



How to make your own giant toothbrush

I was frustrated when I wanted to find a ready-made giant toothbrush to use for my Brush-a-mania presentation until I decided to make my own. It is very easy and inexpensive. First make a trip to your local Home Depot or similar store and buy a full or partial sheet of 2 inch thick pink close cell Styrofoam insulation. The size of piece you buy depends on how big a brush you want. I made my brush 4 feet long and 4 inches wide. Draw the shape of your brush on one side of the sheet bearing in mind that you don't want the Styrofoam writing on your brush. The writing comes off with fine

sandpaper. Using a good metal straight edge and a sharp exacto or razor knife and carefully cut out your outline. Then with coarse and fine sandpaper on a long sanding block smooth out your cut edges and round out the edges. For bristles I used cut pieces of plastic straws about 3 ½ inches long. I poked 50 holes by hand with a metal drill bit into the head in 5 rows. I then put a bit of white glue in each hole and pushed the straws into place.

I made the tooth using the same Styrofoam and sandpaper. Round out the edges and paint with household latex paint. Give it a big smile with a black permanent marker. Good luck and have fun!

List of Materials:

- 2" pink Styrofoam sheet
- Razor knife
- Metal straight edge
- Coarse and fine sandpaper
- Drinking straws
- White glue

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