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Twirling Centerpiece

Age Level: ★

May God give you more and more mercy, peace, and love. JUDGES 1:2

What It's All About

There are two options for this centerpiece. You can either make a heart or a dove. Hearts are symbols of love. A dove is a sign of peace. Decide whether you want to send a message of love or of peace, and choose the appropriate symbol.

What You Need

- ★ Twirling Centerpiece Patterns (p. 8)
- ★ Paper Cutting Tools (see p. 8)
- ★ White or patterned paper
- ★ Colored cardstock
- ★ 8-inch bowls, lids, or other circular objects
- ★ Pencils
- ★ Thread or monofilament fiber (fishing line)
- ★ Transparent tape
- ★ Glue

Optional

- ★ Decorating materials (beads, wiggle eyes, glitter or glitter glue, adhesive-backed jewels, craft-foam shapes, paper flowers, stickers, etc.)

Preparation

For Dove: On white paper, photocopy Dove Body and Dove Wing Patterns, enlarging patterns to 200 percent. Make one set of dove patterns for each child.

For Heart: On the plain, white side of patterned paper, photocopy Heart Patterns, enlarging patterns to 200 percent. Make one set of heart patterns for each child.

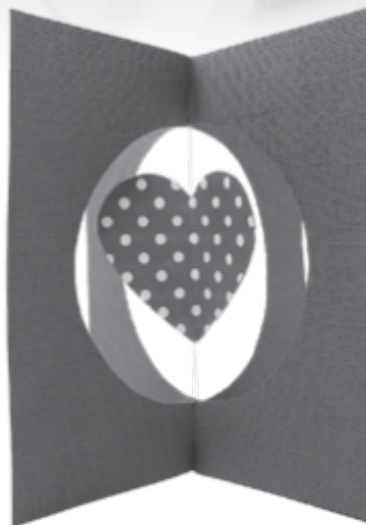
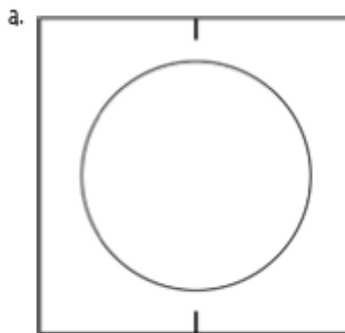
Cut the following, making one set for each child, or children choose their cardstock and use scissors and rulers to cut for themselves:

- ★ Four 10-inch squares of cardstock in the same color, one set for each child

What Children Do

Prepare the Base

1. Place an 8-inch bowl, lid, or other circular object in the center back of the cardstock square. Trace the circle onto the cardstock, and then cut out.
2. Use the first sheet of cardstock to trace and cut similar circles from the other three sheets of cardstock. This will ensure the circles are in the same place for all four sheets of cardstock. Remember to trace on the back side of the cardstock.
3. Set two sheets of cardstock aside. On the two remaining sheets, cut slits from the outside of the circle halfway to the circle, as shown in image a. Do not cut all the way to the circle.

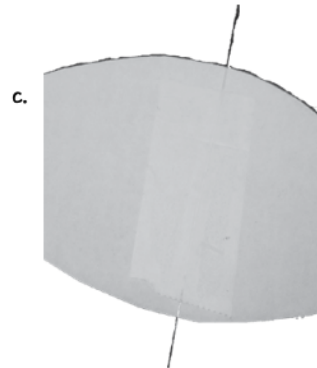
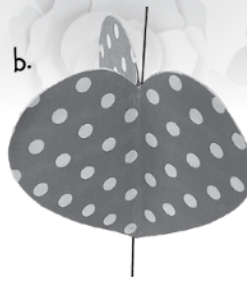


Make a Peace Dove centerpiece. It's easier to make a smaller version: Make 5.5-inch squares from folding the cardstock and cutting it to size. Cut a 4-inch circle from center of each square. Use the dove pattern without enlarging it.

If you make the large one, it has less stability and may need Popsicle sticks glued inside (after the dove is in place).

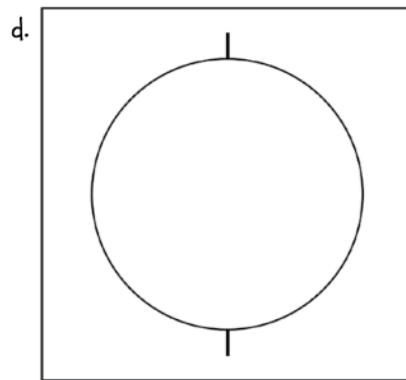
Make the Twirling Object For the Heart

4. Cut out the hearts from prepared patterned paper. Fold each heart in half lengthwise.
5. Cut a length of thread or monofilament fiber longer than the circle opening. Place the thread over one heart, from top to bottom of the center of the heart. Tape thread in place.
6. Fold each heart in half lengthwise. Glue or tape all three hearts together, gluing one half of each heart to a different heart, forming a three-sided heart with the thread in the middle. Make sure the ends of thread hang out (image b).
7. Pull gently but tightly on thread and center heart in the open window. Tape the thread above and below the window so that the heart will be free to twirl.
8. Glue or tape the second piece of cardstock in which you cut slits to cover the one with the heart, wrong sides together.



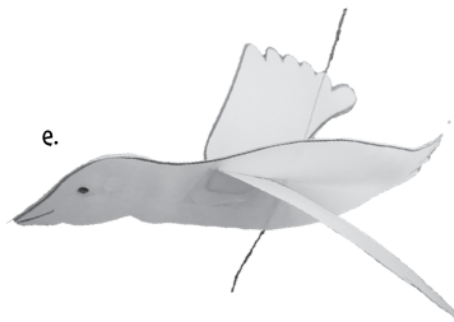
For the Dove

9. Cut out the dove bodies.
10. Cut a length of thread or monofilament fiber longer than the circle opening. Place the thread over one dove, from top to bottom over the center of the dove. Tape thread in place (image c).
11. Glue or tape second dove body over thread and first dove, matching edges, making sure ends of thread hang out.
12. Pull gently, but tightly on thread and center dove in the open window. Tape the thread to above and below the window so the dove will be free to twirl (wings will be added later).
13. Glue or tape the second piece of cardstock in which you cut slits to cover the one with the dove.



Assemble the Centerpiece

14. Glue other two squares together, wrong sides facing. Cut slits on both the top and bottom of the circle halfway to the edge (image d).
15. Gently bend and slide the square with the twirling object into the opening of the other square. Then slide the top and bottom slits together.
16. If using the dove, cut out the wings and bend at dotted line. Put glue or double-sided tape on the tab and glue on either side of dove's body with the longer section at the top (image e).



Optional

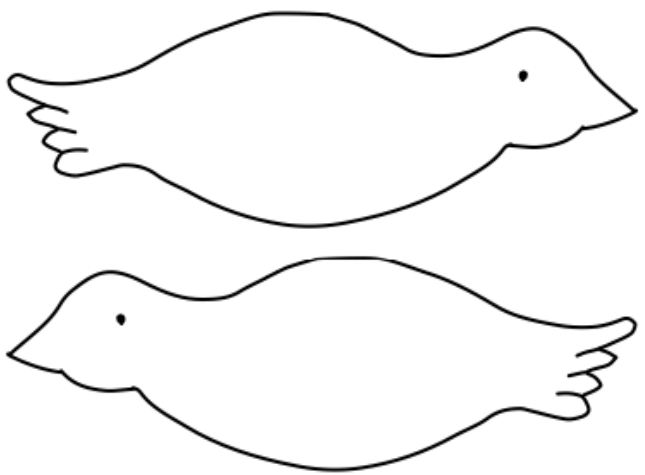
17. Use decorating materials to add your own touch to your centerpiece.



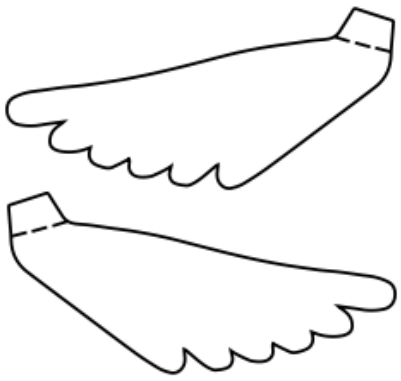
Twirling Centerpiece Patterns

Heart Patterns

Dove Body Patterns



Dove Wing Patterns



**Enlarge
all
patterns
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