

CREPE PAPER JAZZ DOLL

Do-it-yourself crepe paper party decorations, costumes and crafts were at the height of popularity in the 1920s. Dennison's was a popular brand name for crepe paper, and was easily available. They had a wide range of colours and patterns, and themed instruction books. A braided crepe paper Jazz Doll was a featured New Year's Eve party favor.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Several rolls of crepe paper streamers in different colours (this is a great way to use up left over crepe paper)
- Scissors
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Popsicle stick or disposable spoon
- Cut out of a face – magazines and catalogues are a good source or sticker



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a 20cm length of streamer. Gather the paper along one edge of the length into the center. It should look a bit like a flower or medallion. With two small pieces of tape, secure where the crepe paper gathers in the center, on each side of the medallion. Tape your doll's face onto the medallion and then tape the medallion onto the pop sickle stick or spoon.
2. To make the arms and hands cut three 30cm lengths of crepe. Fold each of the length in half, lengthwise. Tape the three strips together leaving about 4cm at the end. Braid the crepe together. Tape off the end in the same way as you did before. Even out the ends and "fringe them" by cutting them into thinner strips as pictured. Do the same thing for the legs but make the lengths of crepe about 60cm. This will become your doll's legs and feet.
3. Make the body of the doll by braiding three 15cm long strips of crepe. These do not need to be folded, as the body needs to be wider than the legs and arms. Fringe the ends of the secured crepe. Position the body under the face and tape in place. Do the same with the other end, around the end of the pop sickle stick or spoon. Tape the arms and legs in place.

Add more fringe or ruffles to jazz up your Jazz Doll.

Have a wonderful New Year's Eve.

