

# Hop Old Squirrel Crankie Instructions

*Print out the crankie file at a slightly scaled down size so that there is a small white border around the whole page. On my computer this option is called "Scale to fit page" but it may be different on yours. This is an important step so that your pages can overlap and no illustrations are cut off.*

*Once they are printed, use a paper cutter to cut the top, bottom, and left white margins off. **KEEP THE RIGHT SIDE MARGIN.** When it comes time to assemble the pages into a long strip, your pages will overlap each other and be able to be glued or taped without interrupting the illustrations.*



You will need:









- Crankie File Download, cut as described above
- Crankie Decorations Download (Optional)
- ½" diameter Dowel cut to two 14" lengths
- Cereal Box
- Paint/Paint brush
- Box Cutter or Exacto Knife
- Scissors
- Glue (I used Mod Podge)
- Clothesline clip (optional, I don't use them but it would make it easier to turn the dowel)

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# Making Your Crankie:

<p><b>Step 1</b></p>  <p>Remove Top flaps of the box (Where you would open it to get the cereal out) so that what becomes the right hand is completely open. Paint the entire outside of your cereal box. You can leave the part you know you will cut out unpainted!</p>	<p><b>Step 2</b></p>  <p>Cut out the front of the box to roughly an 8 x10" opening. You'll want it a bit smaller than your page size so you can't see any edges of your paper strip.</p>	<p><b>Step 3</b></p>  <p>Glue on any elements/decorations as desired. Keep in mind where the decorations may cover up the crankie strip. I enjoyed decorating all sides of my box, but you do what you like for yours!</p> <p>You could also decorate with natural elements such as sticks and real leaves. Get creative!</p>	<p><b>Step 4</b></p>  <p>Assemble your crankie strip by overlapping the right edge of the previous page with the left edge of the new page. Glue or tape the pages together so they are nice and secure. The extra blank page on each end can be cut down as needed so that in the next step there is some extra page length to securely glue the paper strip around the dowel a few times for a tight hold. <i>*I cut off about 1/2 of each extra page for my set up</i></p>
<p><b>Step 5</b></p>  <p>Tape or glue your left most page of the crankie strip to the dowel so that the page rolls around and under the dowel, then repeat on the right most page of the crankie strip. I like to rotate and glue the paper a few times on each dowel so that it has a nice hold.</p>	<p><b>Step 6</b></p>  <p>Roll up your strip so that it is tightly wound onto the two dowels.</p>	<p><b>Step 7</b></p>  <p>Carefully poke two holes on the top and bottom of your crankie box just big enough for the dowels to push through. If they are too big the dowels will be too loose to retain tension on the strip, the holes should be just big enough for the dowels to push through with a nice tight fit.</p>	<p><b>Step 8</b></p>  <p><u>Carefully</u> insert the dowels/crankie strip into the crankie box through the open right hand side and into the precut holes.. Crank the dowels as needed so that the title is shown in the box, and then get ready to see the crankie in action! Crank as you sing along to the song.</p> <p><i>You can optionally add clothesline clips to the top of each dowel to make turning them a bit easier.</i></p>

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