

Cardboard Chandelier

See the end of this document for printable chandelier templates. I have provided 2 options; the first being more advanced, requiring reasonably complicated cutting. The second is simpler in shape and, therefore easier for younger children to cut out. If your printer can handle card stock, print the template directly onto card and cut out the shapes to make templates to trace onto the painted cereal boxes. (Your printer may even be able to handle printing directly onto the cereal box – check the manual first!)

You will need:

- cereal box card
- card roll (e.g. paper towel)
- paperclips
- chandelier printout (below)
- scissors
- hole punch
- glue stick
- craft knife
- soft drink bottle



Method



1. Print out one of the templates below.



2. Paint the front and back of the cereal box card and the card tube.



3. Once the card is dry, transfer the shapes.



4. Cut out each shape.



5. You will need 6 of each shape.



6. Use the craft knife to 3cm slits into the side of the tube. Try to space 6 slits evenly around the circumference.



7. Cut a slit halfway up the top of the pieces as indicated on the template images.



8. Insert the pieces into the slits and push them down to secure.



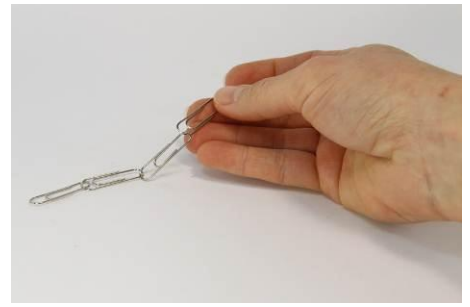
9. Place 6 small cuts around the top of the tube and insert the top pieces.



10. Insert the bottom pieces as per the arms in step 8.



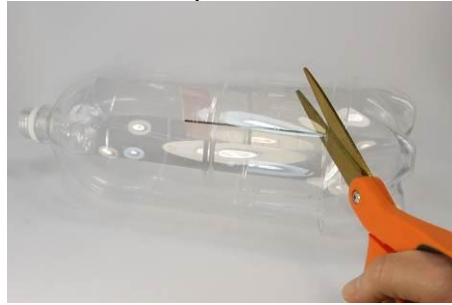
11. Punch holes into the bottom of the arms and bottom pieces.



12. Connect the paper clips to make chains.



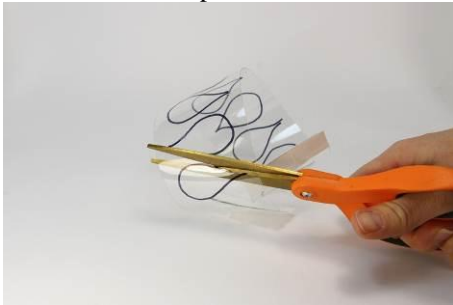
13. Attach the paper clips to the holes, joining the arms together and then each arm to the bottom pieces.



14. Cut the middle from the plastic bottle.



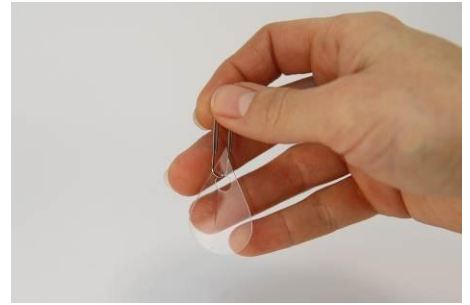
15. Cut teardrop shapes from the clear plastic.



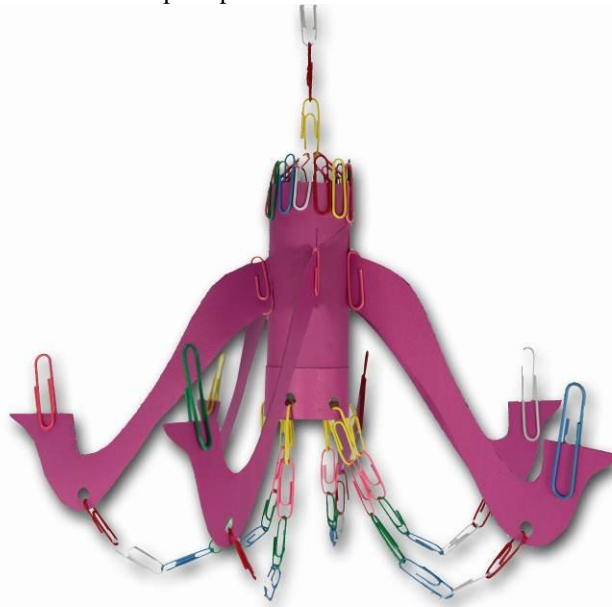
16. The chandelier pictured has 18 teardrop 'jewels'



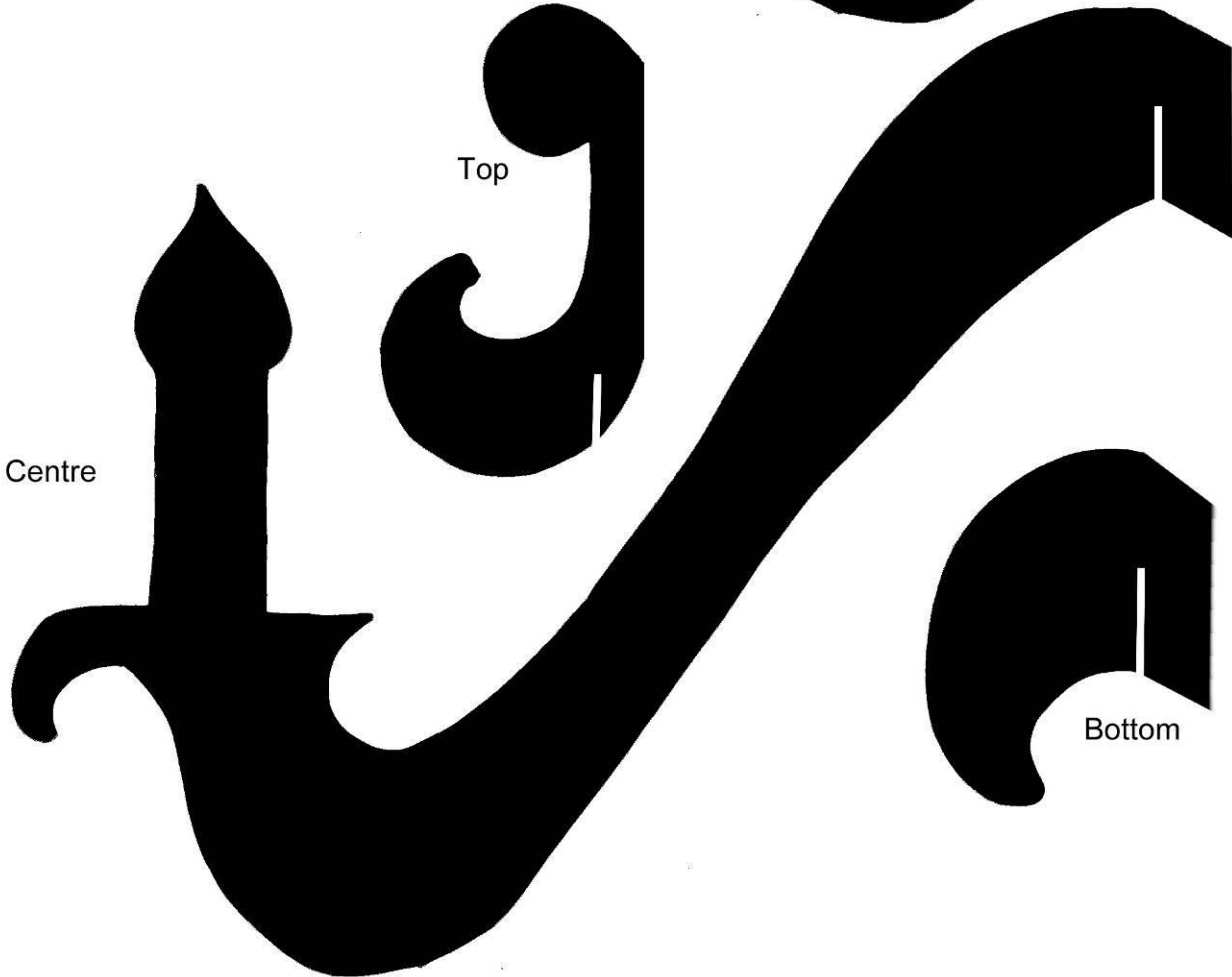
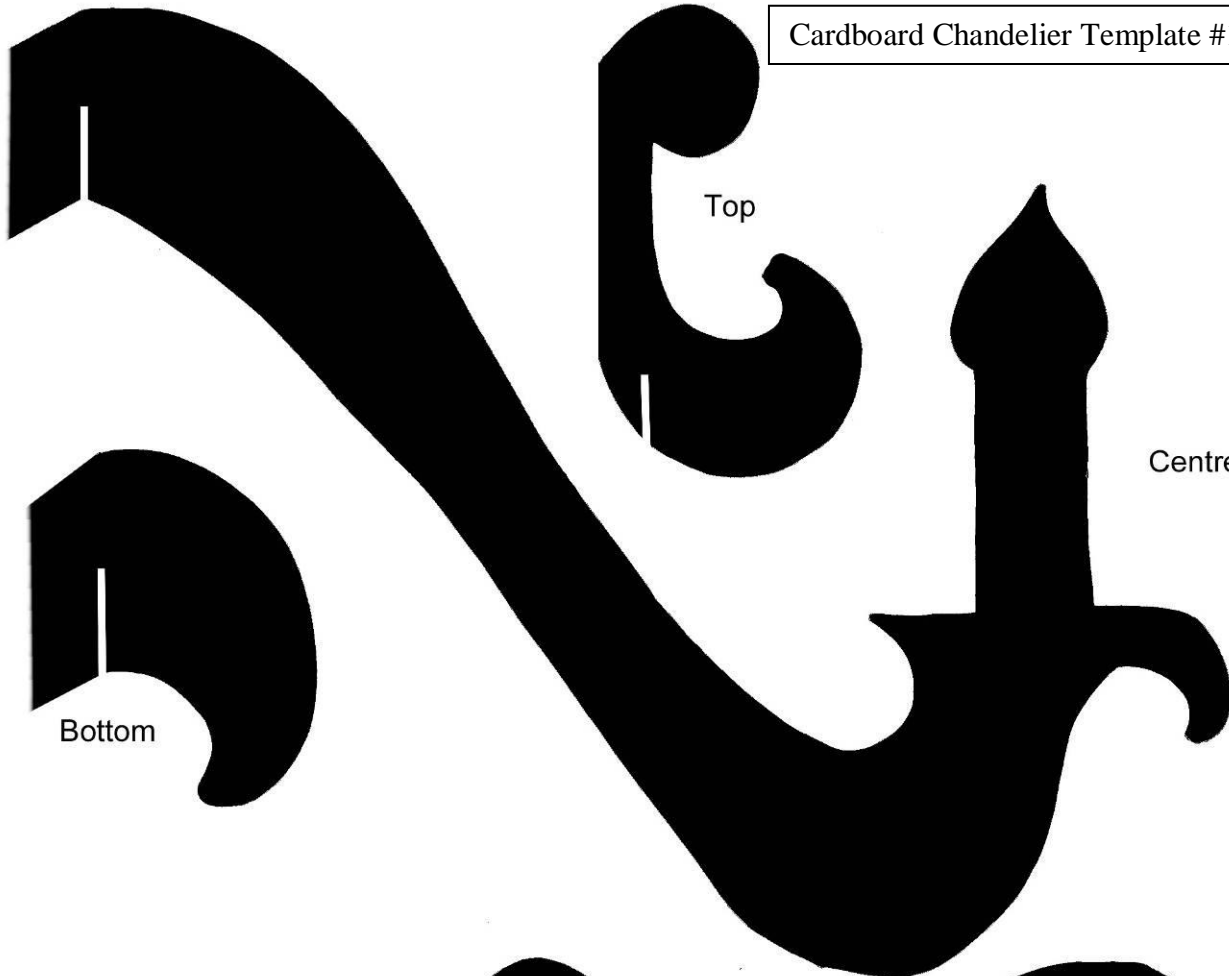
17. Punch a hole into the top of the teardrop shape.



18. Insert a paper clip into the hole and attach the jewels to the chandelier chains.



Simple(r) Version: The chandelier above has the same basic construction method as the first. Instead of cardboard embellishments at the top and bottom, I have used coloured paperclips. The arm shapes are much simpler and, therefore, easier to cut. Younger children will need assistance inserting the arms into the slits.



Cardboard Chandelier Template #2
(Easier to cut for little hands)

