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Erash the Party Cake Topper

Crafter level: Intermediate

What you'll need

- Small paper tube (paper towel roll size or about 1 in, diameter)
- 2 sheets scrapbook paper (we used solid blue and white with red dots)
- Scissors
- · Craft glue
- Floral foam
- Printouts of cone and legs templates
- 1 sheet red card stock or construction paper
- 1 sheet ½-in.-thick craft plywood
- Craft knife and cutting mat
- Nontoxic red craft paint and brush
- Ruler or tape measure
- Round dowel rod, 1/8-in. diameter, cut in half



How to make it

- 1. Cut a piece of scrapbook paper to match the tube size and wrap it around the tube. Glue to secure. Cut a 1-inch strip from the second piece of craft paper and glue around the base of the cylinder.
- 2. Cut the paper tube in half at a 45° angle with a craft knife.
- 3. Cut 2 pieces of floral foam sized to fit inside cylinders, and insert 1 piece into each tube at its angled end (for securing the dowels later).
- 4. Cut a cone shape from the red scrapbook paper or construction paper using the template provided. Adjust shape to fit on top of cylinder, and then secure ends together with glue. Set aside.
- 5. Cut 3 legs from the craft wood with your craft knife using the templates provided. Paint wood legs with red craft paint. Let dry and apply a second coat if necessary.
- 6. Measure around the tube base (the one with the additional strip of scrapbook paper at the bottom) and make 3 evenly spaced slits, each about 2 inches long, into the tube using the craft knife. (Ours were spaced about 1¼ inch apart.) The slits should end about ½ inch from the bottom of the cylinder.
- 7. Carefully insert the wooden legs into the slits and apply glue to the inside of the cylinder to secure them as needed.
- 8. Insert a dowel half into the foam at the angled end of each tube, and trim dowels down to about 5 inches from the angled ends of the tubes. (The dowels will be inserted into your cake and won't show.)
- 9. Add the red cone to the top half of the missile and glue to secure.
- 10. Insert the dowels into the cake so that, together, they create a straight line. Have a friend help so you can get the angle right.









