

May Pole Centerpieces

On May Day, young people around the world gather to dance around a May Pole, weaving colorful patterns with long streamers that hang from the center of the pole. Bring this spring tradition into your home with this charming centerpiece. It is easy to make and a great use for leftover craft materials. Be sure to have a grown-up help if using hot glue.

Materials:

- *Crepe paper streamer or ribbon*
- *Cardboard, cut into 10" circle*
- *Green paint*
- *Empty paper towel roll*
- *3 10" long ribbons in different colors, about ½" wide*
- *1 green pipe cleaner*
- *1 long pipe cleaner, color of choice (for dolls' arms), cut into 3 pieces*
- *dark green ribbon or trim, 1/2" wide*
- *small fake flowers*
- *selection of printed cardstock*
- *3 round wooden ball shapes, about 1" size*
- *miscellaneous yarn, trims, and laces*
- *hot glue or strong craft glue, tape, markers, scissors*

Directions:

1. *Paint cardboard circle with green paint. Using glue, attach the dark green ribbon or trim around the edge of the circle. Let dry.*
2. *Cover towel roll with crepe paper, taping ends down. Tape the three 10" ribbons to top of roll, at equal intervals. Wrap the green pipe cleaner around the top of the roll, covering ribbons, and trim excess. Glue the pipe*

cleaner into place. Decorate with fake flowers. Glue May Pole onto the center of the painted circle.

- 3. To make the dolls, cut the cardstock into approximately half of a 5" circle of paper, roll into a cone with an opening at the point, and staple into place. Glue a round shape onto opening at top of cone, let dry. Draw face onto ball, and glue on yarn for hair. Carefully use scissors to poke small holes into each side of body. Thread one of the lengths of remaining pipe cleaner through the body. Repeat until you have three dolls. Be creative! Add details to dresses with tiny remnants of cloth, ribbon, or lace. Hats can be made of acorn caps, and tiny wreaths from bits of leftover pipe cleaner.*
- 4. Glue the dolls onto the green cardboard, spacing around the May Pole so each can reach a strand of ribbon. Bend end of pipe cleaner arm so that each doll firmly holds a ribbon, trim ends of ribbon if necessary. Glue dolls into place.*