

# Shavuot Decorations: Flowers and Vines.

There is a legend that teaches that the Israelites found Mount Sinai blooming and lush with greenery and flowers. As a result, many people decorate their homes with garlands and baskets of flowers for Shavuot. Try your hand at making some Shavuot decorations, as well as other activities.

## Paper Plate Flowers

### What You'll Need

- A paper plate
- Colorful construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue (or a stapler)



### What You'll Do

- Trace a child's hand on colorful construction paper at least 10 times.
- Cut out the hand tracings.
- Glue or staple a circle of handprint tracings (fingers pointing outward) around the outside of the plate—the fingers are the flower's petals.
- Glue or staple a second circle of handprint tracings (fingers pointing outward) just inside the first circle.
- Glue or staple a third circle of handprint tracings at the center of the plate.

# Handprint Paper Flowers Bouquet

## What You'll Need

- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Green pipe cleaners (or straws)
- Tape or glue
- Stapler

## *What You'll Do*

- Trace a child's hand on construction paper.
- Cut the tracing out.
- Curl each of the fingers around a pencil.
- Using the palm of the handprint, form a cone (with the fingers curling outwards).
- Glue or tape the cone together.
- Staple the flower to a pipe cleaner or a drinking straw.
- Draw some leaves on green construction paper and cut them out.
- Staple or tape the leaves to the straw.
- Make a few of these flowers for a beautiful bouquet.



# Flower Garland or Wreath

## What You'll Need

- Thick paper, cardstock or thick construction paper
- Drinking straws (two straws for each garland)
- Yarn (about two feet of yarn for each garland)
- Scissors
- Optional: paint, markers, glitter



## What You'll Do

- Draw and cut out a lot of flower shapes from thick paper.
- Poke a tiny hole in the center of each flower.
- Decorate the flowers with paint, markers and/or glitter.
- Cut a drinking straw into approximately 1½" segments.
- Cut a piece of yarn about two feet long.
- Tie a thick knot at one end of the yarn.
- Thread the yarn through the hole in the center of the first flower and push it down to the knot.
- Thread the yarn through a segment of drinking straw and push it down to the flower.
- Continue threading—alternating flowers and straw segments.
- When the last flower has been threaded onto the yarn, tie the ends of the yarn together to make a necklace or leave it long, knotting both ends to make a garland.