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MAY BASKET SURPRISE!

May baskets are a flowery old-fashioned way to wish someone special a happy May Day. Have fun constructing beautiful blossoms and decorating cone-shaped baskets that you can hang on the front doorknobs of special friends on May 1st!



Supplies in kit

- 2 paper plates
- 2 tissue flower forms
- leaves
- 2 quarter doilies
- 2 large craft sticks for flower stems
- ribbon

What you'll need from home

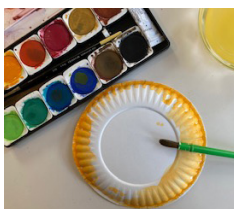
- glue stick, or school glue
- stapler
- hole punch
- markers, crayons, or watercolor paints
- any other embellishments you choose
- small wrapped candy, small treasure, or fresh flowers

Directions

1. Color your craft sticks. I used a water-soluble marker and brushed it with a damp paint brush to blend the color.



2. Decorate the back side of your paper plate. It can be as colorful and jazzy as you like! If you use watercolor paint be sure to let the plate dry before folding into the cone shape.



3. Next begin fluffing the flower “petals” one layer at a time, pinching them up toward the center as you go. When all are fluffed, glue the leaves to the back side of the flower and glue the blossom to the “stem.”



4. Curl the decorated paper plate into a cone shape and staple the sides together. Next glue the doily to the inside of the cone as pictured. Punch 2 holes one on either side of the back of the cone, thread the ribbon through the holes and knot each end as pictured.



5. Add your flower and little gifts into the basket! On the first day of May, hang your surprise May treat on someone’s front doorknob, ring the bell, and run away! What a magical, mysterious May Day surprise for someone special!

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Sidewalk Flowers by JonArno Lawson

The Flowers Festival by Elsa Beskow

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