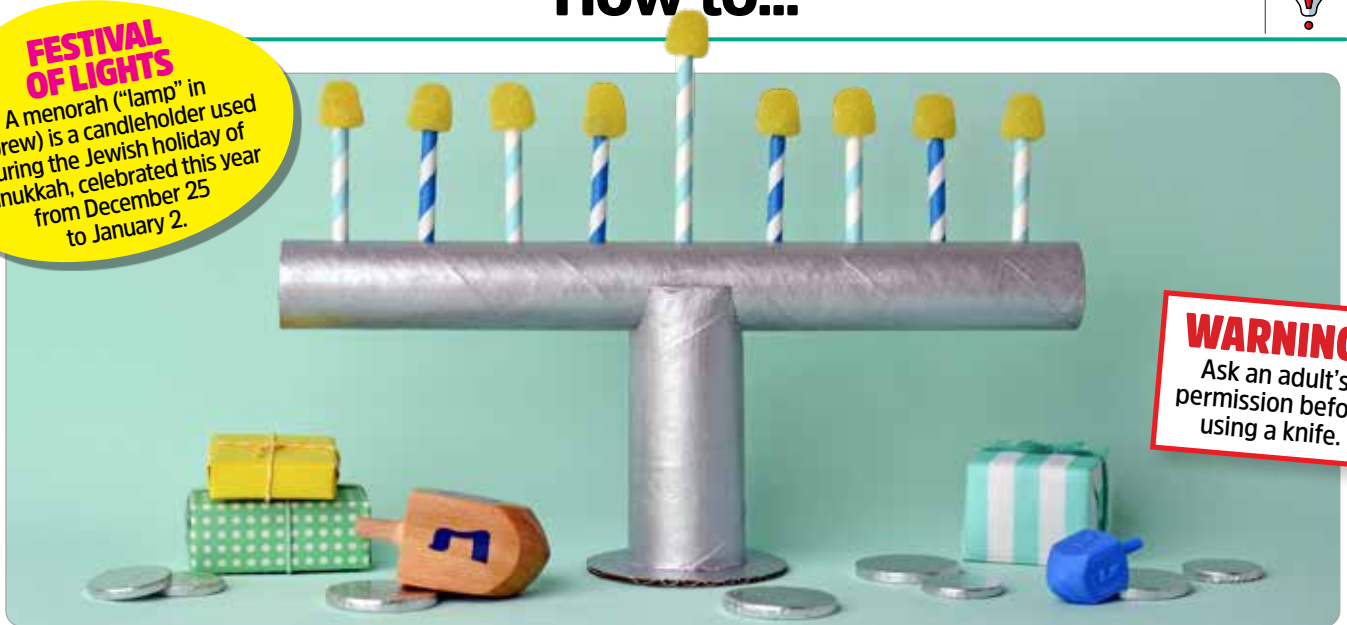




FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A menorah ("lamp" in Hebrew) is a candleholder used during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, celebrated this year from December 25 to January 2.



WARNING!
Ask an adult's permission before using a knife.

Recycle items to make a menorah

What you'll need

- Pencil
- 1 narrow cardboard tube (such as from a roll of aluminum foil), about 12 inches long
- Ruler
- Craft knife (optional)
- 1 toilet paper tube (or paper towel tube cut down to 4 inches)
- Scissors
- 5 straws
- White glue
- Corrugated cardboard circle, about 3 inches (such as from a box, or trace a jar lid or small bowl)
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush
- 9 yellow spice drops (or yellow tissue or construction paper)

Instructions

1. Mark the center of the long cardboard tube with a dot. Measure and mark four evenly spaced dots to the left and right of the center (they should be about 1¼ inches apart). You are creating holes for nine candles—one for each of the eight nights of Hanukkah plus one for the candle in the center, called the shamash, for lighting the other candles.
2. Ask an adult to carefully poke the tip of the craft knife or one scissor blade into the tube on one of the dots to make a small hole, spinning the knife around to slowly enlarge the hole. Put a straw into the hole to see if the size is right. The fit should be a bit snug. Repeat with the remaining dots.
3. Make a base: Hold one end of the long tube to the top side of the 4-inch tube, and trace a semicircle to make a spot where the long tube can rest. Cut out the semicircle, and use the scrap as a template to mark and cut a semicircle in the same position on the other side of the tube.
4. Glue the uncut side of the short tube to the center of the cardboard disc to make the base. Let dry.
5. Glue the long tube onto the base, centered. Let it completely dry.
6. Paint the menorah.
7. Cut four straws in half and one down to 6 inches to make "candles." To make "flames," poke the straws into the flat bottom of the yellow spice drops (or glue cut paper flames to the tops).



ECO TIP OF THE WEEK CONSIDER USING CLOTH NAPKINS

Using napkins made of cloth instead of paper is a simple way to help the environment and save trees. Paper products are made from trees that have been cut down and ground up. Paper factories also cause air and water pollution. And since dirty paper napkins contain grease, they can't be recycled, which means they'll end up in landfills. Americans use nearly 4 million tons of paper napkins, paper towels, and other kinds of tissue each year. Ask your parents about buying inexpensive cloth napkins instead. They are eco-friendly because you can wash and reuse them for many years. This saves money in the long run—and they look great on the table too!



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