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Paper-Quick Parties

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WHAT CHILD wouldn’t love to go on a make-believe trip to Hawaii? All of the decorations for the party can be made in no time at all.

For a centerpiece nothing would be more apropos than a palm tree and an Hawaiian dancer. Four pieces of covered #9 wire, 12 inches long, make the trunk and branches of the tree. Bend the top 4 inches of wire down to form the branches. Cut the leaves out of green duplex crepe paper and fringe the edges. Run glue along the wire forming the branches and glue the centers of the leaves to the wires.

Use a strip of brown crepe paper for the bark of the tree. Fold the crepe paper in half, being careful not to crease the fold. Start at the bottom and wrap it around the remaining 8 inches of wires. Then wrap the crepe paper down from the top to form the scales of the bark. Curl the leaves with scissors to add a spark of realism.

Hawaiian Dancers

A 12-inch chenille stem forms the body of the Hawaiian dancer. Cut off 4 inches for the arms. Bend the remaining piece in half. Twist the arms on, one-half inch down from the top. Then insert the top of the stem in a small round painted head, available at hobby shops. Black yarn, pasted on the head, serves as hair. Fringed crepe paper put on with wire forms the hula skirt. To add an authentic finishing touch make a lei of a small piece of chenille stem and place it around the dancer’s neck.

Stand the palm tree and dancer on a base of styrofoam and fasten them on with straight pins. Sprinkle sand or place small shells over the base to represent the beach.

Easter Party

A 4 by 8 foot fishnet can be made from a roll of crepe paper. Cut 1 inch strips up to the fold of the roll. Reverse the roll and cut between each strip up to the fold. Unroll the crepe paper and you have a large replica of a fish net for the price of a roll of crepe paper.

If the party is to be held in a basement recreation room, you can decorate vertical pipes and beams to represent palm trees. Wrap the pipes or beams with brown crepe paper the same way as for the smaller tree. Attach leaves made of duplex crepe paper or construction paper to the ceiling with masking tape.

For party favors you can make a lei for each child by gathering strips of crepe paper with a needle and thread. Now add a perky Hawaiian dish, and you are ready to take the children on a trip via a party of fun.

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