

# Arabella's Magic Pencil Craft



In the picture book, *Arabella and the Magic Pencil*, Arabella creates marvellous things with her magic pencil. Everything she draws – flying bicycles, flowers that sing and a fuzzy, rainbow-colored hippo – becomes real!

Wouldn't it be amazing to have your very own magic pencil?

## Arabella and the Magic Pencil

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Arabella is a beloved only child who has a picture perfect life until her brother, Avery, arrives. While she *loves* him, it's sometimes hard to *like* him. She spends her days creating marvellous things with her magic pencil, and ignoring him. But when Avery spoils a proper tea party, Arabella erases him from her life. Oops! How can she get him back?



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In this fun and easy craft activity, everyone can make their own magic pencils with just a few common craft supplies. Grab some washi tape, glue, feathers and pencils. Then follow the simple step-by-step instructions to create Arabella's magic pencil!

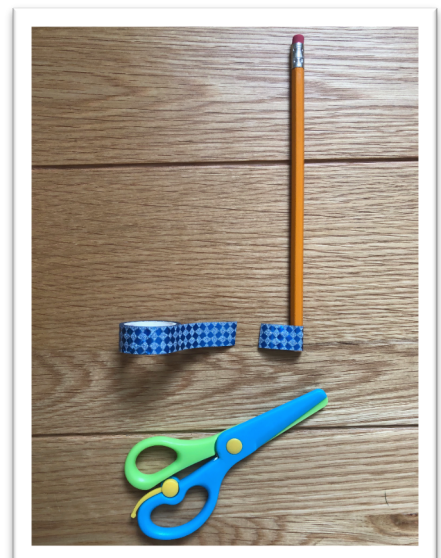


## What You'll Need:

- ☆☆☆ Pencils
- ☆☆☆ Scissors
- ☆☆☆ Glue
- ☆☆☆ Washi Tape
- ☆☆☆ Feathers

### Step 1: Wrap your pencil with washi tape ☆☆☆

Take a pencil and pick a roll of washi tape. Start to wrap the washi tape around the pencil so it goes all the way around and sticks to itself. Then cut the tape with scissors and secure it to the pencil. (Sometimes you need to use a drop of glue to make sure it holds.)





## Step 2: Continue wrapping the pencil with washi tape ✨

Wrap another piece of washi tape – either the same one or a different design – around the pencil. You can use similar colours or mix it up. Don't forget the glue if you need it!

## Step 3: Wrap up to the metal band ✨

Continue to wrap the pencil with washi tape until you reach the metal band (where the eraser is attached). Now it's time to add some magic!



## Step 4: Add a feather ✨

Choose a feather and the washi tape you want to use for the last wrap. Hold the end of the feather to the pencil and wrap the washi tape around the pencil and the feather. You might want to wrap it twice or use glue to make sure the feather is secure.

*“When the time came for her next wish, Arabella asked for a magic pencil – one that could make anything she drew become real.”*



## Step 5: Your marvellous magic pencil is ready! ✨

Now you have your very own magic pencil, just like Arabella!

What are you going to draw with it? A flying bicycle? Flowers that can sing? Your very own rainbow-colored fuzzy hippo? It's up to you!



We hope you've enjoyed this craft and that you will teach your friends how to make their own magic pencils. This is a great project for class gifts – like Christmas, Valentine's Day or the last day of school – because it's easy to find themed washi tape designs. It can even be a special surprise in a birthday gift bag. Who doesn't love a pencil...especially when its magic?!

Wishing you a bit of magic in every day,

*Stephanie Ward & Shaney Hyde ✨*

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