

Make & Take:

Decorations



#1 - You
don't need
talent!











Tools

Cardboard

Box cutter

Reciprocating saw

Projector/Computer

Old school projector & transparency sheets

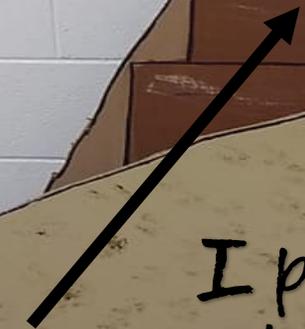
Paint, brushes, sharpies, pencil

Tip #1 – Hospitals and places that frequently replace large equipment are great sources for free cardboard

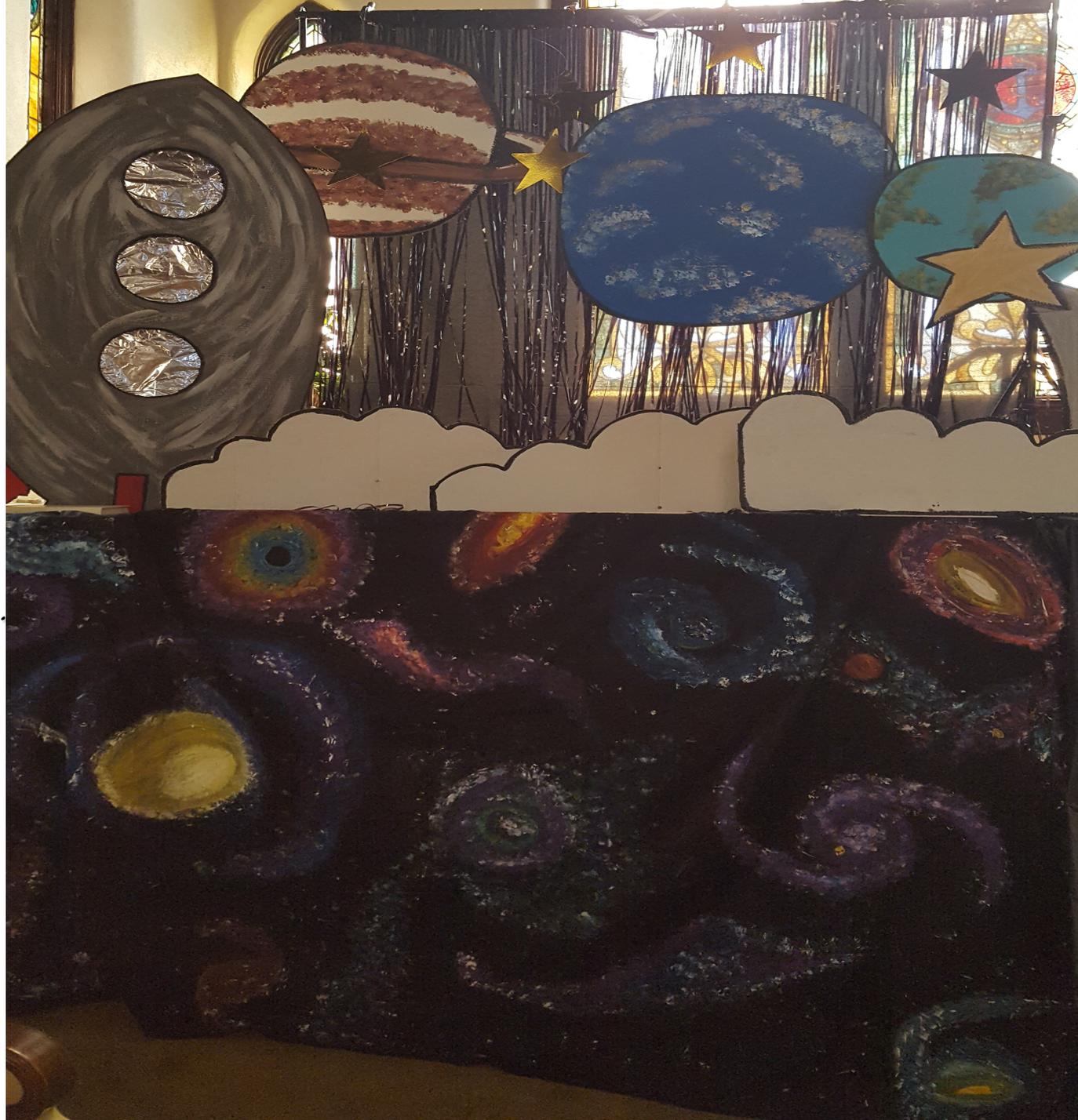
Tip #2 – If using transparency sheets make sure they are PRINT ON sheets. The write on ones will melt in your copier.

Get creative with
your cardboard

I propped the back piece up on
boxes to give extra height.



That's a bed sheet
I painted



Pre-Prep

Paint the fronts and backs of cardboard one solid color. Use gallons of left-over house paint. The color doesn't matter.

Tip #4 – Painting the back helps the cardboard not to curl.

Tip #5 – The thicker the cardboard is, the less it curls.



What can
be reused?



Ziggurat
On one side



Volcano
on the other

Tracing

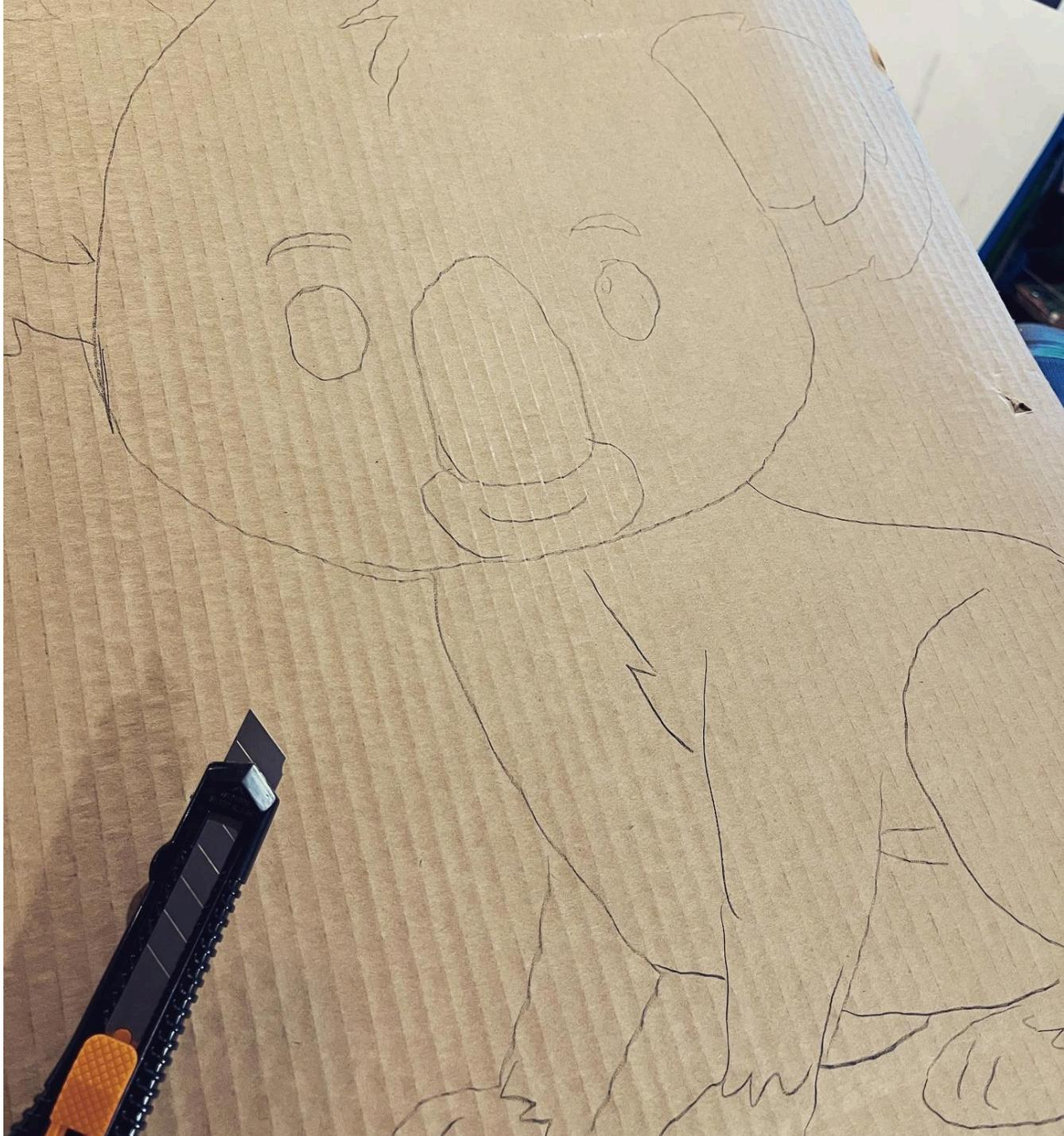
Project your image on cardboard.

Trace everything – lines, colors, shading.

Tip #6 – When deciding what set pieces to make, think about what can be used for additional events.

*I use the same plants every year I think!

Trace all lines
and details.



Cutting

Carefully cut along the outside lines.

If you mess up, it's ok. Painting will cover a multitude of not so straight lines.

Tip #7 – Some people like to paint before they cut.

*Personally painting hides my cutting errors!

Painting

Paint your design.

Thin brushes are great for fine lines.

Tip #8 – Go in first with black paint and paint over detail lines. You can touch up and paint over as you need, but by adding the detail lines first, you don't lose sight of them.

Painting

Think about how your design will look from far away.
Don't always blend your colors.



Outline

Outline the design in black paint, including detail lines.



This is
Rico
the sloth.
No black
outline



Rico with
A black
Outline.

Way better!

Displaying

Screw your cardboard creation into a wood L bracket.

Tip #9 – Smaller pieces can be secured on wooden triangle scraps.

