

Spring Carrot

Supplies included:

- Paper towel tube
- Orange burlap ribbon
- Green raffia
- Natural raffia
- Paper tag
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue sticks
- Sharpie marker

Supplies to gather at home:

- Scissors
- Ruler

Directions:

1. Plug in the glue gun to start heating.
2. Using the ruler and marker, draw two 3" lines on opposite sides of the paper towel tube. Cut along the lines. This is the bottom of the carrot.
3. Measure 8" **from the cut end of the tube** and draw a line. Cut off the extra and discard. The trimmed end is the top of the carrot.
4. Measure 1" down from the top and draw a line. Cut eight slits to form equal tabs. (Approximately equal is fine.)
5. Wrap the bottom end of the tube (the 3" cuts) around itself to form a cone. Glue it in place.
6. Fold the tabs down to cover the top of the carrot. Glue them down.
7. Take the orange burlap ribbon and cut it in three equal strips along the length. (Again, approximately equal is fine.)
8. Starting at the bottom tip of the carrot, wrap the burlap around the paper towel tube, using hot glue to hold the ends in place. Try to keep the glued ends on the backside of the carrot.
9. At the top of the carrot, fold the burlap over the edge and glue it down. It's okay if it looks messy or doesn't cover the very center of the top.
10. Bundle the green raffia together and tie it tightly at one end with a loose piece of green raffia.
11. Glue the tied end of the carrot greens firmly to the top of the carrot.
12. Tie the remaining loose piece of green raffia into a loop. Glue it behind the green bundle for a hanger.



13. Take out the natural-colored raffia and tie a simple shoelace bow. Don't tie a knot to start; skip ahead to the first loop and finish the bow.
14. Glue the bow to the base of the greens.
15. Trim out the paper tag.
16. Thread a loose piece of natural raffia through the tag and tie it off.
17. Tuck the knotted end into the bow and glue it in place.
18. Hang up your spring carrot and enjoy!