

Japanese Cherry Blossoms

Cherry blossoms are commonly associated with Japanese culture and add another dimension to presenting multicultural programs.

Materials:

Small branches suitable for table decorations (gather after a wind storm)

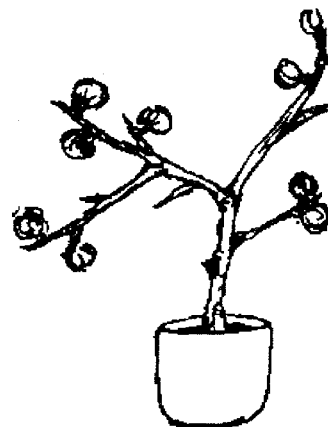
White crepe paper

Scissors

Pink crepe paper

Scrap cardboard

Container to hold branches



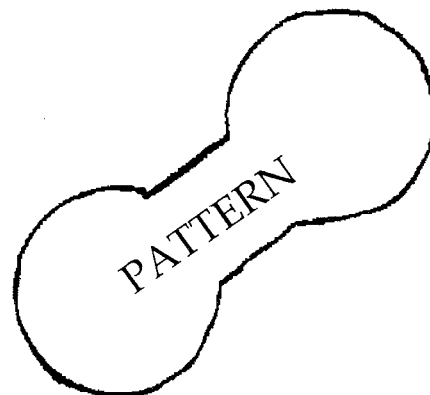
Method:

- Copy the pattern on cardboard.
- Draw the pattern on layers of crepe paper and cut out as many bone-shaped petals as you need. Each flower requires one pink and one white bone.
- To make the cherry blossoms, place one pink bone on top of one white one.
- Using them together as one, put the "neck" of the bone around a branch and bring all the circles together. Gently, but firmly, twist the crepe paper tightly to hold the blossoms onto the branch.
- Gently separate the circles and "cup" each of the four petals by stretching it over your two thumbs.
- Make some open flowers and some still in bud.
- Arrange in the container and enjoy!

Use:

Flower arrangements, mini-branch tray favours, greeting cards, name tags, wall decorations.

Program theme: Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, Cherry Blossom Song, Japanese Kami Ningyo (paper doll), Japanese Scroll.



Variation:



Younger girls could use pink popcorn for cherry blossoms.

