

Palm Craft for Older Kids

You'll need 2 sheets of green paper. No green paper? Slap some colour on with paint (thin the paint so it won't take too long to dry!) or crayon them up fast—colouring both sides will look best, but it doesn't have to be crazy good! Just get it greenish

Tape the sheets of green paper together along their long edge, covering the whole seam with tape. Now roll up the sheets from one of the untaped long edges, so that you get a tube that is about 1-1 1/2 inches in diameter. Holding tightly to one end of the tube, cut into the tube from the other end, to about 3 inches from the other end. Make cuts about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch apart, and cut all the way around your tube through all the rolled up paper.

Now, still holding firmly to that uncut end of your tube, find a strip in the centre that is or is very close to the inside edge of the paper. Gently pull that inside strip out—the other strips will follow. Pull until the tube is almost doubled in length and give it a shake—ta da! You have a palm! Tape it to a stick or roll up another piece of paper to be its stem. Stand it up in a vase or use it to wave about. If it gets too floppy, just roll it up and pull it out again!

