

# Celebrate the Historic Tradition of May Day



Surprise someone with a handmade token of flowers, candies or a small gift!

May Day traditions date back to the 19th Century. Historically May Day baskets were filled with flowers, candies or small tokens that were left for someone unknowingly. Tradition says - if you were caught delivering a May Day basket you are supposed to get a kiss!

Today you may leave a surprise or simply share this small gift as an act of kindness. Use a basket, pail, gift bag or make a paper cone to hold your gifts!

## Make a May Day Paper Cone

- Supplies
  - Hole Punch
  - Paper for cone - any paper will do
  - Paper for card
  - Pen or marker for writing your message
  - Ribbon, string, yarn, twine, chenille stems
  - Scissors
  - Tape
  - Tokens - flowers, lightweight candy, small light gift
- Directions
  - Roll paper into a cone shape
  - Tape to secure shape
  - Trim paper if needed
  - Use holepunch to make holes at the top of your cone on either side of the cone to attach a ribbon or string
  - Cut a shape out of the paper for writing your message
  - Write a message on your paper cut out
  - Tape your message to the cone
  - Cut a piece of ribbon, string, yarn, twine or use a chenille stem for a hangar
  - Put one end of your ribbon, string, yarn, twine or chenille stem through each hole at the top of your cone
  - Secure your hangar with a knot, bow, or twist
  - Fill your cone
  - Give your May Day gift to someone

**Celebrate Today and Everyday with History!**