

What do I need?

2 kitchen roll tubes

Masking tape

Party horn

Scissors

Acrylic paint

Paintbrushes



Rosh Hashanah shofar

What do I do?

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Cut each kitchen roll tube in half to make four shorter ones. You will only need three for this craft. Then, make a cut along the full length of one of the tubes so that you can open it.

If your party horn has any fringing or cardboard attached, remove it so you are left with just the plastic mouthpiece.

Wrap the open tube around the base of the plastic mouthpiece, leaving a couple of centimetres showing so that you can blow into it. Stick it in place with some masking tape.

Make a pleat in one side of each of the remaining cardboard tubes by folding the card in on itself slightly.

Position the tubes inside one another so they form a nice curved horn shape, as in the picture above. Stick them in place using your masking tape to make the horn extra secure.

Use your acrylic paints to add some colour to your horn. You can use neutral colour or bright ones, the choice is yours!

Once your paint is fully dry, you can blow your *shofar* horn to celebrate the Jewish New Year.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah, or Jewish New Year, is one of the holiest days in the Jewish calendar. Meaning literally ‘head of the year’ or ‘first of the year’, Rosh Hashanah marks the creation of the world and the “Days of Awe” - a ten-day period of repentance and contemplation. The date of the New Year celebrations varies from year to year based on the Hebrew Calendar, but always falls sometime in September or October.

During the period between Rosh Hashanah and *Yom Kippur*, when the Days of Awe come to an end, it is said that God judges everyone and writes the names of all who are righteous in the “book of life,” condemning the wicked to death. Those who do not fall into either category must perform repentance before Yom Kippur dawns. Therefore, many Jews dedicate their time to prayer and good deeds during the Days of Awe.

The *shofar* is a very symbolic instrument during Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally made from a ram’s horn, the shofar is blown to call Jewish people to repentance and to remind them that God is their king.

Another important custom of Rosh Hashanah is the eating of sliced apples dipped in honey. Historically, apples were seen as having healing properties, with honey signifying a sweet new year ahead.

