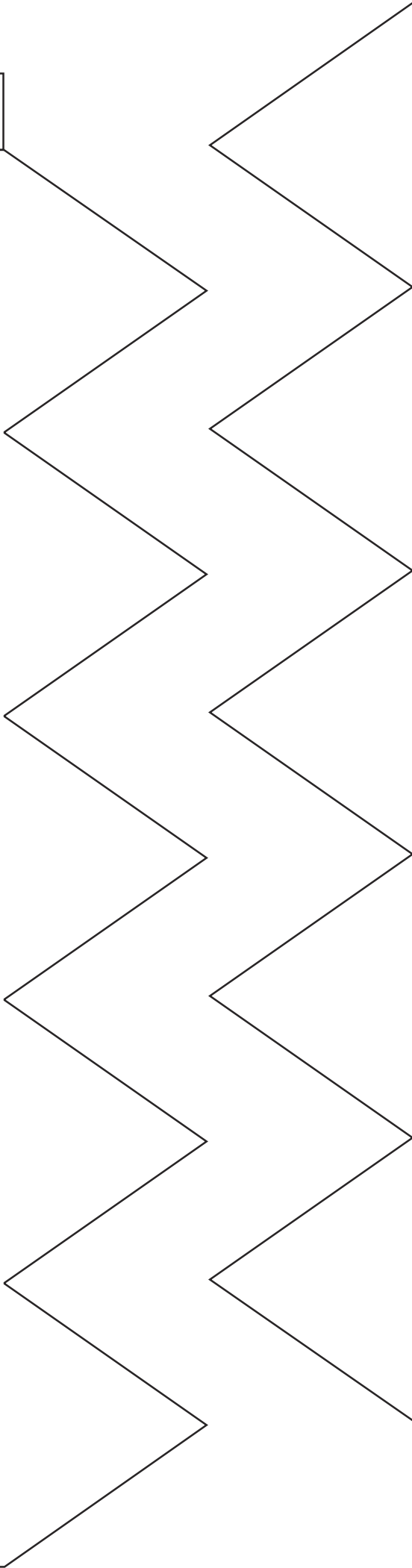
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5. Cut out the Christmas cracker hat template. Tape one end of the hat to the other using sticky tape. Fold the hat up so it is small enough to fit inside your cracker.
6. Write a joke on one of the Christmas cracker joke cards. Cut it out and fold it up so it will fit inside your cracker.
7. Use the modelling clay to form a small item that will fit inside your cracker. This could be a Christmas-themed toy or ornament or something useful, such as a dice, marble or ring.
8. Put the hat, joke and item inside your cracker.
9. Roll the cracker and tape tab 1 to the other side of it. Do the same for the tabs marked 2 and 3.
10. Use the string to tie up each end of the cracker to stop the things from falling out and to give your cracker its shape.
11. Your cracker is ready to pull with someone else!





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