

Little Boy Blue Cake Topper

Crafter level: Intermediate

What you'll need

For the Horns

- 4 party horns (available at party stores)
- 4 sheets of 12-by-12-in. blue card stock in various patterns
- Scissors
- Craft glue or hot glue gun and glue sticks
- White and blue crepe paper streamers
- White felt square and silver ribbons (optional)
- Fringing shears (optional)

For the Blower

- 1 sheet corrugated white card stock
- Scissors
- Craft glue or hot glue gun and glue sticks
- White and blue crepe paper streamers
- Sewing machine and blue thread
- 1 sheet white crepe paper
- 1/8-in.-wide silver ribbon

How to make it

For the Horns

1. Remove the party horn mouthpieces from the purchased horns and set aside.
2. Now you'll use the paper horns as templates for your card stock: Cut or pull apart 1 of the horns and lay it flat on the backside of a piece of card stock. Draw around the outside of the horn. Add a few inches of length to the horn pattern if you'd like taller horns for your cake (as we did).
3. Cut out the pattern from the card stock. Repeat until you have all your party horns cut out from all the sheets of card stock.
4. Glue the sides of each party horn together and glue the mouthpieces to the tips of the horns. Let dry.
5. Measure the base of each card stock horn and cut pieces of the blue and white crepe paper streamers to match each length.
6. Layer a blue and a white streamer piece together. Use scissors or fringing shears to fringe both sides of the streamers, leaving about 1/4 inch in the center of the streamer uncut (for gluing).
7. Pull the streamers apart and glue them 1 at a time to the base of a horn. Repeat until you have decorated all the horns with fringed streamers.
8. Use white felt square and silver ribbons to decorate a little more around the tips of the horns or the bases of the horns (optional).





For the Blower

1. Cut a 3-inch strip from the corrugated white card stock. Roll it into a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch diameter cylinder to make the mouthpiece. Glue to secure and set aside.
2. Cut 24-inch lengths from the white and the blue crepe paper streamers. Cut about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from one side of the white crepe paper streamer and lay it on top of the blue streamer so that it's centered, with a little bit of the blue streamer showing on both sides.
3. Sew streamers together using a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance along both long sides. Insert the rolled-up cardboard mouthpiece into 1 open end of the streamer and glue to secure.
4. Cut a 3-by-5-inch rectangle from the white crepe paper. Fringe along the short end, leaving 1 inch uncut. See Diagram 1. Wrap the uncut end around the top of the blower where the mouthpiece meets the streamer. Glue to secure. Wrap a piece of silver ribbon on top and glue to secure.
5. Roll up the length of the streamer and secure it with a dot of glue to keep its rolled-up shape.

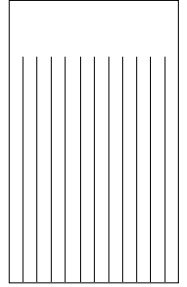


Diagram 1