



Hands-on: Make a Viking sword

Materials and tools

- Cardboard box and cardboard tube
- Grey gaffer tape or duct tape
- Pencil, craft knife/scissors
- Craft paint and brush and/or permanent markers
- Glue gun



Instructions

- 1 Draw the outline of a sword about 50 cm long on a piece of cardboard and cut it out. Trace around the sword and cut out another one, so you have 2 cardboard swords. Also cut 2 extra pieces of cardboard, slightly smaller than the blade. These will strengthen the sword. Cut 14 cm off the cardboard tube and cut it lengthwise. If you do not have a cardboard tube, cut instead 2 extra pieces of cardboard, slightly smaller than the cross guard.

- 2 Glue the pieces of cardboard together as shown in the pictures.

- 3 Wrap tape around the blade and the handle.

- 4 Paint or decorate the cross guard.

Such a cardboard sword will break if you hit something hard with it.

Use the sword for training, where you 'mark', that is touch the opponent with the blade without striking. It is also well suited for ceremonies and festive occasions, when you want to impress other Vikings.

