

Holiday Sweets

How to Make a Paper Candy Cane

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Giving gifts has always been a traditional part of everyone's December. This December it seem even more important to share the sweetness of the season with those you care about. Here's a way my fourth graders did it with a festive theme. This project requires only a small amount of time, supplies you probably have on hand, and just a bit of writing to share a lot of sentiment.

Make a Paper Candy Cane:

Materials needed per child:
One sheet of 9 x 12" paper
One red crayon or marker
Glue
Yarn, 12" length
3" x 5" card
The use of a hole punch

Steps:

1. With red crayon color parallel stripes across the length of the entire paper. (You can make them going either lengthwise or widthwise, but NOT diagonally.) The red part should be about 1/2" wide and be repeated every 1/2" to cover the page.
2. Roll paper into a diagonal tube around a pencil.
3. Glue the final end to hold the tube in shape.
4. Bend the end of the tube to form the crook at the top of the candy cane.
5. Punch a hole on corner of the 3" x 5" card.
6. String the yarn through the hole of the gift tag.
7. Have each child think of a sweet affirmation for the person they want to give their candy cane to. Write the affirmation on the tag.
8. Tie the tag to the candy cane.
9. Give the candy cane with a hug and watch a smile grow.

