

Rudolph: An American Christmas Character

Rudolph is one of the very few home-grown additions to Christmas found in the United States. He was invented in a poem in 1938 by a man named May, set to music by Johnny Marks, and recorded by Gene Autry in 1949. He has since become a regular in Santa's reindeer team which needs him to light the way on Christmas Eve.

Materials:

- brown (dark and light), red, and white construction paper
- black crayon or marker
- scissors
- glue

Directions:

Cut out all pattern pieces. Trace and cut out two white eyes; color pupils in each. Trace and cut out two dark brown antlers. Trace and cut out one red nose. Trace and cut out one light brown head and neck, placing the pattern along a fold; unfold. Fold the head down as illustrated. Glue on eyes, nose, and antlers. Roll neck back and glue as illustrated.

