



Spike's Christmas Activity 3

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Welcome to a themed Spike Dino page for children (and adults)

Welcome to Spike's third Christmas info-activity page. He found out about these WW1 postcards - called silks.

During WW1 silk postcards were bought as souvenirs by soldiers serving on the Western Front.

Local French and Belgian women embroidered different motifs—from flowers to flags, and themed such as these Christmas silks, onto strips of mesh which were then mounted on postcards in factories. But embroidered silk postcards don't originate

from the First World War. They were used for sentimental greetings throughout France going back to 1900. And they continued to be made right up to the 1950's. But it was during WW1 that their production was at its greatest. The soldiers would send them home with messages to their loved ones. Sadly, many of the soldiers who sent them didn't come back, but their memories live on in these beautiful cards.



Around 900 million Christmas cards are sent each year in the UK. Sending Christmas cards today is a sign of friendship - that a lot of friends. Don't forget you can recycle your cards after Christmas.

Activity; Make your own Angel decoration

Today we have created an angel themed craft - make it as a decoration, or you could even give it to someone special as a card. There's space to write on the back.



Happy Christmas

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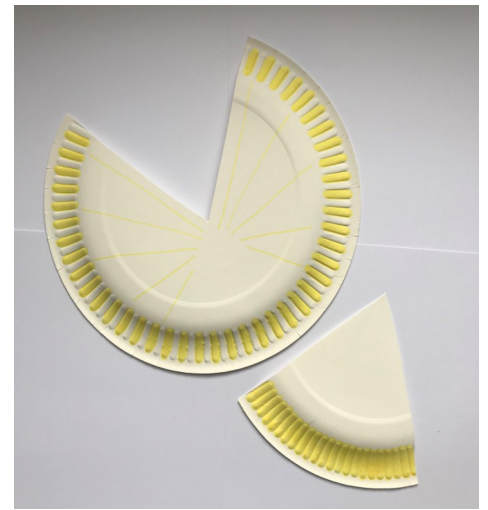
Make your own Paper Plate Angel



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need a paper plate, coloured card, scissors, coloured pens and glue.



Step 2. Cut a triangle out of the plate, see picture.



Step 3. Use the coloured pens to decorate the two pieces of plate.



Step 4. Glue the triangle to the plate, see picture.



Step 5. Use the coloured card and any other scraps to decorate your angel.

You have finished your angel, don't forget to share what you have made with us **#SpikeDinos Adventures**