

Happy New Year!

# Make a Paper Party Blower

## Supplies Needed:

- 3.5"x11" strip of paper (plain computer paper, construction paper, scrapbooking paper, magazine pages, wrapping paper, and other types will work)
- Drinking straw
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Scotch tape
- Paper clip
- Colored pencils or crayons (optional)
- 5"x 4" piece of tissue paper (optional)

## How to Do It:

1. Use your ruler to draw a 3.5"x11" rectangle on your piece of paper. Draw the strip starting at the edge of the paper so that you can make the least amount of cuts.
2. Cut out your 3.5"x11" rectangle with your scissors.
3. Optional: Color your paper rectangle with colored pencils or crayons; you only need to color one side because the other side will be on the inside of your blower.
4. Use your ruler to draw an 11" straight line that is located 1" from the left edge of your rectangle. Repeat this step to draw a line 1" from the right edge of your rectangle.
5. Fold the left edge of your paper along the line you just drew.
6. Run your glue stick to put glue all along the left outside edge and one of the short edges of the paper.
7. Fold the right edge of the paper along the line you drew. Rub along the center and the short edge where you put glue so that the paper sticks together to form a sealed 1.5"x11" tube.
8. Fold over the sealed end of the paper tube one more time and glue it down to make sure that the tube is fully sealed.
9. Blow into the open end of the paper tube to make sure that it fully inflates.
10. Cut the straw in half with your scissors.
11. Place the straw halfway inside the center of the open end of the paper tube.
12. Fold the corners of the open end of the tube towards the center of the tube around the straw so that they look like triangles. You want the straw to be held in place by



the folded-up corners.

13. Wrap scotch tape around where the straw and paper meet to seal the straw to the paper tube.

14. Blow into the straw to make sure that the paper tube will inflate.

15. Starting at the sealed end of the tube, roll the paper tube tightly around your pencil. When it is rolled up as far as it will go, use the paper clip to secure the paper so it stays in the roll. You will want to leave the paper clip on for at least 2-3 hours so that the paper will stay in the roll when the paper clip is removed.

16. Optional: Cut a 5" x4" piece of tissue paper in whatever color you like. Lay the rectangle of tissue paper on the table in front of you with the long edge closest to you. Measure .5" up from the edge of the paper closest to you and make a mark with your pencil. Use the mark to draw a line across the paper .5" from the edge. Starting at the long side of the paper farthest from the line, cut thin strips from the edge of the paper to the line you have drawn; be sure not to cut past this line so that the strips are not cut off of the tissue. Once you have finished cutting strips all of the way across the tissue paper, use your glue stick to run a thin strip of glue along the uncut edge. Now wrap the fringe around the blower where the paper tube meets the straw. Shake the blower to make sure that the fringe is fully attached to the straw.

17. When you are ready to use your blower, remove the paper clip. Put the straw into your mouth and blow air into the paper tube. That will make the tube expand. Suck on the straw to make the paper tube roll back up. Now your party blower is ready for your New Year's Eve party. Be sure to make one for everyone in your family so that they can join the party!



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