



***Pteranodon* Craft**

BACKGROUND

Pterosaurs are an extinct group of flying reptiles that lived in the Mesozoic Era (251 million to 65 million years ago). *Pteranodons* were one of the largest types of pterosaur, with a wingspan reaching over 23 feet! *Pteranodons* are easily recognized by their large crests, which were probably used for display, and toothless beaks.



MATERIALS

- Wooden clothespins
- Construction paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Coloring supplies
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Scissors





INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the shape of the wings.
2. Decorate the wings — since you'll be able to see your *Pteranodon* from all angles, make sure to decorate both sides of the wings!
3. Color the outside of the clothespin to match the wings. Pinch the clothespin open and color the inside of the mouth red.
4. Glue the eyes on the sides of the clothespin, just above and in front of the spring.
5. Thread your pipe cleaner through the spring that holds the clothespin together. Center the pipe cleaner so that they look roughly the same on both sides of the clothespin, and twist it 3-4 times around the bottom of the head (opposite the eyes). These twists make the *Pteranodon's* neck.
6. Create a horizontal opening in the pipe cleaner twist where you want to put the wings. Slide the wings through and center them on the pipe cleaner. Then, twist the ends of the pipe cleaner on the end of the wings so that you make the legs.



Left picture: The horizontal opening

Right picture: Putting the wings through the pipe cleaner





Finished Pteranodon

