

CRAFT KITS FROM THE PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM'S CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

A MERRY MAY BASKET!

It's time again for our annual May Basket craft. May Baskets are a charming olden days spring tradition where, on May 1st, handmade baskets are left (secretly) on the door handles of the homes of special friends. The baskets are often filled with flowers, candy, and a cheerful message. Have fun making and sharing this old-time tradition!



Supplies in kit

- 1 paper cup with pre-punched holes
- 7 colored strips of crepe paper
- 1 pipe cleaner

What you'll need from home

- liquid school glue or glue stick
- scissors
- flowers or other treats to put in the basket (optional)
- tissue paper to line the basket (optional)

Directions

1. Attach the pipe cleaner to the cup.



2. Make crepe paper ruffles by folding each strip accordion-style, then snipping halfway down along a non-folded edge.



- Beginning at the top, choose your first colored ruffle and glue it to the cup as pictured.



- Continue gluing on the strips until you have covered the whole cup. Fluff the ruffle and add the treats for your special friend!



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Best Best Friends by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

Poppleton and Friends by Cynthia Rylant

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Squid and Octopus: Friends for Always by Tao Nyeu

Library Mouse: A Friend's Tale by Daniel Kirk



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