## Holiday Candy Tree Centerpiece

I love Christmas! It's my second favorite holiday after Thanksgiving.

Today, I've got an easy and fun centerpiece project that takes only a couple of hours to complete and is sure to wow your holiday guests.



I think this would be perfect on a buffet table, sideboard or entry table. Ready to make your own?



Here's what you'll need to make your own:

- 1. May Arts Ribbon 3/8" & 1.5"
- 2. 1-2 large bags of peppermints (You may only need one bag but my container is quite large. I got my mints at a warehouse store.
- 3. Topiary form
- 4. Glue gun and glue sticks
- 5. Clear acrylic spray



Here's where the kids can help. Have them begin un-wrapping the candies while you hot glue them to the topiary form. Don't let them get too far ahead of you because you don't want the candy to get sticky.



Continue adding candy until the topiary is completely covered. Spray with clear acrylic spray. Do this outside or in a well-ventilated area. Be sure to tell the kids that these candies are NOT to be eaten.



Hot glue candies to cover the base. Spray again with the clear acrylic spray. I needed to raise the topiary as my tureen is deep. May Arts to rescue once again! I simply found an empty MA spool then glued the topiary to the spool with E6000 glue. You'll want strong glue so that your topiary doesn't tip over.



Now comes the fun part! Cut an assortment of May Arts ribbons into approximately 4" lengths. Tie a simple knot then use your hot glue gun to fill the open spaces with ribbon It isn't necessary to fill every space. Isn't that shine pretty?



I used May Arts <u>Red Solid Pom Pom Wired Ribbon</u> to tie an 8 loop bow. I used another small piece of the same ribbon to tie the bow to the base of the topiary then just spread out the loops.



Now place the topiary in your bowl or tureen and fill with candy. Make sure the kids know that the candies with the wrappers on are ok to eat.  $\odot$ 

That's it! All you have to do is sit back and wait for the compliments.

You can find a PDF printable download here.

Thanks for joining us on the May Arts blog!

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453 – 3/8" Reversible Dots
AKN – 3/8" Solid Checkered
KB – 3/8" Solid Checkered Gingham
WB – 3/8" Grosgrain Stripes
XA – Wired Pom Pom

## **Other Supplies**

Large bowl or soup tureen
Topiary Form – O My Crafts
1-2 large bags peppermint candies (warehouse store)
Glue gun/glue sticks
Clear acrylic spray
Optional – E6000 glue/empty May Arts ribbon spool