



Make a flick football game

Video zone

The Art Ninja flick ball game!

Got an old pizza box here. And it's gonna become my pitch. You need some grass on it. So I'm gonna squeeze out some light green and a little bit of dark green and I'm gonna paint it onto the cardboard using a sponge. The sponge is giving the cardboard a lovely grassy texture. Add a little bit of dark green in as well. And this just makes it look more realistic.



I need for that to dry, but I'm gonna use my ninja skills. There we go, lovely and dry. And the back edges are red and they're gonna be my barriers. Now I need to mark out the pitch. Start with the halfway line. And the goal line. The goal area. Just doing the area the other end. The centre circle. A little semicircle on the top of here. Does anyone know what these are for? I don't. I'm gonna fold up my barriers, and these barriers I'm going to decorate with some banners made out of old wrapping paper. Stick them onto the edges with a glue stick. You don't have to use wrapping paper. You could use stickers, old packets, anything you like. I'm using the wrapping paper to hold the corners in place here.

Finished all my banners – now I need to make some goals. So I've cut some strips of card here and I'm sticking them together with a bit of double-sided sticky tape. The long ones are gonna be the goal posts and the shorter one the crossbar. I've got a nifty little idea for the net: to recycle an old fruit bag. Then stick it down with some sticky tape. Trim it down with a pair of scissors. Lovely. Now you need to fold this to turn it into my goal. And then at the bottom make two little tabs that I can stick to the pitch. With a little bit of double-sided sticky tape I'm sticking down these two tabs just behind the goal line. But football's a game of two halves so I need another goal.

Ninja skills.

Now I've got the pitch, I need to make the players. So I've got a couple of pieces of card here and a paper clip. And I'm just going to put some strips of double-sided



sticky tape on the inside of this cardboard. And then lay down my paper clip like that. And then sandwich it between the two pieces of cardboard. With a pen I'm going to draw my player's body.

The red ninja shirt. Some dark shorts. I've cut out a picture of my face to stick on the top, but you can personalise your players however you like.

Now for the base I'm using an old bottle top and I'm gonna weight it with some modelling clay. I'm just going to push it in. And now finally I can push the paper clip at the bottom of my player into the clay. To play a game I'm gonna need some new signings so I'm gonna use my ninja skills.

So now I've got a whole squad ... including my mystery football-playing girlfriend. And I've used another bottle top to make the football but I've kept it empty. Time for kick-off.

So, Michelle, you're in goal. Ricky steps up to the ball. There's a lot riding on this. You shoot. Goal!

And the great thing about this game is when you reach full time you can tidy it away. But you don't have to make one like mine. You can make some footballing kittens. And these guys are playing with a ball of wool. If football's not your game, how about a game of pool? That's my cue to leave.

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