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THE OLYMPIC RINGS

Between the torch, fanfare and games themselves, the Olympics are filled with timeless traditions. Yet, there is no greater symbol for the event than the Olympic rings.

Featured on flags, fields of play and even the athletes themselves, the colorful, interlocked circles are a universal sign of the world's biggest sporting event. But how did they come to be? Here is a crash course on the origins, meaning and history of the Olympic rings:

Who created the Olympic rings?

Pierre de Coubertin, a French historian and founder of the International Olympic Committee, created the rings in 1913. The iconic design and flag were adopted in 1914, but they did not make their official Olympic debut until the 1920 Antwerp Games since the 1916 event scheduled to take place in Berlin, Germany, was canceled due to World War I.

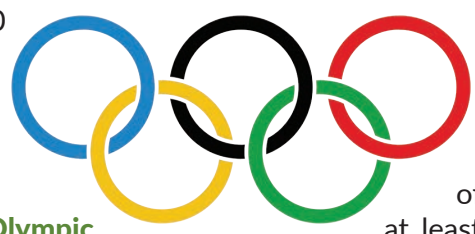
What is the Meaning Behind the Five Olympic Rings?

The Olympic rings, which stand as the symbol for the Olympics as a whole, represent the activity of the Olympic

Movement and the union of five continents and athletes from across the world at the global event. Those five continents are America (combining North and South), Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. In Coubertin's words, the five rings represented the five parts of the world "now won over to the cause of Olympism."

What are the Five Olympic ring colors?

Going from left to right, the five colors for the Olympic rings are blue, yellow, black, green and red.



Contrary to popular belief, the five colors of the Olympic rings do not directly correspond to given continents. Instead, the five colors (along with white, which is the background color of the Olympic flag) were chosen because at least one of those colors appeared on the national flag of each participating country at the time Coubertin came up with the design.

Have there ever been changes to the Olympic rings?

One tweak the design has undergone over time is the overlapping and connecting nature of the rings.

The rings were connected in Coubertin's initial design, but in 1986, the IOC Graphics Standards included a definition stating that an official version with spaces between rings be produced. The IOC Executive Board returned to Coubertin's original, interlaced design in 2010.

Source: <https://www.nbcbosangeles.com/paris-2024-summer-olympics/olympic-rings-history-origins-meaning/3418590/>



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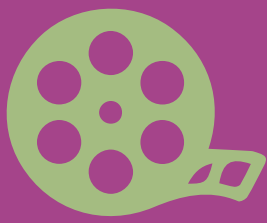
- 2nd International Beer Day
- 7th Purple Heart Day
- 9th World Indigenous Peoples Day
- 11th Summer Olympics End
- 13th International Left-Handers Day
- 15th Assumption of Mary
- 21st Senior Citizens Day
- 24th Ukraine Independence Day
- 26th Women's Equality Day



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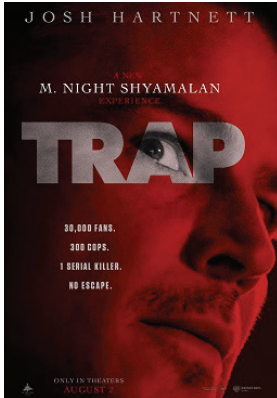
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Movie MADNESS

August 2024 Movie Theatre Releases



August 2nd ~ Trap

A father and teen daughter attend a pop concert, where they realize they're at the center of a dark and sinister event.



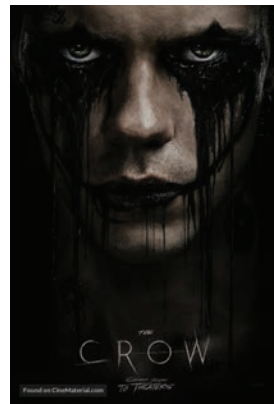
August 16th ~ Alien: Romulus

Set between the events of *Alien* (1979) and *Aliens* (1986), the story concerns a group of young space colonists who, while scavenging a derelict space station, come face to face with the most terrifying life form in space.



August 2nd ~ Kneecap

Rapping in their native Irish language, KNEECAP fast become the unlikely figureheads of a Civil Rights movement to save their mother tongue. But the trio must first overcome police, paramilitaries and politicians trying to silence their defiant sound, whilst their anarchic approach to life often makes them their own worst enemies.



August 23rd ~ The Crow

When soulmates Eric and Shelly are brutally murdered, Eric is given the chance to save his true love by sacrificing himself and sets out to seek revenge, traversing the worlds of the living and the dead to put the wrong things right.



August 13th ~ Surprise!

Ethan throws a surprise birthday party for his girlfriend Jane, with plans to propose before the night ends, but despite all his careful planning, things quickly go awry. Sibling rivalries cause conflict, exes show up uninvited, and Grandma even stops by to take back the family ring. Luckily, Ethan and Jane's friends are as compassionate as they are chaotic, and they help the couple to find their way to a happy ending.



August 30th ~ You Gotta Believe

Based on the inspiring true story. After dedicating the season to a teammate's ailing father, a group of underdogs from Fort Worth, Texas, takes its Cinderella run all the way to a record-breaking showdown in the Little League World Series.



Create a fun Olympics Snack Board!

Ingredients:

- 2 packages family-size M&Ms, divided: ½ cup blue M&Ms, ½ cup brown M&Ms, ½ cup red M&Ms, ½ cup yellow M&Ms, ½ cup green M&Ms
- 2 cups Garden Veggie Stars & Stripes
- 6 Chips Ahoy Golden Candy Chip Cookies
- 35 Rolos candies
- 25 Bugles
- ½ cup melted candy coating
- Red sugar sprinkles
- Yellow sugar sprinkles
- 9 Golden Oreos or Sour Patch Kids Oreos
- 3 Fruit by the Foot Berry Tie Die
- 10 pretzel sticks
- 40 Lifesaver Gummies

How to Make the Olympic Snack Board Treats

- To make the Golden Oreo medals, cut three Fruit by the Foot rolls into thirds. Loop each piece to where the ends overlap and then open a Golden Oreo and press both ends into the creme filling leaving the looped portion hanging out. Reassemble the cookie. Repeat this for each medal.
- To make the Lifesaver pretzel weights, place two Gummy Lifesavers on each end of a pretzel stick. Repeat for each weight.
- Separate the milk chocolate M&Ms by color. Fill each mini jar with blue, brown, red, yellow and green M&Ms to represent each color of the rings.



How to Build the Olympic Snack Board

Using a board of your choice place the M&M-filled mini jar “rings” in the middle of the board, in order of the Olympic Rings (blue, black, red, yellow, green). Then arrange all of the Olympic themed snacks around the “rings”.

Source: <https://thebakermama.com/recipes/olympics-snack-board/>

Helpful TIPS

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

It's that time of year again...time for parents to rejoice and kids to mourn summer's end!

With the school season starting soon, it's time to take a good look at how your children will get back and forth to school. Here are some handy tips that will help you keep your kids safe and secure throughout the school year. Whether your child walks to school, rides their bike or takes the bus, it's important to heed these safety precautions.

If Your Children Walk To School:

- Make sure they walk on the sidewalk facing traffic
- Always have them look in all directions before crossing a street
- Instruct them to never walk in front of a parked car
- If there is no sidewalk and your children must walk in the street, instruct them to always walk facing traffic
- Before the school season starts, parents should practice walking the route with their kids, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Instruct them not to text or talk on their phone while walking
- Never allow them to walk while using headphones

If Your Child Rides A Bicycle To School:

- Make sure they always wear a helmet that fits securely
- Teach your kids the rules of cycling including always riding on the right side of the road in a single file, as well as coming to a complete stop before crossing a street—walk the bike across
- Make sure they know to watch for opening automobile doors and other hazards
- Have them use hand signals when turning
- It's also a good idea if they wear bright-colored clothing

If Your Child Rides The Bus To School:

- Teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Make sure they always stand six feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
- Always have them buckle their seat belt, if available
- Instruct them to wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before standing to exit



Inform them not to cross in front of the bus or have them cross the street when they are 12 feet ahead of the bus and in clear view of the bus driver

~ Source: www.securityspecialists.com

How to Make Pool Noodle Boats!

You will need:

Pool Noodle(s)
Colored Foam Sheets
Paper Straws
Colored Washi Tape
Scissors

1. Using a serrated knife, have an adult cut the pool noodle into pieces that are about 3 inches thick.

2. Cut foam sheets into the shape of a sail.

3. Using scissors, make 1/2 inch slits in the top and bottom of the sail.

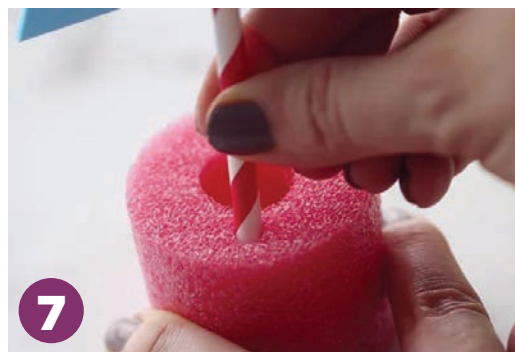
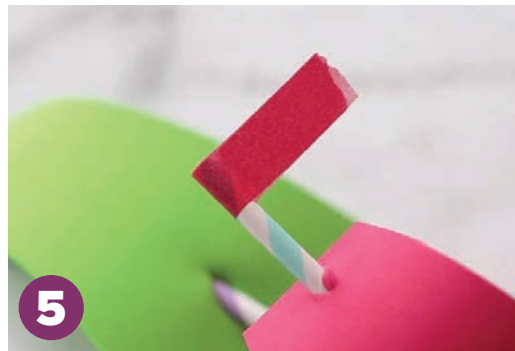
4. Thread a straw through the foam sheet.

5. Add washi tape to the top of the straw.

6. Cut a triangle piece out of the end of the washi tape.

7. Push the straw into the pool noodle. You may need to make a small hole in the noodle with scissors to help attach the straw.

8. Now your pool noodle boat is ready to float!



Source: <https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/pool-noodle-boats/>