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MAY BASKET!

May Day is an spring holiday that is still celebrated in many parts of the world on May 1st. One fun tradition is to secretly deliver decorated baskets, filled with little treats like flowers, candy, or cheerful messages to the doors of special friends and loved ones!



Supplies in kit

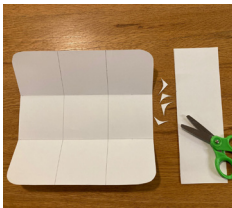
- 1 May Basket template
- a selection of colored tissue paper scraps
- 1 “Happy May Day” tag to glue to the basket handle

What you'll need from home

- glue stick or liquid school glue
- scissors
- stapler

Directions

1. Unfold the basket template. Cut away the side strip and trim the edges. Glue the tissue pieces on the side with no pencil lines - tear the tissue or cut it into shapes if you prefer! Then trim off the excess tissue.



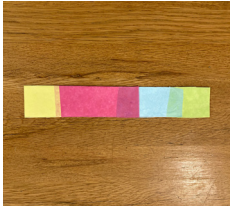
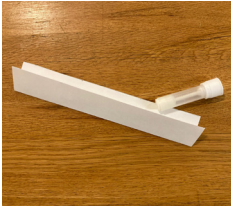
2. When the glue has dried a bit, refold and unfold the four sides of the template to make it flexible. Then carefully cut along the two interior lines on both sides, stopping at the fold. When folded up these flaps become the basket sides.



3. Fold up each tab, add glue to the flap, and gently pull up the left and right corners to glue each to the outside of the flap. Repeat on the other side.



4. Fold the strip of paper in half and glue it together. Decorate it with more tissue, and trim the excess tissue if necessary.



5. Using a stapler attach the handle to the basket on each side. Glue the "Happy May Day" tag to the top of the handle if desired. Add any extra decorations to your basket that you fancy and fill with your choice of treats and friendly messages. Then on May 1st, secretly leave the treat-filled basket at the door of someone who is special to you!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Skunk's Spring Surprise by Lesléa Newman

I Will Surprise My Friend by Mo Willems

The Surprise Family by Lynn Reiser

The Surprise Party by Pat Hutchins

Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett



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