

Old-Fashion Christmas Cornucopias

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Very popular in the late 1800s, these decorative cones were used to fill with homemade candy, gifts, or small toys and hung on the tree. Sturdy scrapbooking paper works really well for this project. Nice for birthday parties, Too!

You will need:

8" square of sturdy paper for each cone

14" ribbon or cord for hanger

8" square of tissue paper

miscellaneous trims and embellishments to decorate*

optional: lace paper doily

optional: decorative edging scissors

Basic directions:

Cut an 8-inch square of sturdy, decorative paper. Fold the right corner up 4 inches (a) so that the corner meets the center of the paper. Curl the left corner around until a cone is formed and tuck this corner under the folded edge (b). Staple at the top of the fold to secure the cone, then apply a thin layer of glue under the folded edge to secure.

Pencil a line for trimming the top edge. With decorative edging scissors, trim around the top edge so the cone is about 6 to 7 inches high (c). Punch a hole on each side of the cone at the top. For a hanger, thread the ends of the narrow ribbon or cord through each hole and knot.

*Decorate the cone with lace trim, ribbons, paper roses, buttons, glitter, beads, holly, silk leaves or greens, etc. Make as traditional, country-style, or glitzy as you like. You can also use paper doilies inside the cone by cutting a large, circular doily roughly in half and forming a cone.

Carefully place a small piece of tissue paper into the cone, then fill with goodies and hang on a sturdy tree branch.

