

# Make

## Toilet Roll Towers

William Beckford (1760-1844) was a very wealthy man of many talents. He spent his life writing, travelling, collecting and creating extraordinary buildings, including Lansdown Tower, now known as Beckford's Tower.

Beckford's Tower was built for Beckford in 1827 by an architect called Henry Goodridge to house his many treasures of objects, paintings, books and furniture. Beckford's Tower is 47m high (nearly as tall as Bath Abbey in the city centre) Beckford used to visit the tower and admire the views over the countryside.



Beckford wanted an extra bit attached to the top of the tower so Goodridge had to add this on. After the tower was finished, Beckford was still not happy with the tower – he wanted it to be even taller! Adding the extra bit on to the top of the tower, might be the reason why it now leaks and gets damaged by the weather. Beckford's previous home – Font Hill Abbey also got damaged by the weather and fell down in 1825 after Beckford had moved house.



Try building your own Tower with toilet roll, kitchen roll, foil, cling film or even wrapping paper tubes using the instructions on the next page! You could make your tower as tall, colourful or detailed as you like (Beckford really liked pink!). Beckford made his tower exactly to his personal tastes and his tower tells us a lot about him when we look at the materials, structure and decorations that he uses, so make sure to give yours a personal touch!

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### You will need:

- Cardboard tubes (toilet roll, kitchen roll, cling film, foil, wrapping paper, etc.)
- Paints (any colours)
- Paintbrush
- Felt tip pens
- Scissors
- Glue
- Some cardboard
- Coloured paper



## Instructions

1. First decide what colour you want your tower to be and either paint your tube (using the cardboard as a paint palette) or wrap and stick some coloured paper around it with glue
2. Leave the tube to dry
3. Cut details into the tube, you could cut the top like we've done on ours, or you could try cutting windows out (ask for help from an adult if you do this)
4. Decide what decorations you would like and either draw them on with felt tip pens or draw them onto the coloured paper and cut and stick them onto your tower
5. Add brick detail by either drawing it on with felt tip pens or dab paint on with your brush
6. Your tower is now ready to display at home, you could even use it as a prop when playing with your toys.



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