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MATERIALS

- OH JOY for Target Paper fans
- Paper straws in gold stars, gold ring stripe, aqua ring stripe, aqua chevron, hot pink stars from layercakeshop.com. <http://www.layercakeshop.com/collections/party-paper-straws>
- 1/8" hole punch by Fiskars. <http://www.amazon.com/Fiskars-Inch-Circle-Punch-23517097J/dp/B0001DT3ZE>
- Chunky pink and chunky gold bakers twine from layercakeshop.com. <http://www.layercakeshop.com/collections/packaging-bakers-twine>
- Gold crystal bows from papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/crystal-bows/id=10826?SearchItemNumber=4489835>
- 15mm gold jingle bells from michaels.com. http://www.michaels.com/creatology-15mm-jingle-bells/M10044344.html?dwvar_M10044344_color=Gold#q=15+mm+jingle+bells&start=1
- Butterfly pull bow from Papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/metalllic-finish-butterfly-pull-bows/id=9470?SearchItemNumber=44389159>
- 1" Mini gold gift bows from Papermart.com. <http://www.papermart.com/mini-poly-bows/id=9590?SearchItemNumber=4411159>

- Scissors
- Glue dots, either pop-up or extra strength from createforless.com. <http://www.createforless.com/Glue-Dots-Roll-Pop-Up-1/2-in.-75-pc/pid49612.aspx>
- 6 or more small clips

BUILD

[The how to steps that follow are for the double gold fan himmeli with aqua straws as shown.]

1. Prepare materials: Assemble 2 gold paper fans. Tie the string tightly into a knot and then a small bow, or clip short. Cut 6 lengths of gold twine 50" each (or longer). Tie together at the top as shown. Using the hole punch, punch 6 holes evenly spaced around the perimeter of a fan, about 1/2" in from the edge. We found that they hang best when you punch all the holes on the same level, by punching at the top of a fan fold. Punch the second fan in exactly the same places. Set aside 12 straws full length, and cut 3 straws in half to make 6 short straws.
2. Tie a second knot as shown about 12-18" down from the first knot. Hang the strings up securely to begin building the himmeli. Thread a straw onto a strand, and push it up until it meets the knot. Attach a clip at the base of the straw so that it does not slip. Repeat with 5 other straws and clips to secure.
3. Thread each strand through the holes in the paper fan one at a time and secure each one with the clip below, as before, to prevent slipping.
4. Thread the shorter straws onto the twine, one at a time, and secure each with the clip below as before.
5. Thread each strand through the holes in the second paper fan, one at a time, and secure each with the clip below as before. Be sure to line up the fan in exactly the same position as the first, to help your himmeli hang evenly. For example if you threaded the twine through the holes in the first fan with the pleat pointing "up" then be sure to thread the second one the same way.
6. Thread the full length straws onto the twine, one at a time, and secure each with the clip below as before.
7. Grasp 2 of the pieces of twine that are opposite one another, remove the clips carefully, and while pushing the straws and fans up and maintaining level fans, tie the strings together as shown. You may need to adjust the straws and tighten the strings a bit, by pushing the straws and fans up more or less, and tying the strings more tightly.
8. Grasp 2 of the pieces of twine that are opposite one another, carefully remove the clips, and while pushing the straws and fans up, tie them together as you nestle them with the previous tied group. Check

that the fans are level, and then grasp the strings of the previous set with the new set and tie them all together.

9. Repeat step 8 again with the final 2 pieces of twine, adjusting carefully to keep things level.

10. Add 2 gold bows to the top of the strings with strong glue dots and repeat at the bottom. Add Jingle bells by threading a single bell with a 12" piece of twine, tie a knot, then pass both strings through the center hole in the fan. Tie a larger jingle bell or cluster of smaller bells to the twine, suspending them halfway between the fans.

STYLE NOTE

We made additional versions of these himmeli decorations by using the same techniques paired with different configurations. Experiment by trimming the straws to different heights, and layering different sizes of paper fans, and adding various extra decorations.

Happy Crafting!
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