

# Tape Art

## Best for Ages

6+

## Workspace

Flat surface

## Is electricity required?

No

## Description

Tape Art is a fun way to create 3D objects with something anybody can use - tape! You can create anything from simple shapes to entire cities!

## Materials

- **Tape:**  
Masking tape works the best since it is easy to fold, but feel free to explore other kinds of tape
- **Scissors**
- **Flat Surface:**  
Tables are a great help to not only fold your art, but also to display your creations

## Concepts Explored

- Folding/Rolling
- 3D Shapes

## What to Do

1. Roll a sticky tube out of the tape; this is the “building block” for anything you want to create.
  - a. Place the roll of tape between your knees/legs to free up both hands.
  - b. Pull up a ribbon of tape, keeping it attached to the roll, to about eye level. Make sure the sticky side of the tape is facing away from you.
  - c. Fold a corner a couple times so that the tape begins to stick to itself.
  - d. Begin rolling a tube from that corner at an angle.
  - e. Once the tube is approximately 2 ft long, cut or rip the tube off the ribbon of tape.
2. Flatten the tape tube on a table by rolling the tape roll over it.
3. Fold or roll up the flat tube to create all kinds of shapes, like cubes, spirals, cones, or cylinders. Get creative!



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## Troubleshooting Tips

- Rolling a long tube out of tape takes lots of practice! So if you aren't satisfied with how it looks, keep trying!
- Is the tape sticking to you too much? Run your hands through your hair! The natural oils in your hair will keep the tape from sticking to your fingers.
- Check out the [Amazeum You](#) video series for tips on creating Tape Art.



How can we add two different shapes together?

What are other things we can do with tape?

What other materials could we make 3D art out of?

## What is Happening?

- **Rolling a tape tube** is a great way to fine tune your fine motor skills as you are just using the motions of your fingers to create one.
- This activity is a great for opening your mind to out-of-the-box materials. Instead of the roll of tape being only useful to attach things together, it becomes a tool for art.
- **3D shapes** are shapes that have length, height, and width. They project into space as opposed to laying flat upon it like a **2D shape**. "What is the difference between a square and a cube?"

## Taking it Forward

- **Narrative**
  - What kind of story can you tell with your tape art? Is that tape creature attacking the tape city, or protecting it?
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