



Notas Culturales

- ❖ Dancing is more common at parties in the Spanish -Speaking world. Even at birthday parties it is not uncommon to have dancing.
- ❖ Salsa is a very popular dance even in the United States today! Salsa originated in Cuba in 1933 and is still very popular in the "caribe". The term is supposed to mean exciting, but for the dance, not the food! Today, the salsa boom spans the globe! Do you know you can go salsa dancing tonight in your city?
- ❖ Flamenco is a beautiful traditional dance from Spain that is 200 years old. However, when you say flamenco you can also be talking about the guitar or the type of music. The dance often contains the snapping of castanets. For many spainards, flamenco is a way of life. While out with friends, someone might break into flamenco dance when the guitar is being played.
- ❖ Merengue is the national dance of the Dominican Republic, but is popular in many Latin American countries. The story is that a great war- hero in the Dominican, who was crippled during war efforts, was invited to party. All of the other guests, out of sympathy limped and dragged one foot while dance. Merengue is said to be the easiest of all of the Latin Dances.
- ❖ Every September in Sapallanga, Peru, there is a dance festival. The dances originate from the Indian, Spanish and African cultures. The dancers are Garibaldis. Garibaldi was an Italian expatriate who helped Peru gain independence from Spain. Each garibaldi wears a dance cape and carries a bell. Make your own dance cape!



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Garibaldi Dance Capes



Note: The dances capes are small (3x3 ft.) They have collars and flare out towards the bottom. However, each one has it's own special shape. The capes are designed with pictures of Peru's history.

Materials

scrap paper	pencils	buttons and sequins
scissors	string/ribbon	colored markers
Paper bags or large	white glue	
pieces of paper	Construction paper	
(24 x 36 inches)		
stapler		

How to Make a Dance Cape:

- ✓ Sketch ideas for special events in your life to celebrate on scrap paper. You can draw pictures of things that really happened, or show imaginary events.
- ✓ Cut a large piece of paper or paper bag into a 24x36" shape (similar to a large bell.)
- ✓ Draw the important shapes from your sketch onto colored construction paper and cut them out.
- ✓ Arrange the shapes onto the large piece of or paper bag. Glue them in place. Let dry.
- ✓ Glue buttons and sequins to the cape designs. Let dry.
- ✓ Line the top part of the cape with a string or ribbon and staple it into place.
- ✓ To wear the cape, simply tie the top 2 corners of the ribbon around your neck.

Put on some fun music and parade around the room! Have the students wear these on the last class!

