

German Schultüte (School Cone)

In Germany and some surrounding countries, children starting school for the first time receive a cone called a *Schultüte* filled with presents, treats, and school supplies. Parents make the cones at home or purchase ready-made cones to fill with small gifts to “sweeten” their child’s first day of school. This tradition dates back to the early 19th century and is an experience that is passed on from parent to child throughout the generations.



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What you'll need:

- Construction paper
- Tape
- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- String

Instructions:

- Use one large piece of paper or tape multiple sheets of construction paper together to make the base for your cone.
- Tie a string to your pencil. Using your pencil and string like a compass, hold one end of the string to the bottom left hand corner of your paper and draw a quarter of a circle from the top left corner, moving towards the bottom right of the paper.
- Cut out your quarter circle. This will give you the shape for your cone. (see Figure 1)
- Roll up the paper to create your cone. Secure with tape. (see Figure 2)
- Carefully tape or glue tissue paper sheets to the inside of your cone, leaving plenty of paper outside of the cone. (see Figure 3)
- Fill your cone with treats and presents.
- Wrap the tissue paper at the top of cone with a string and tie a knot.
- Enjoy your Schultüte!

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



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