

# DURIAN FRUIT CRAFT

## GATHER MATERIALS

Cardboard, colored paper, pencil or pen, scissors, glue

### STEP 1

cut an oval out of cardboard (cereal or cracker boxes work well)



### STEP 2

cut colored paper into 1"X1" squares (old calendars or magazines work well)



### STEP 3

put a drop of glue on the middle of the square and place the square on the cardboard oval



### STEP 4

continue filling up the oval with squares to create spiky skin of a durian fruit



## DID YOU KNOW?

Durian fruit is one of the favorite foods of wild orangutans. Orangutans are important seed dispersers for this plant and others as they will eat the soft flesh inside the fruit and spit out the seeds

## TRY THIS

Durian is known for being so smelly that the fruit is banned on public transit across southeast Asia, however the ripe fruit has a sweet taste.

Try this activity to see how smell and taste interact. Choose a few food items that are sour, salty, sweet and bitter. Grab a partner and ask them to close their eyes and plug their nose. Then give them a taste of one of the foods and ask them to guess what it is. Wait a few minutes and have them guess the next food item. Then have them unplug their nose and keep their eyes closed, and taste each of the food items again. Did they have trouble the first time through with their nose plugged? Was it easier when they could smell the food? Do you think it would make it easier to eat durian fruit with your nose plugged?