

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FEATURE ACTIVITY

FOAM PENCIL TOPPERS

With this project, the only limit is a child's imagination. Whatever creature, shape, or theme s/he can think of could be living on top of his/her pencil!

SUPPLY LIST:

- Craft foam sheets or shapes
- White craft glue
- Scissors
- Wiggle eyes
- Pom-poms
- Pencils



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start with two identical-sized, foam shapes, such as a circle or heart. Decorate one side of the craft foam shape using pom-poms, wiggle eyes, other foam shapes, glitter glue, sequins, whatever you like. (See image for examples.)
2. Once decorated, apply glue around the border of the back of one of the shapes, leaving about $\frac{3}{4}$ " where you will insert the pencil. (See image.) Press the second shape onto the first, sandwiching them together. The glue will now need to dry for several hours, preferably overnight.
3. When the toppers have dried completely, insert the eraser end of a pencil carefully into the opening.

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

- Drying time is important for this project. If you try to insert the pencil too soon, the glue may still be tacky and could pull away from the foam causing your topper to split open.



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