

How to make an English Christmas Crackers:

Supply List (included):

1 Toilet Paper Cardboard Tube
1 Sheet of Wrapping (8 inches x 11 inches)
Tape or hot glue

1 Pair of Scissors
2 pieces of ribbon or twine

Supply List (Your Choice)

Items that can be placed inside the tube (Candy, stickers, personal note, jokes, etc.)



Take a toilet paper cardboard tube or cut a paper towel tube in half.



Cut a piece of wrapping paper to size. It needs to completely wrap around the tube and have about 3-4 inches on each side.



Wrap the paper around the tube and tape it. You can use hot glue if you prefer.



Select some small “goodies” to stuff in the tube. You can choose candy, stickers, a note, or small toys.



Pinch the ends with your fingers, carefully so that you don't tear the paper. Wrap ribbon or twine around each end.

Source: www.prekinders.com

A Little Christmas Cracker History

A Christmas Cracker is a type of party widely used throughout the modern world to celebrate Christmas and other special occasions and festive events. They consist of a wrapped and decorated cardboard cylinder and very much resemble a large candy twist. Crackers typically contain a paper crown (tissue party hat), a motto (joke or riddle), a snap (friction activated popping device), and a small gift or novelty item. Crackers provide a colorful and exciting start to any celebration and present each guest with a gift by which to remember the day's events.

Crackers have been a traditional part of British Christmas festivities and other celebrations since Victorian times. The most widely accepted story is that they were invented in the mid-1840's by a London pastry cook named Tom Smith, who came upon the idea while on a trip to Paris where he witnessed the French holiday custom of wrapping sugared almonds and other sweets in a twist of colored paper. Smith included a romantic message in his early crackers which he marketed in Britain as "Kiss Mottoes". However, the product enjoyed only limited success until Smith devised a way to make the cracker "pop".

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