English Crackers
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What you need for this ZOOMdo:

- 2 toilet paper rolls (1 cut in half)
- 1 sheet of wrapping or tissue paper (13 inches by 13 inches)
- tape
- colored string
- tissue paper crown
- fortune cookie-sized paper with a joke on it
- small toys like a whistle, rubber ball, or stickers

What you do for this ZOOMdo:

1. These aren't crackers you eat, they're actually a party favor from England. People open up crackers around Christmas, and they're usually filled with a toy, a joke, and a paper hat. They've been a British tradition since the 1840s.
2. To make your own, start by choosing some tissue or wrapping paper that you like.
3. On one edge of the wrapping paper, tape a full-sized toilet paper tube and a tube cut in half. The full-sized roll should be in the middle, and the halves should be spaced about 1 1/2 to 2 inches on either side of it.

4. Roll the tubes up inside the wrapping paper and tape the edges down so the tubes are completely covered.
5. Gently twist the paper at one end of the tube. Tie a piece of string around where you've twisted the paper.
6. Now fill your cracker with a paper crown, a joke, and a little toy. Make the crown by cutting a strip of paper that's the length of the circumference of your head. Then tape the ends together to make a big "O." Write a joke on a small piece of paper.
7. Twist the open end of your cracker and tie it with another piece of string.
8. To play with your crackers, have everyone stand in a circle and cross arms. Each player grabs an end of the cracker next to them. On the count of three, pull! Whoever is holding the long part of a cracker when it breaks wins the prizes inside.