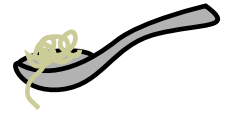


Pasta Animals with Spaghetti Fur or Manes



Sometimes when I eat my spaghetti or pasta, I make spaghetti animals first. To make a spaghetti or pasta animal just follow the instructions below.

You will need ----

1. Dry pasta or spaghetti
(You may choose to use pasta with large holes until you've made a few animals.)
2. A few long pipe cleaners
(You will want to have several animal color pipe cleaners available. Lots of colors would be nice.)
3. Glue
Ask an adult to help you use the glue. Do not use the glue by yourself.
4. A pair of utility scissors
You will want to ask an adult to use the scissors for you. Do not use them yourself.
5. Old newspaper to cover the work area

Let's Get Started----

1. Begin this project by thinking about the animal you will create and then lining up the pipe cleaners so you can see your colors. Then line up the pasta/spaghetti so you can see the shapes you have.
2. Choose a pipe clean that is close to your animal's color, (if you want your animal to look real) or choose a funny color (if you want a funny animal).
3. Then slide a piece of pasta onto the pipe cleaner to make the animal's body. (Pasta Wagon wheels are perfect for a chubby belly; rigatoni for skinny ones.)
4. Then, bend the pipe cleaner on both ends of the pasta body---one side will make the animal's neck and the other end will make the animal's tail.
5. Add more pasta for the neck and fold the tips of the pipe cleaner to hold the pieces in place. The tail will just be the pipe cleaner. (You can make the tail shorter by sliding the body down or longer by sliding the body up.)
6. Bend the neck (between pastas) into a right angle to form a face.
7. To attach legs, ears, or horns, twist the shorter lengths of pipe cleaner around the body and string them with macaroni. You can even glue on miniature soup pastas or spaghetti for a mane or fur.