



Toothpaste tube holiday light strand

Shine a new light on toothpaste waste!

Skill Level:



Time:



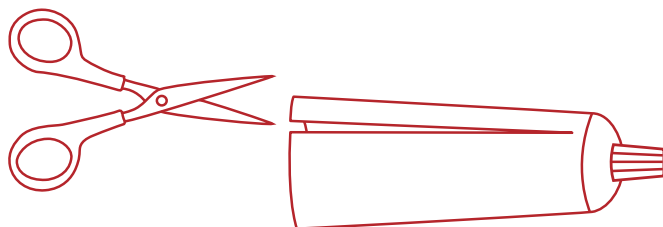
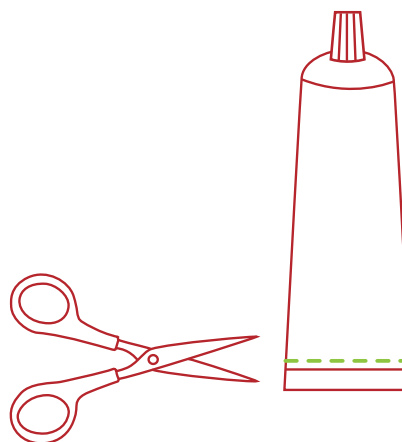
Materials

- toothpaste tubes
- Christmas lights
- scissors
- pencil
- ruler
- hot glue gun

Instructions

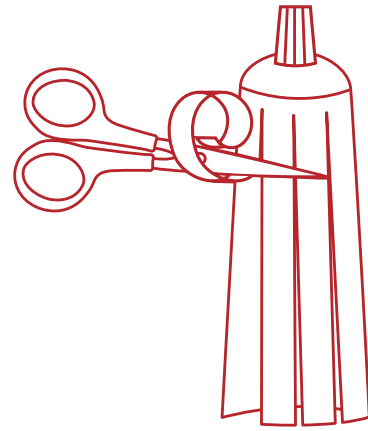
1 Collect your toothpaste tubes. You'll need one tube per light. Cut open the bottom edge of each toothpaste tube. Then, clean out the inside with soap and water.

2 Cut strips that are about 1/2" wide up to the hard plastic neck of the tube.



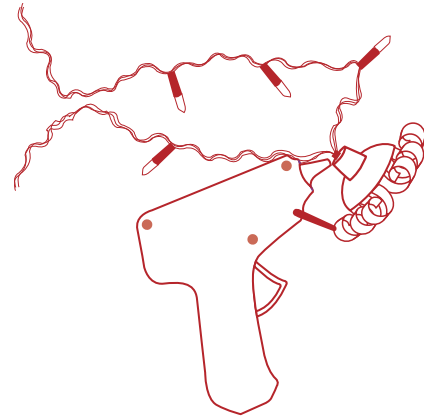
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Curl up each of the strips with the edge of your scissors, just like you're curling ribbon. If you'd like to keep each curl a consistent size, roll around the end of a pencil and dab a little hot glue on low heat to keep the strips curled.



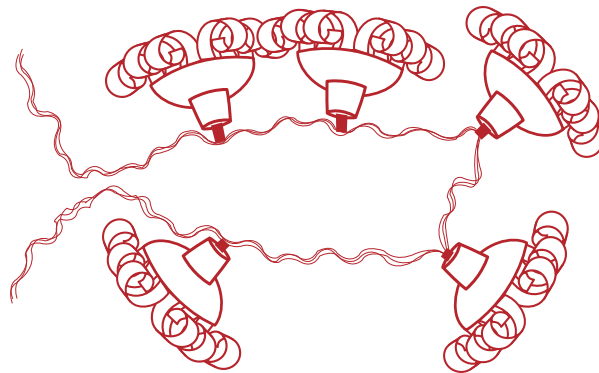
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Hot glue each of the curled toothpaste pieces onto each light piece, being very careful not to get any glue on the light bulb portion. Important: Always ask an adult before working with anything that uses electricity.



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Repeat step 4 for each of your lights. Plug in your lights and decorate with this bright new upcycled accessory.



If you have completed this project and still have more natural care products to upcycle, be sure to sign up for the TerraCycle (www.terracecycle.com) Tom's of Maine Natural Care Brigade® and send them in. These items will be transformed into new products, and better yet, your collection will earn money for your favorite charity!

