Confetti Wands

Flying confetti adds extra excitement to just about any gathering, and these wands make it easy for your child to join in the fun! Your child can fill them with an assortment of colorful paper pieces and decorate the outside! She'll have party favors that will be the talk of the town long after the celebration is over. Make several and arrange them in a vase for a centerpiece that's suitable for a New Year's Eve party, birthday party, or any other event worth celebrating.

What You Need:

- Decorative paper
- Clear packing tape
- Ribbon
- Tissue paper
- Confetti
- Glitter
- Scissors
- Tape

What You Do:

1. Have your child take the decorative paper, roll it into a tube about an inch in diameter, and secure it with tape.
2. Cover one end of the tube with tissue paper and secure with tape. This will keep the confetti from flying out unnecessarily!
3. Wrap the new paper wand with clear packing tape to make the tube sturdier. Be sure to cover the tissue paper your child put on the end too, so it will work properly when shaken.
4. To make the tissue frill at the open end of the wand, simply lay out some tissue paper and cut the fringe. Have your child wrap the fringe around the tube like a collar, and secure it with tape. She can tie a ribbon around the top for decoration.
5. The time has come for your child to add the confetti and glitter! Ask her to fill the tube with the party material until it's filled to about an inch from the top.
6. Have you child ball up some tissue paper and "plug" the opening of the tube. She can leave a little bit sticking out for easy removal.
7. Instruct your child to remove the plug just moments before the countdown begins. When the clock strikes twelve, it's time to celebrate! Everyone can give those wands a shake and watch the confetti fly!

Tips and Variations:

- You can either buy confetti at the party store or let your child make her own using a hole punch and a variety of papers. Magazines, wrapping paper, construction paper, and even aluminum foil are great for making confetti!
- Try using a piece of clear acetate (like overhead projector sheets) to roll into a tube. This will allow the colorful confetti to show through—an adorable effect!
- Or, if you want a larger confetti wand, the tube from a roll of paper towels works great as well!

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