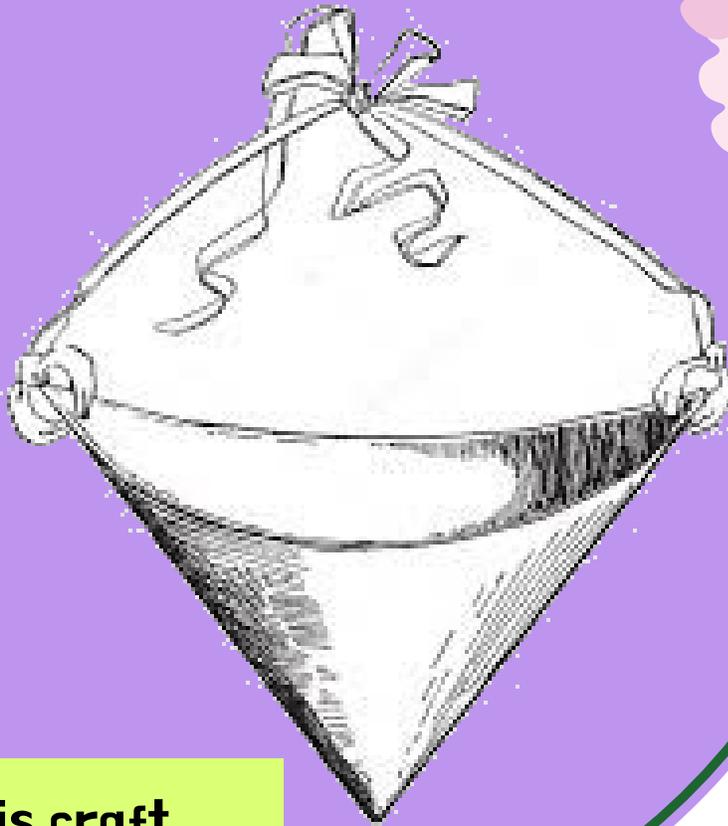


# May Basket!



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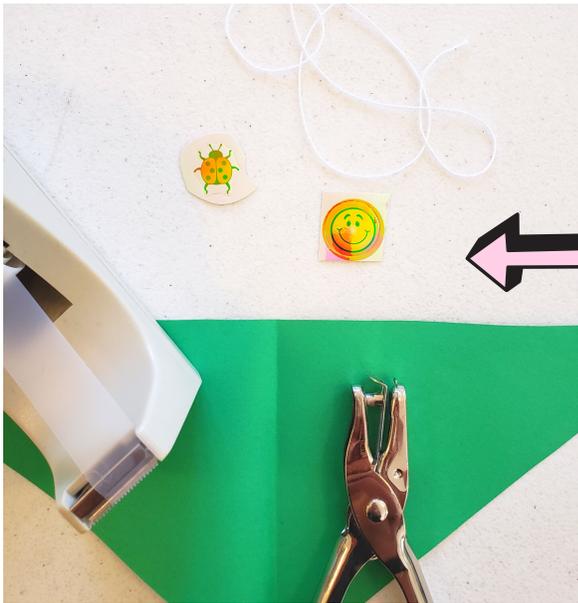
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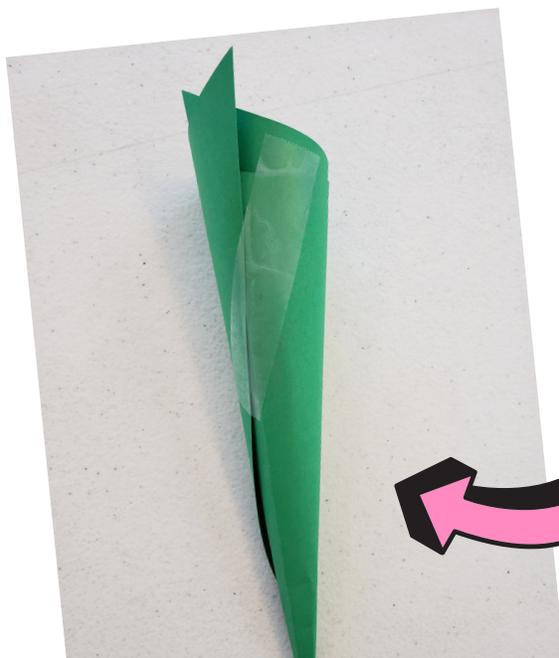
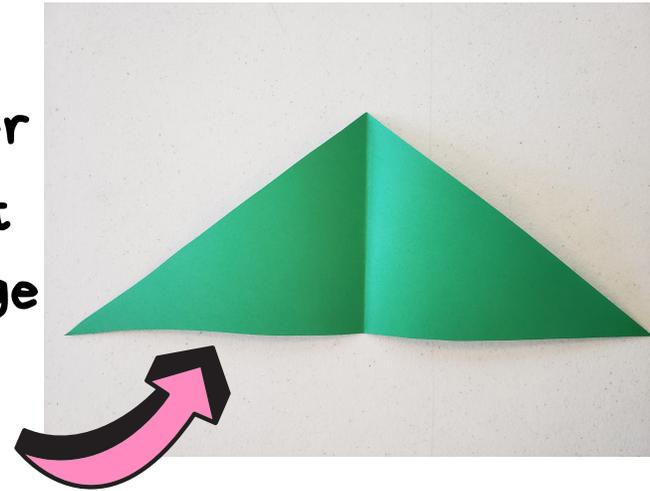


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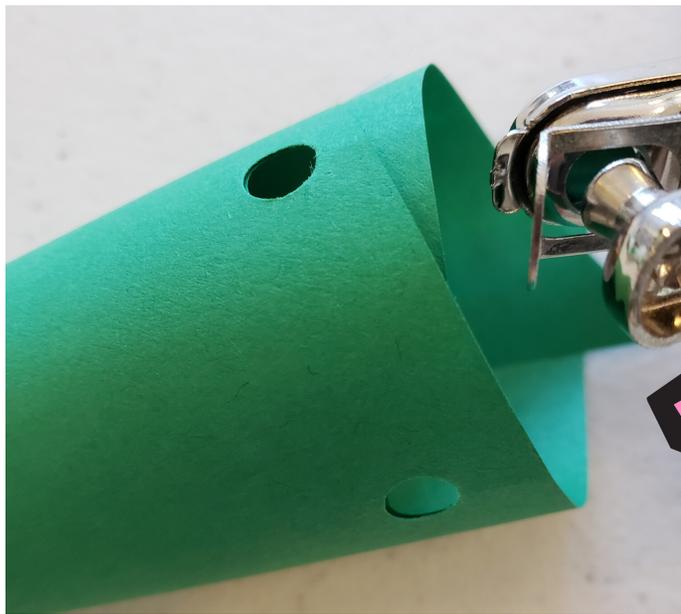
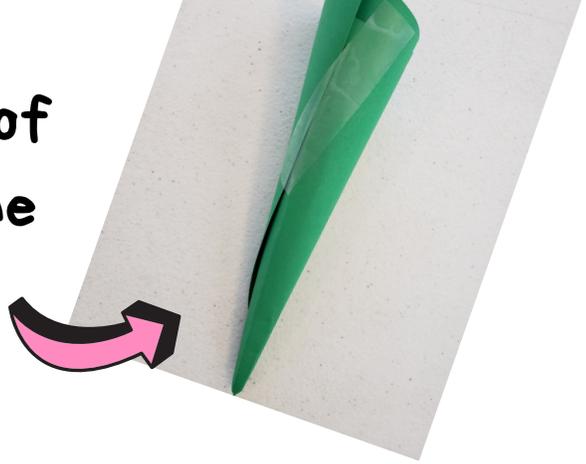
Here's what you need:  
Piece of Paper,  
Scissors, Tape or Glue,  
Hole Punch, String,  
and Markers, Crayons,  
Stickers, or whatever  
you want to  
use to Decorate

1) Cut your piece of paper diagonally from corner to corner. You can decorate the piece of paper either before or after you roll it up to make the cone. Take your large triangle and fold it. Cut off the extra paper at the bottom that hangs off below. This will result in a smaller triangle.



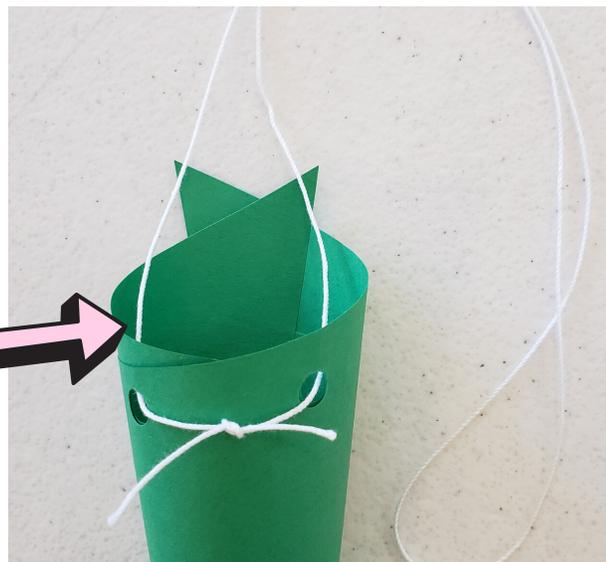
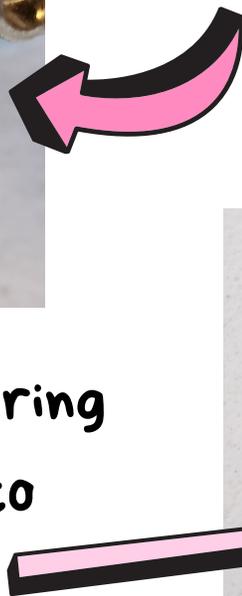
2) Roll your smaller triangle into a cone. Start at the bottom and carefully roll until you have a cone. Put tape or glue on the outside of the cone so that it stays together.

3) Put a piece of tape or bit of glue on the bottom of the cone so that what you put in it doesn't fall through.



4) Punch or poke holes at the top of the cone on either side.

5) Tie your piece of string through each hole to make a hanger.



6) Fill the basket with flowers, a note, or candy. Then, Hang the basket on the door of someone you care about!



## History of the May Basket

The May Basket is an old tradition that goes back centuries. It is part of the celebration of May Day, which customarily takes place on May 1. This old custom marks the changing of the seasons. Villages and towns used to host May Day celebrations with such activities as the May Pole. The May Pole was a large pole in the ground with ribbons coming off of it. People would take the ribbons and dance around the pole with them. May Baskets were especially popular during the mid-late 1800s during the Victorian era. People would make their own May Baskets, fill them with treats, and hang them on the door of someone they cared about on May 1. The point was not to get caught leaving your basket. The recipient would have to guess who sent it to them. May Baskets are a great way to spread cheer from a distance!

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