

Celebrating Spring



Maypole Wands

We totally modernized the traditional Maypole into a compact wand. Ready to celebrate it features brightly coloured ribbon streamers and a friendly forest pal. Perfect for twirling in May.

What's Needed:

Painted Wooden Shapes by Creatology- Michael's
Wooden Dowels .25" X 36" (blue end)

1/4" Spool Ribbon (Coordinating Colours)- Offray

1/4" Spool Looped Edge Ribbon (Coordinating Colours)- Offray

Acrylic Craft Paint (Coordinating Colours)

Felt Squares (Coordinating Colours)

Paint Brush

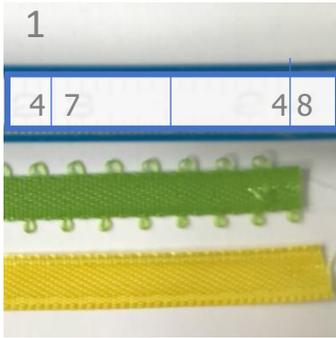
8" Non-Stick Scissors- Fiskars
Hot Glue Gun with Glue

How To Make It:



Selecting Materials:

- To keep with the Spring/May Day theme we selected a flower, frog, butterfly and a unicorn pre-decorated wooden shapes.
- The acrylic paint came from our craft stash (*note the strange colours used*).
- Ribbon cost \$.50 (1/4"- 10 yds) and \$1.00 (1/4"-6 yds) per roll.
- Dowels .25" X 36" cut in half to make two wands.



1. Cut 3 pieces of ribbon 48" long. Different colours and type of ribbon should be used. Add more if desired.

2. Place cut ribbon and wooden cut outs together. Place sets aside.

3. Cut each dowel in half. Finished dowels will measure 18" each. Cut off any broken or sharp points from severed end.

4. Paint dowels with acrylic paint. Use colours that coordinate with the ribbons and wooden pieces. Let paint dry. Lightly sanding painted dowels will make them smooth.

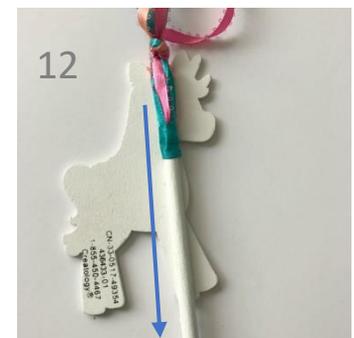
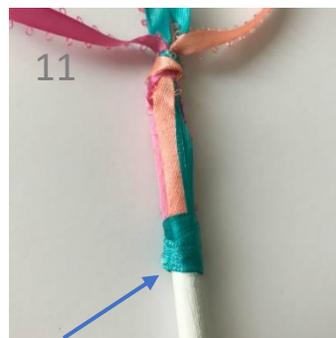
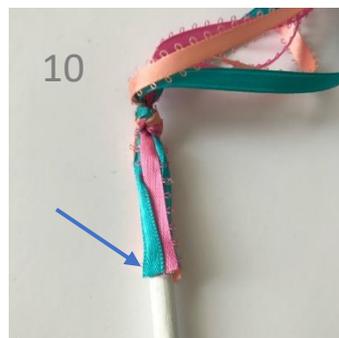
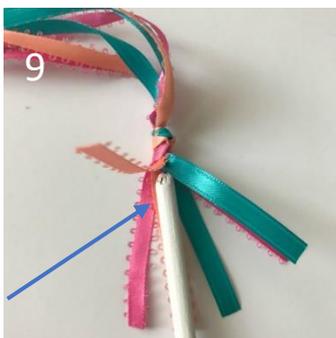


5. Select one set (wooden piece, ribbon and painted dowel).

6. Gather the 3 pieces of ribbon together and fold them in half.

7. Tie a knot forming a 3" (approx.) ribbon loop.

8. Cut the ribbon loop open, all three pieces.

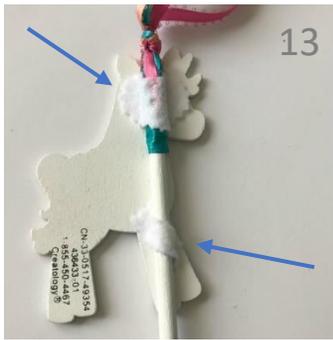


9. Open cut ribbon loop to expose the center of the knot. Hot glue the cut end of the dowel into the center. Hold in place until glue dries. (Ribbon streamers will dangle off the top of the dowel)

10. Hot glue the 6 cut pieces of ribbon around the dowel. Keep ribbon taut.

11. Hot glue a separate piece of ribbon around the bottom of the ribbon ends.

12. Hot glue the wooden shape to the dowel. Due to shape, pieces maybe glued in a different place.



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13. For extra holding power we hot glued felt supports over the dowel and wooden shape.

Cut a small shape (we used a heart) from felt. Hot glue the felt shape over the dowel and onto the wooded shape. Add additional felt supports if needed.

Note: Children will be vigorously waving their wands. Test each for hold-ability.



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14. Most of the wooded shape are “chunky” and require one felt support. Be creative with felt support shapes and colours.



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15. Tie a single knot at the end of each ribbon streamer. This will give weight to the streamer while keeping the ribbon from fraying.



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16. Fluff, tussle and toss the wand in the air to loosen up the streamers.

Maypole Wands can also be used for birthday parties and other Springtime gatherings.



Wands are now ready to welcome May.

If hosting an outdoor gathering insert the wands in the ground or flower pot to welcome guest.

Play music and frolic about. Be sure to include prancing, hops, skipping and twirls, waving the wand as they go.

See all our May Day projects on our Spring Page