

Maguery Piñatas/ Noche -Buena

The star Piñata is one of the most traditional elements of the Christmas season in Mexico. This Piñata holds great significance at each of its peaks. Its seven peaks symbolize the seven deadly sins: greed, pride, lust, gluttony, wrath, laziness, envy. The bows with the stick means to destroy them. The candies and fruit are the reward for destroying these sins. The blindfold represents the blind faith in being able to destroy evil and attain good.



Materials:

1 foam ball

Paint (1 color in sauce cup/pack)

Glue (1 sauce cup/pack)

1 colorful card stock paper/craft

6 tooth picks

1 pipe cleaner

6 tissue paper (2in squares)



Paint or color the foam ball a color of your choice

Cut a corner of cardstock into a half circle and roll into a cone and glue to secure. You should have seven mini cones all together.

Glue or tape thin strips of tissue paper to tip of cone for fringe. Glue or tape cone to toothpick. Stick toothpick into foam ball.

Cute pipe cleaner in half and push into the top and bottom of the foam to act as a hanger.

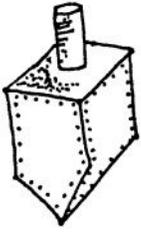
Customize piñata to your liking with pom -poms.

Christmas Popper Directions



- 1) Use your finger and score along all the dotted score lines
- 2) Use scissors to cut out the diamond shapes (like in picture below) An easy way to do this is to fold along the score line at either end of your cracker and make two snips with a pair of scissors for each diamond.
- 3) Bring one end together and tie with ribbon or string.
- 4) Add treat and a special note
- 5) Tie other end closed





Spin-the-Dreidel Game

Children take turns spinning the dreidel while a timer is running. The dreidel that spins the longest wins. Then the children start over again.

Another Dreidel Game

This is one variation of a dreidel game. You will need the dreidel and nuts for each child. First, each child puts one nut in the center of the table. Then, each player spins the top. When it stops, what letter is showing? To score:

nun—worth nothing

hay—player gets half the nuts

gimel—player wins all the nuts

shin—player must add a nut



DIY Kwanzaa Kinara!

Materials:

Scissors

Tape or glue

Orange tissue paper

Red, green and black craft paper

Directions:

1. You'll need three red, three green and one black (the tallest sheet of craft paper.)
2. Glue or tape craft paper into tubes.
3. Make sure that one of your tubes is a bit taller than the others. If they're all the same height, cut an inch or two of six tubes so that one is taller than the rest.
4. Use brown card stock as the base.
5. Glue or tape the tubes together in a row with the tallest tube in the center
6. Secure to base to finish your kinara!

HAPPY KWANZAA!



PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS
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Materials:

Pinecones

Bird feed

Peanut butter

Twine or rope

Instructions:

1. Wrap twine to tip of Pinecone.
2. Heat peanut butter until melted.
3. Drizzle Peanut butter on pinecone to coat.
4. Sprinkle seeds to coat.
5. Hang outside to enjoy!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY PROMISE CARD

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived a long time ago. There are many legends about Nicholas. One story tells how he threw three bags of gold into the house of a very poor man who had three daughters. Nicholas wanted to make sure the three girls would be taken care of. This card celebrates generous St. Nicholas by illustrating three of his qualities: concern for justice (fairness), care for others (charity & generosity), and love of God that motivated all his good deeds.

MATERIALS

Construction paper strip 9 x 3 inches
Copy of pattern

EQUIPMENT

Scissors
Markers or crayons
Glue

DIRECTIONS

1. Fold construction paper strip into thirds, making a folded piece 3 inches wide (see diagram).
2. Place paper pattern on folded paper, making sure straight sides are along the folds. Draw around pattern, or hold and cut away the paper from the top and the bottom of the pattern, being careful not to cut the folds. Unfold to show three bags in a row (see diagram).
3. Color, cut out, and glue the miter to the front cover of the folded card.
4. Inside, on each bag, write one Nicholas quality (**J**ustice, **C**harity, and **L**ove of **G**od); add your own promise how you will live like Nicholas. For example, for Justice, to play fair; for Charity, to share your toys; for Love of God, to pray every day.

