

# Dragon Costume

## Supplies

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- 2 paper cups
- PVA glue
- Paintbrush
- 2 cardboard tubes
- Red paint
- White paper
- 2 polystyrene balls (small enough to fit inside the cups)
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Coloured ribbon
- Black felt tip pen
- Strong sticky tape
- Glitter
- Cotton wool
- Long piece of fabric



**1** First, take the cardboard tubes and paint them red. Set them aside to dry. Once dry, you could use a little glue and glitter to decorate them. These will be your dragon's horns.



**4** Take your paper cups and cut them in half around the middle. Make sure each of the pieces are the same height. Keep both halves of each cup, as the bottoms will form your dragon's eyes and the tops will make your dragon's nostrils.



**2** Next, use sticky tape to make sure that the box is completely sealed. Then, use a ruler and pencil to draw a horizontal line across the middle of the box on one end. Also draw a line across the middle of the box on the top and then join the ends of these lines together on each side, to make right-angled triangles.



**5** Take the cup tops and place them on the front of your box (as shown in the picture). Using a pencil, draw around them to create circles where each nostril will be. Once you are happy with the placement, cut them out to create 2 holes in the dragon's head. Set aside the cup tops for later.



**3** Carefully cut along the pencil lines, to cut off a triangular prism shape. Keep the two separate pieces intact, as the larger part will form the head and the prism will form the dragon's jaw.



**6** Now, take the bottom of your cups, and secure them to the top of your box using tape. The openings need to be facing forwards towards the nostrils.



- 7** Take your dried cardboard horns and use sticky tape to attach them to the sides of your dragon's head.



- 13** Use some sticky tape to attach the lower jaw to the dragon's head. It should be slotted over the front of your box at the bottom, as pictured.



- 8** Time to decorate your dragon! First, cut out lots of strips of tissue paper or crepe paper. We have used a wavy cut to create a scale effect but you could snip along the length to create a fringe effect or simply use straight strips.



- 14** If you wish, you can now use the remaining ribbon and materials to embellish your dragon further. We used a bit of glue to add some ribbon to its horns and gave it some eyelashes using some cotton wool.



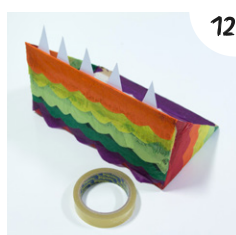
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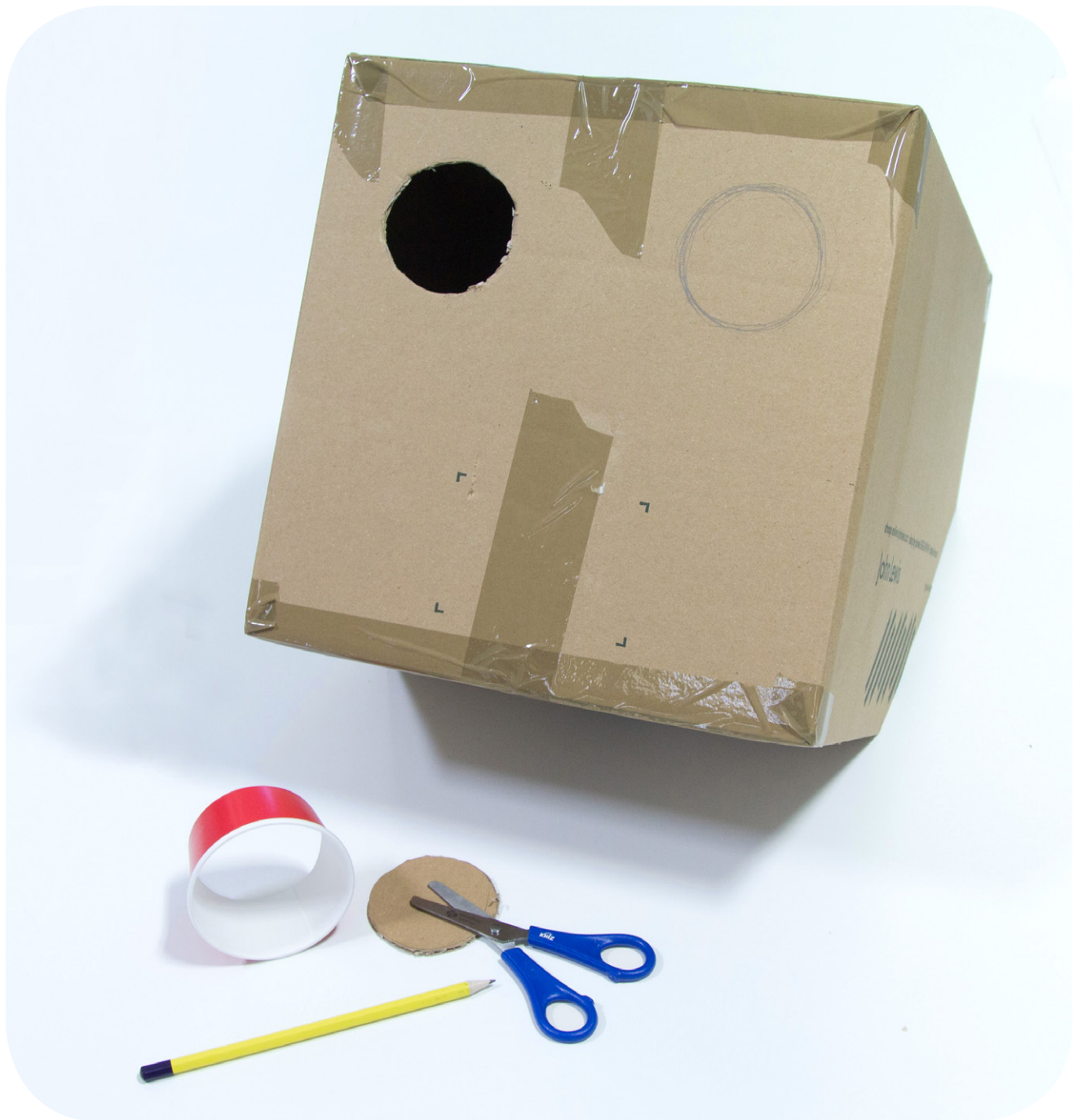


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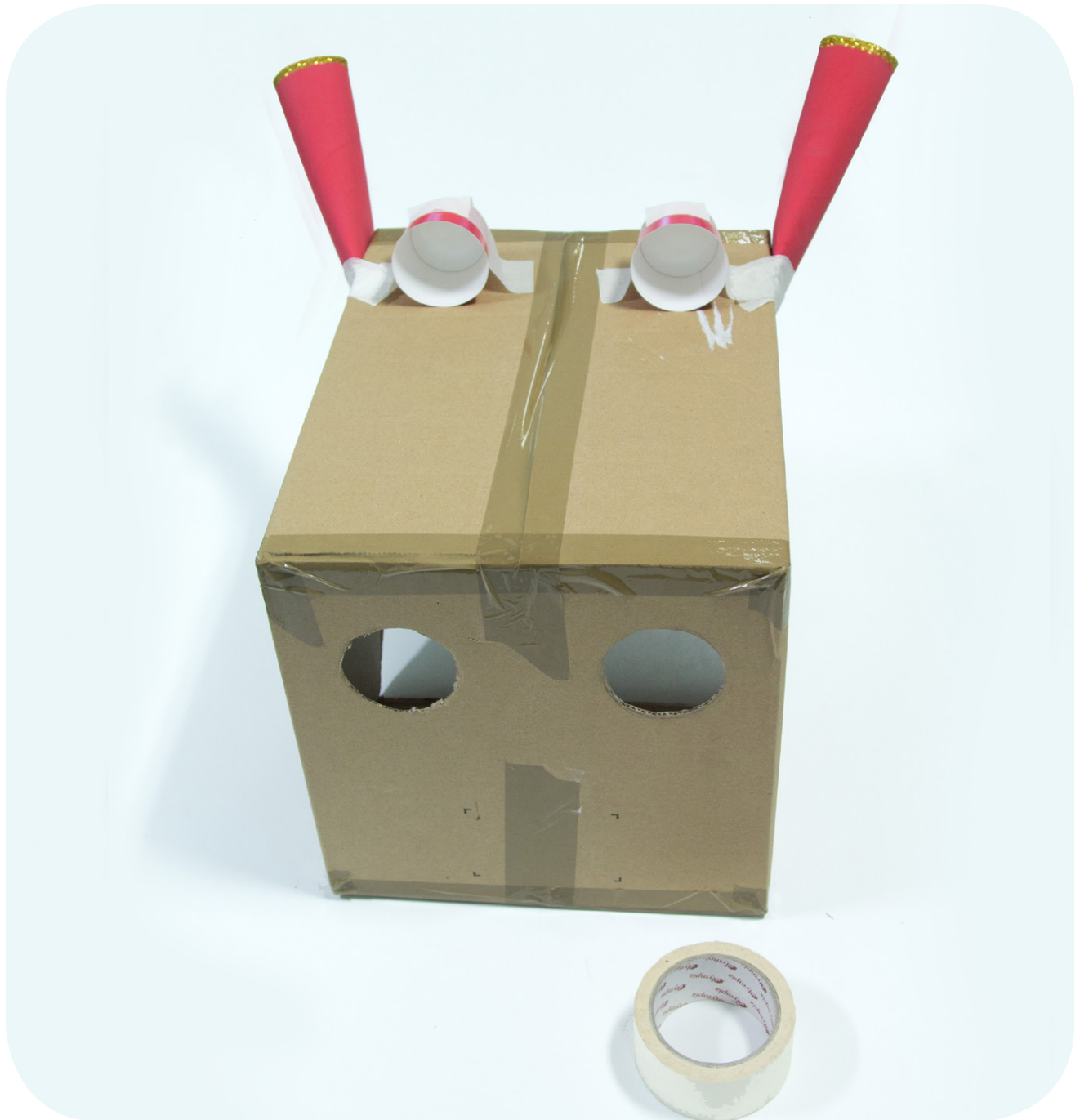


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