

## German: How to make a Schultüte

In Germany, a child's first day of school is a real milestone. Not only because they now belong to the group of "Big Ones" but alongside a new school bag, pencil case and books, they also receive the most exciting thing possible: a colourful, goodie filled, **Schultüte**. A schultüte is a German school cone or candy cone. They are also known as Zuckertüten or "Sugar Bags" as they were originally filled with sweets. Schultüten are often made as a children's craft project in class during their last term of nursery school, others are produced by parents. The Schultüte takes pride of place for years to come and even when youngsters reach secondary school they are hang from a hook and have tea lights inside them and become lanterns.

You don't have to be a handcraft expert to produce spectacular Schultüte, which literally translates as "School Bag. Here is a step by step guide on how to make one. Please send us some pictures of your Schultüten so we can see just how creative you are.

### **You will need:**

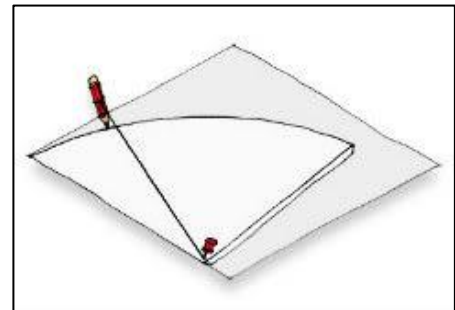
Card  
Double sided tape  
Sticky tape  
Glue  
Paper or fabric to cover the basic cone  
Trimming for a collar  
Length of ribbon to tie around collar  
Decorations, pictures etc for the finished Schultüte

### **Instructions:**

Cut a quarter circle out of a card - the size is up to you but the bigger the more impressive your cone will be.

It is easy to tie a pencil to a piece of string the same length as the height you want your cone, and use that as a compass.

Add heavy duty double sided tape to one side. Roll the quarter circle into a cone shape, peel off the tape's protective paper and press down firmly. To make the Schultüte even more stable add another layer of clear sticky tape to the cone covering both the inside and outside of the join.



This will serve as a base, so strengthen the pointed end with a few layers of sticky tape for about 5cm as this area is quite weak and will bend easily.

On the inside of the cone add two thin lines of glue. One about two inches down and one near the edge, then attach a collar of tissue paper, crepe paper, felt, netting or fine fabric, to fit the circumference of the cone but of any length you choose.

There should be about 7cm of "collar" inside the cone, with a 2.5cm overhang after the second layer of glue. Carefully stick down around both of the glue lines.

This "collar" will be tied with ribbon to keep the contents safe when filled, so a really long one looks great.

Repeat this process just on the top edge of the outside of the cone with whatever trimming you have chosen, but it should be 5cm shorter than the inside layer. Stick down.



Using the same technique as before cut a very slightly larger quarter circle, and using double sided tape attach to your basic cone form.

This will cover the reinforced pointed end as well as where the second layer of the collar has been added.

Push a little paper down into the point, about 3.5cm, making sure that it really won't bend.

Now it is time to add your decorative layer.

This can be pre-printed gift wrapping or metallic coloured foil paper, for example.

You can use a thin fabric, featuring your favourite motif as both the cover and collar or a basic coloured paper that can be decorated to suit the lucky recipient's individual tastes: sports, hobbies, wishes or fantasies. You can let your imagination run wild - anything that would make the "dream" Schultüte for that first day of school.

Just make sure whatever decorations you choose are securely attached so they won't fall off in all the excitement that is going to surround it.

The Schultüte is ready and now only needs filling with coloured crayons or other fun accessories for the important first day of school as well as a few "Süssigkeiten" -sweets biscuits.

Then it's ready to go on the first day of school 😊

