



Victorian Cornucopia



You may be familiar with the cornucopia—sometimes called the horn of plenty—from Thanksgiving celebrations. But an adapted version of that idea was a common Gilded Age Christmas decoration, in part because it could be filled with candies or nuts and hung on the Christmas tree!

The cornucopias that the Clemens family hung on their tree were true cones, but the ones you can make with the pattern included in the museum craft box will make a four-sided cornucopia—sort of an upside-down pyramid!

Supplies:

- **Cornucopia pattern** If you have the museum craft box, you will have three pieces of paper with the cornucopia pattern on the back and music and newspaper print on the opposite side.
- **Scissors**
- **Glue/glue stick** This is important for being able to glue yarn, ribbon, and glitter to your cornucopia, and for assembling the finished project. You can also use tape to assemble the cornucopia, but glue is really necessary for truly over-the-top Victorian decoration.
- **Decorations!** If you have the museum craft box, you have ribbon/yarn, glitter, and a sticker or two to decorate your cornucopias. But you can also add decorative paper (it's a great use for scraps of wrapping paper!), glitter, ribbons, and stickers, or color on the paper with crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- **Hanging ribbon** If you have the museum craft box, you have a length of green raffia. Cut this into three equal pieces to create handles for each of your cornucopias.

- Candy or other filling (optional)
- Stapler (optional) If you're going to fill your cornucopias with candy, nuts, or other treats, it can be better to staple the hanging ribbon on so the cornucopia can bear more weight.

Instructions:

1. **Make your cornucopia base by cutting out** along the outside edge of the pattern on the back of each sheet—along the solid line.
2. **Fold along the dotted lines** to get the form of your cornucopia established—it should form a four-sided cone with the music or newsprint on the outside. But don't tape or glue it shut yet!
3. **Decorate your cornucopia however you'd like!** There was no such thing as over-decorated to the Victorians, so add as much as you like! You can draw on, collage paper, glue ribbon, and add stickers and glitter to it. Go crazy! The folds you put in your cornucopia in the last step will help you position your decorations properly so they don't come un-stuck when you assemble the cornucopia. Avoid decorating the thin flap along one side, because that will be where you put the glue or tape to hold your cornucopia together! **Note:** If you want to put ribbon or yarn around the top edge, it is best to cut it into segments the length of each side and glue them on separately, rather than trying to glue one long piece along the top.
4. **Once you have finished decorating and allowed your glue to dry, turn your cornucopia back over so the folding directions are facing up.** The thin flap along one side is what will hold the cornucopia together. If you're using glue or a glue stick, it's best to put that on the thin flap before you fold the cornucopia up.
5. **Using the fold lines as your guide**, fold your base into a cornucopia shape. Slide the thin flap under the opposite long edge.
6. **Secure your cornucopia** by pressing and holding the flap with the glue on it till it's secure, or tape that flap into place.
7. **Staple or glue a length of ribbon to two sides of the cornucopia to make a handle.** It will look neatest if you place the ends of the ribbon on the inside of the cornucopia. If you're going to fill your cornucopia, staples are recommended so that it can bear the extra weight.

Paper Snowflakes

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Supplies

- Paper
- Scissors

Instructions

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1. Start with a square piece of paper. To cut a perfect square from a standard 8-by-11-inch sheet of paper, fold paper into a right-angled triangle and then cut off

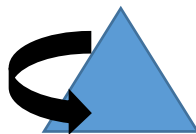


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2. Fold paper in half diagonally to make a triangle.



3. Fold paper triangle in half so that the pointed corners meet.



4. Fold paper triangle in thirds, overlapping the left hand pointed corner over the triangle.
5. Overlap the right hand pointed corner over the triangle. You may need to adjust these folds a little to get the sides to match up, so don't crease the paper until the folds are just right.

6. Trim the bottom pointed ends so the paper triangle loses its “horns.” Your paper should look like this:



7. Cut your folded paper with variations of cutouts.
8. Unfold your snowflake gently. Admire it! It’s as unique as you!