

Yummy Ice Cream Cone



Wavne Thiebaud. *Four Ice Cream Cones*. 1964

Hot weather makes many of us reach for ice cream. FunTrivia.com says that there are over 1000 different ice cream flavors in existence, although there are really an infinite number of possibilities. Of course, there are the traditional vanilla, strawberry and chocolate, but how about avocado? Or coffee and donuts (that's a flavor)? Max & Mina's Home Made Ice Cream in Queens, New York even makes a pizza flavored ice cream! How much do you know about ice cream? You can take a fun quiz here: <https://www.mnn.com/food/healthy-eating/quiz/how-much-do-you-know-about-ice-cream>.

Eating ice cream from a cone allows us to carry it around conveniently—with no need to find a trash can afterwards—but also to enjoy a crunchy treat at the end. So, how about that cone? According to the International Dairy Foods Association, the ice cream cone was invented by Italo Marchiony in New York City in 1896. He was granted a patent in December 1903. At the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, Ernest A. Hamwi happened to be selling cooked-to-order, waffle-like pastries called *zalabis* in a booth next door to an ice cream stand. The ice cream was in such high demand that the vendor ran out of dishes. Thinking quickly, Hamwi devised a tasty solution to help out his neighbor. He rolled one of his waffle pastries into a cone shape and passed it over to the ice cream vendor, who now had an edible dish!

Artists have long enjoyed making pictures of delicious food. Hundreds of years ago, they painted ripe fruit, cheeses, oysters, fish and meat. These pictures were designed to show that their owners could afford fancy ingredients. Nowadays, we like to make pictures of food because it's bright and colorful and because we love to imagine ourselves eating luscious treats.

Read on for fun and easy directions to make an colorful ice cream cone.



Supplies:

Construction paper in various colors
Pencil
Colored pencils and/or markers
Scissors
Glue stick



Procedure:



You will be making your ice cream cone out of different pieces of construction paper. Begin with a beige or light brown piece of paper. Draw a “V” shape that is about 4” high. Close it up with a smile-shaped curve and cut it out. If you would like to add texture lines to the cone, use a brown pencil or fine-line marker to make a series of slightly curving diagonals that cross the cone from bottom to top. Repeat in the other direction to create a waffle weave. To make your cone even more realistic, draw a slightly darker irregular jagged diagonal line to show the edge of the cone as it overlaps itself. Cut out your cone shape.

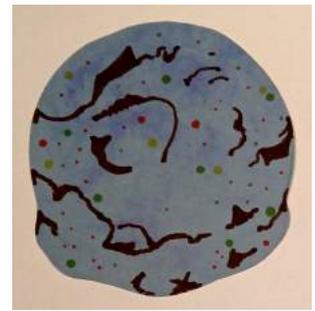


Place your cone onto a piece of colored construction paper. Don’t glue it down yet! Create the first scoop by drawing a big globe-shaped curve that goes from one side of the top of the cone to the other. Remove the cone and add a bumpy smile-shaped curve to look like the bottom edge of a scoop that is smushed into a cone. Cut it out. Add any special details to your scoop, such as chips or sprinkles.



Repeat this process by making one or two more scoops (or even more if you want to make a super-high ice cream cone!) You can use different colored papers or add color using markers.

Once you have all the scoops you want, experiment with arranging them on top of the cone. They can stack straight up or be a little wobbly—like they're about to fall over.



When you are happy with the arrangement, glue the cone down to a piece of background paper. Start by gluing down the cone itself an inch or so from the bottom. Glue scoops one on top of the next, making sure to overlap them slightly.

To complete the experience, imagine yourself tasting luscious ice cream, licking the edge of the cone to keep the ice cream from dripping, and having sticky fingers at the end.

