

PIPE CLEANER NINJAS



Supplies:

Pipe cleaners (3 per ninja)

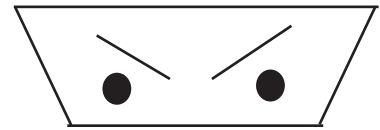
Colored drinking straws

Plastic pony beads (6 per ninja)

16 mm wooden beads (1 per ninja)

Sharpies – Fine-tip black for the faces, larger-tipped colored ones to color the heads

Glue



Step 1: Holding three pipe cleaners together, twist together in the center. Separate the six pieces to form legs, arms and head (double pipe cleaner). The “knot” where the pipe cleaners are twisted becomes the chest of the figure.

Step 2: Slide one bead over the double pipe cleaner to form the “neck.” Bring the legs together and slide three beads over the doubled pipe cleaner to form the torso. Separate the legs again.

Step 3: Cut eight 1-inch segments of drinking straw. Slide two segments onto each arm. Slide two segments onto each leg with a pony bead in the middle.

Step 4: Turn the extra pipe cleaner at the ends of the straws back onto itself and tuck the end into the straw; twist to secure and form a small loop for hands and feet.

Step 5: Draw a face on a wooden bead and slide it over the top two pipe cleaners. Clip off the excess and secure with a drop of glue.

(For Pipe Cleaner Ballerinas, draw a less-intimidating face on the bead, and let the pipe cleaners hang down the back of the head for hair. Cut a 2-inch circle of felt or fabric, make a hole in the center and thread it onto the leg pipe cleaners between the second and third of the torso beads to form a skirt.)