

How to Make a Cockade

Materials

- One streamer of crepe paper
 - Participants will need two if making a double layered cockade
- One sticker
 - More can be added for decoration but one is needed to hold the cockade together
- One piece of colored foam for backing
- One pin
- One glue gun w/ glue sticks

WARNING: the tip of the glue gun as well as the glue it dispenses will be very hot. Make sure young participants are well supervised when using the glue guns.

Instructions

A) Single Layer Cockades

1. Choose a roll of crepe paper and cut off a section about a foot to a foot and a half in length.
2. Lay the paper out lengthwise in front of you and grab the paper about a half inch from the right or left side
3. Move the section you are holding towards the edge of the paper (but not all the way) creating a fan-like fold. Try to fold the paper so that the side of the pleat closest to you is shorter than the side furthest from you. This should create a triangular, fan-like fold.
4. Crease the paper or hold it so that your first pleat stays in place and then grab the paper about a half inch from your first fold.
5. Continue folding the paper into a fan-like shape, making sure that the edge closest to you becomes shorter with each fold while the further edge remains unchanged. This will cause the folds to curve into a circular shape as you work your way down the streamer.
6. After you have folded most of the streamer, or if it looks like you will complete the circle before running out of paper, adjust the cockade to the proper size. Make sure there isn't a hole in the middle of your circle and there isn't overlapping material on the underside of the cockade.
7. When you have run out of paper (feel free to clip your steamer if you think it is too long), the circle is complete, and the folds look even, put a generous dab of hot glue in the center of your cockade to hold it together.
8. Pick out a sticker and place it in the center of your cockade to cover up the glue and help anchor the folds together.
9. Pick out a foam shape and fix it to the back of the cockade with a dab of hot glue, color side facing outward.
10. Glue a pin onto the foam backing of your cockade and wait for everything to dry.

B) Double Layered Cockades

1. Choose one color of crepe paper to be the top layer and cut a section about 8 inches long.
2. Turn the streamer into a cockade using one of the two methods listed above. Make sure the streamer comes together in the center of the circle so you don't have a doughnut shaped cockade. Do not give the cockade a foam back or a pin, but feel free to put a sticker or other decoration on the front.
3. Choose a second color of crepe paper to be the base layer and cut a section about 18 inches long.
4. Turn the second streamer into a cockade larger than the first by making your folds larger and leaving an open circle in the center of your cockade. You can check the size by placing the smaller cockade onto of your base and adjust accordingly.
5. Because there is no center to glue together, glue the two edges of the folded streamer so that the finished product looks like a doughnut.
6. On the front of your larger, base cockade, put a ring of glue close to the inside of the streamer and place the top cockade so it's outer edges rest in the glue.
7. Once the glue has dried a bit, finish the double layered cockade with a foam back and a pin.

Tip: The cockades will be very forgiving when it comes to folding and sizing. If anything looks too large, too small, or too uneven, just keep adjusting the folds to get the shape you desire. Even once the cockade has been glued the size and shape can be adjusted.