



My First Violin

This cardboard violin project template is provided by

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This design creates a toddler-sized mock violin approximately 11.5" long. Obviously, it's not intended to replace an actual violin for making music, but will surely be a fun first step and provide many hours of pretend play!

We hope when the time comes to purchase a real violin, Fiddleheads will earn your business.

INSTRUCTIONS

You will need: Computer Printer and letter sized paper - cardstock or cereal box - corrugated cardboard - scissors - exacto-knife or razor blade - craft or white glue - wooden stick or dowel

1. Print this page to letter size (8.5" x 11") paper. Colour printing is best.

2. Using white or craft glue, attach this sheet front-facing to cardstock or thin cardboard (cereal boxes work well) that is easy to cut with scissors. Make sure the material is large enough for the entire image.

3. Following the dotted lines around the violin image, carefully cut the cardboard or cardstock using scissors. Let the glue dry. The result from this step will be your template for use in Step 4 and the final layer in Step 6.

4. Place the template created in Step 3 on a piece of thick corrugated cardboard and trace the violin shape in pencil. Remove the template and, using an exacto-knife or razor blade, *cut along your tracing line.

*You may need to do this on a protected surface and please be careful not to cut yourself — kids, get an adult's help with this step. Be sure to let the glue dry between layers or they can slide around.

5. Repeat Step 4 several more times. The more layers, the thicker and more durable the violin will be. We recommend at least seven layers for a properly proportioned violin.

6. Finish by gluing the many cardboard layers together as a laminate (like a stack of pancakes) and finish by gluing the violin template layer on the very top with the image facing out. Your violin is done!

7. For the bow, cut a length of sanded (splinter-free) dowel or a smooth stick to approximately 12" long. A ruler or chopstick can work well too. It's all about making this fun and safe, so be creative!

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