

Kid's Korner

May/June 2007

I Made a May Basket

Sung to: "A -Tisket, A Tasket"

A-tisket, a-tasket,
I made a May basket.
I filled it up with flowers bright
And hung it on the door just right.

A-tisket, a-tasket,
I made a May basket.
Flowers are a sign of spring
And all the joy that it can bring.

May Day Basket

Give each child a large a paper plate. Have them fold it in half, cut a slit in the fold (this will be the top) and help them staple a ribbon handle to each side of the top and a few around the curved edges. Children can decorate the basket with markers or stickers and fill the slit with flowers.

Chocolate Flowers

- 1 Flower Wire
- 1 flower leaf
- 2 Hershey Kisses
- 1 4" X 4" piece of red cellophane
- Flower tape
- thin wrapping wire, scotch tape

Tape the Hershey kisses together, bottom to bottom. Insert florist wire into one pointed end of double chocolate. Wrap 4" square of cellophane around the double chocolate, twisting cellophane tightly.

Starting at bottom of rose, wrap florist tape around edges of cellophane, continuing down the full length of wire with tape. Add 1 or 2 artificial leaves if desired, securing leaves in place with florist tape.

May Day Cone Basket

Materials Needed:

- Construction Paper
- Glue or Tape

Instructions:

Cut a triangle shape out of bright colored construction paper. Make the point flat and the long edge rounded (figure 1). Roll the triangle into a cone and glue or tape the 2 sides together (figure 2).



Figure 1



Figure 2

Cut a strip of construction paper that is approximately 12 inches by 2 inches. Glue or tape it onto the top of your cone to make a handle (figure 3). Fill your cone basket with real or home made flowers and try to hang it on your neighbor's doorknob without getting caught!

Cupcake Liner Flowers

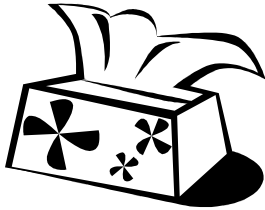
- Green, Yellow or White Pipe Cleaners
- Cupcake Baking Cups (assorted colors)

Bend the top of your pipe cleaner. Stick the pipe cleaner up through the top of the cupcake cup, and squeeze it tight. Keep doing this until you have about 5-6 baking cups on your pipe cleaner and keep squeezing them. When you get done, carefully bend the cups back but not too far.

Note: these craft ideas can also be used for Mother's Day or Father's Day gifts too!

Fancy Tissue Boxes

Give each of your children an unopened facial tissue box. Have your children brush glue over small sections of their boxes. Let them place a variety of uncooked pasta shapes on the glue to create designs. Have them continue until the boxes are completely covered with pasta. Spray the boxes with gold spray paint in a well-ventilated area away from the children.



We Love Mothers

Sung to: *Frere Jacques*

We love mothers. We love mothers.
Yes, we do. Yes, we do.
Mothers are for hugging, (hug self)
Mothers are for kissing. (blow a kiss)
We love you. Yes, we do.

Thank you, Mother, thank you Mother.
For your love, for your love.
Mothers are for hugging, (hug self)
Mothers are for kissing. (blow a kiss)
We love you. Yes, we do.

Additional verses: We love
fathers; grandmas, grandpas



Mother Dear

Sung to: *Three Blind Mice*

Mother dear, Mother dear,
I love you. I love you.
For all the things that you do for me-
The songs, the care, and the love for me-
I'll thank you with a big hug from me,
Oh, Mother dear.

Change Holders

Gather large lids and remove their cardboard liners. Mix equal parts liquid starch and glue. Have your children paint their lids, inside and out, with the starch and glue mixture. While the mixture is still wet, have them cover their lids with small pieces of coloured tissue paper. Then have the children paint the lids with the starch mixture one more time.

Pen Holders

Set out small blocks of wood and large wooden beads. (make sure the hole in each bead is large enough to hold a ball point pen upright.) Have each of the children glue on one of the wooden beads to one of the wooden blocks. Then let the children paint and decorate their wooden pen holders. Or let them glue on alphabet pasta to spell "Dad".



Mother's/Father's Day Books

A few weeks before Mother's Day or Father's Day, take a pad of paper and during the children's free play, capture each child and ask, "What is a mother? What does she do? What's the best thing she does? What does she look like?" Rewrite the notes on plain white paper, make a construction paper cover, and have the child draw a picture on the cover.

You can suggest that they draw their mother or fathers, but if they can't, then ask them to draw a picture that their mom or dad would like.



Mother's Day Corsage

Children can pick dandelions and glue/paste them on to small round paper doilies and pin on Mom with a safety pin.

