

Tussie Mussies

The Victorians loved their Christmas trees and decorated them lavishly. The trees were packed with sparkling, gilded ornaments, as many as the tree could hold, along with cookies, sweetmeats, cakes, candies, and garland. Once the tree was decorated, then candles were put on the trees for light.

Tools

- Plain coloured paper/ paper dollies, old Christmas cards, etc.
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ribbons and lace
- Small decorative objects
- Cone template

What to Do

- Cut out the template and trace the shape onto the paper or card you are going to use and cut it out.
- Lightly fold along Side A like in the template to make gluing the edges together easier
- Punch 2 holes in your paper to later use to tie ribbon in to make a handle.
- Make a cone by gluing sides A and B together
- Embellish the cone with lace/ribbon/fabric/coloured paper glued around the top edge of the cone and spiraling around the cones itself, and embellish with any type of Victorian scrapes that you please (pieces of velvet, brocades, satins, bells, tinsel, etc.)
 - You can also draw your own images or cut out pieces of old Christmas cards (some images provided)
- Tie ribbon or string in the punched holes to make a handle
- Your finished Tussie Mussies can be filled with candies, cookies, small toys, potpourri or flowers and hung on the tree



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