

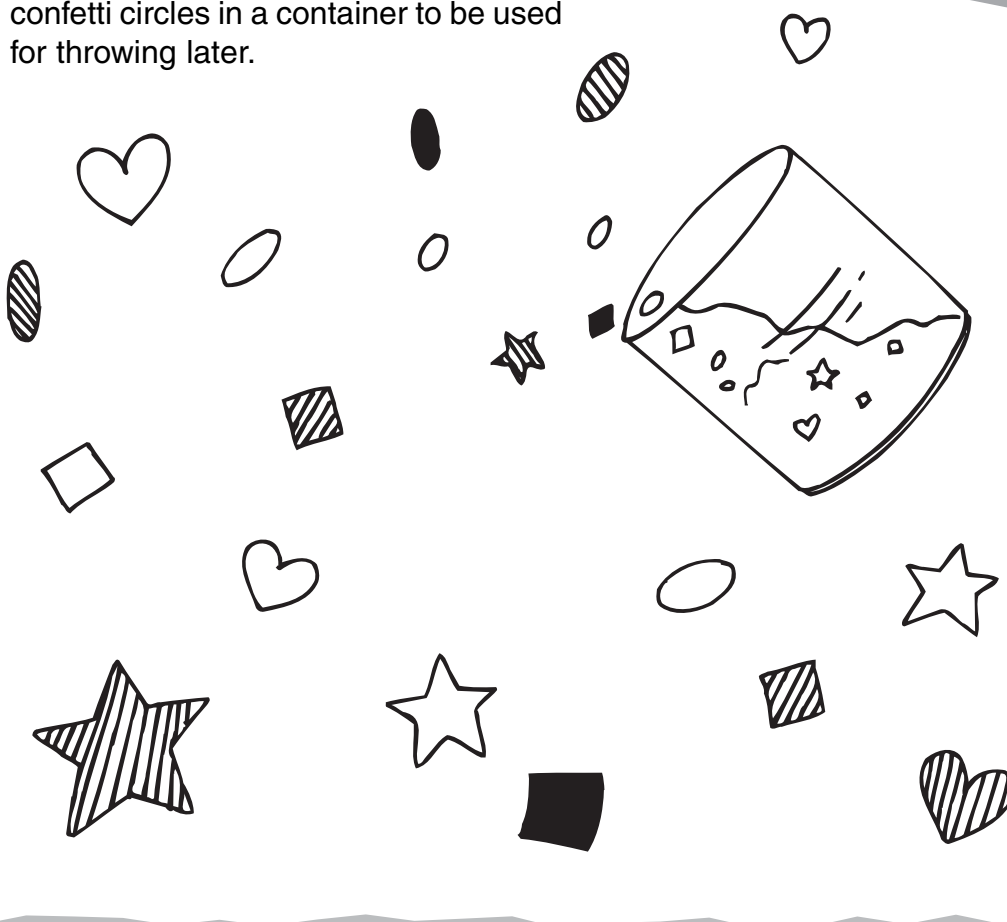
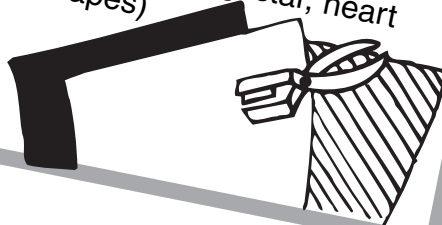
New Year's Confetti

Children learn to use a hole punch in this fun activity.

Give each child a sheet of colored cardstock or construction paper. Have children punch out small pieces of confetti using their hole punches. Trim the edges of the paper occasionally so children can continue punching the middle of the sheet of paper. Put the colored confetti circles in a container to be used for throwing later.

Materials needed for each child:

- colored cardstock or construction paper
- hole punch (regular or designer—e.g. star, heart shapes)



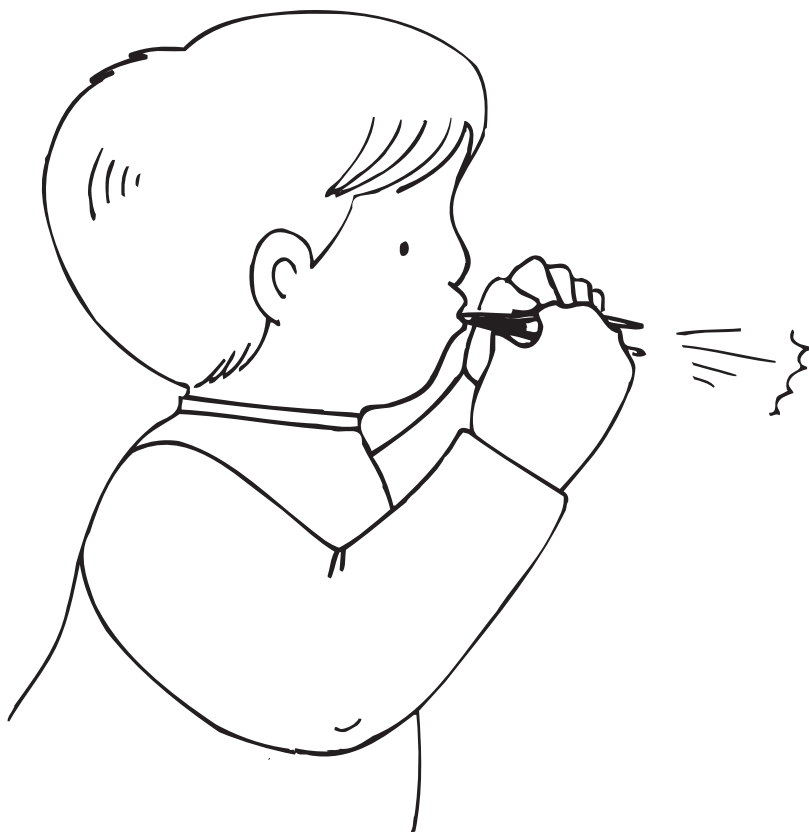
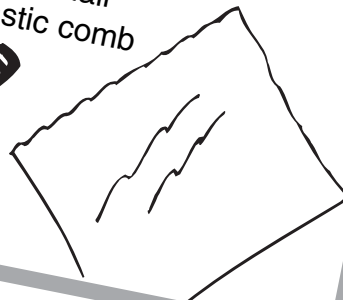
Comb Kazoos

Children learn to make and play a simple musical instrument.

Give each child a 9" x 11" piece of wax paper. Place a comb in the center of the wax paper and fold the wax paper over the teeth of the comb. To play, a child gently places his or her lips over the folded edge of the wax paper and hums. Have children experiment with the kazoos to create the best sound.

Materials needed for each child:

- wax paper
- new, small plastic comb



New Year's Party Hats

This activity will teach children to color, cut, staple and follow directions.

Have each child color designs on the large sheet of construction paper. Tell children to hold the large sheet of construction paper horizontally by its top two corners, then overlap the bottom two corners of the paper to form a cone. Staple the cone to hold its shape. Apply some tape if needed.

Have children cut off the uneven points on the wide end of the cone so the hat will stand up. Use the pencil and ruler to draw a 5" x 6" rectangle on the small sheet of construction paper. Cut out the rectangle. Have children fringe the rectangle on the 6" side. Apply a thick line of glue to the edge of the rectangle opposite the fringe and wrap the glued side around the pointed top of the hat. Bend the fringes outward a little to make a tassel on the hat. Secure it with a staple.

Punch a hole in each side of the hat near the bottom. Insert a 15" ribbon in each hole. Tie knots inside the hat so the ribbon will not pull through the holes. Have children put the hats on and tie them under their chins.

Materials needed for each child:

- 1 large sheet colored construction paper (12" x 18")
- crayons
- stapler
- tape
- 1 small sheet construction paper of a different color
- pencil
- ruler
- scissors
- glue
- two 15" lengths of ribbon

