



How to...

Celebrate the Summer Olympics!

Get ready to watch the 2024 Games in Paris, France, from July 26 to August 11, by creating one or all of these crafts and recipes. Find out more about the Games in our Olympics preview starting on page 12!

Gold-medal cupcakes

Ingredients

- 2 cups white frosting
- Blue food coloring
- 12 cupcakes
- 12 (4-inch) strips sour tape candy
- 12 gold coin foil-wrapped chocolates

Instructions

1. Tint the frosting with the food coloring.
 2. Working with one cupcake at a time, cover a cupcake with an even layer of frosting.
 3. Fold a sour tape strip in half and press it onto the cupcake, as shown.
 4. Add a gold coin at the cut ends of the sour tape.
 5. Repeat above steps with the remaining cupcakes.
- Makes 12 cupcakes.

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If you make anything on these pages, ask an adult to email a photo and a quote to hello@theweekjunior.com!



Glowing tea light torch

Ingredients

- Paper towel tube or cardboard tube from wrapping paper, cut to your desired length
- Scrap corrugated cardboard (such as from a shipping or moving box)
- Scissors
- Gold craft paint and paintbrush
- Yellow, orange, and red tissue paper
- Glue or hot glue
- Glue stick
- Battery-operated tea light

Instructions

1. Make the torch: Trace one end of the tube onto the scrap cardboard and cut out the resulting circle. Glue the circle onto one end of the tube to close it.
2. Cut 2 strips of cardboard, long enough to wrap around the tube. Cut the strips so the lines inside the cardboard go up and down (as shown in the photo), not side to side.
3. Glue the wider strip around the closed end of the tube so it sticks up about $\frac{5}{8}$ " and then glue the thinner strip on top.
4. Paint the whole tube gold and allow it to dry.
5. Make the flames: Cut rectangles of the tissue papers and trim a long end into pointy flame shapes. Cut orange flame strips down a bit shorter and the red strip even shorter. Layer them, then use the glue stick to adhere them to each other. Use the glue stick to adhere them inside the top of the tube.
6. Turn the tea light on and place it into the well at the top of the tube. It should fit snugly. If it is too loose, scrunch up a small strip of tissue paper and wrap it around the tea light before placing it back in the tube.



DID YOU KNOW?

The colors of the Olympic rings represent the five inhabited continents of the world.

WARNING!
Ask an adult's permission before using a hot glue gun.

Festive Olympic rings garland

Ingredients

- Small paper plates or bowls with a rounded rim edge
- Scissors
- Craft paint in blue, yellow, black, green, and red
- Paintbrush
- Masking tape, blue painter's tape, or washi tape
- Hot glue
- Ribbon

Instructions

1. Make the rings: Poke one of the scissor blades into the middle of the paper plate or bowl and cut out the center, leaving an intact ring.
2. Paint each ring in the colors of the rings in the Olympic logo: blue, yellow, black, green, and red. Allow the painted rings to completely dry.
3. Cut a single slit in the yellow and green rings. These two rings will be used to link all the rings together.
4. Link the rings as pictured: the blue, black, and red rings on top and the yellow and green rings on the bottom.
5. Once the rings are linked, tape the slits on the yellow and green rings closed. Next, rotate the seam so it's hidden behind an overlapping ring.
6. Tape all the rings in place at the overlapping points. Apply glue from behind and allow the glue to set before carefully removing the tape.
7. Glue or tape a length of ribbon to each end, behind the top of the rings, and allow the glue to set.
8. Hang your Olympic rings garland on a wall, from a mantel, or anywhere you'd like!



Sporty snack board

Create a fun feast with an arrangement of Olympic treats. Start with cut veggies, crackers, and a dip. Then add any of the following:

Cheesy archery targets Start with wax-covered cheese rounds. With an adult's supervision, cut each round with one large circle cutter and then one small one. Remove a strip of wax between the two circles to see cheese underneath. Use the end of a straw to cut a dot in the center.

Sweet and salty arrows Top pretzel sticks with gumdrop points.

Swimmer bears Take graham cracker bears, and with an edible marker, draw on swim goggles. Use a dab of store-bought icing to make a swimsuit and spread with a toothpick.

Torch treats Top mini cupcakes with vanilla frosting and gold star and silver sugar sprinkles. For the torch base, add chocolate-filled waffle cone candies. To make the flames, pipe on orange and yellow frosting with a star tip.

Basketball cookie sandwiches Draw lines onto a vanilla wafer cookie with a black food marker. Drop a small dollop of orange frosting onto another wafer cookie, then sandwich wafers together.

Super stars Cut a yellow bell pepper with star-shaped cookie cutters.