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Christmas Decorations



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Hello, Readers!

Christmas is on its way, which means it's time to get ready! One of the best ways to catch the Christmas spirit is by decorating your home with festive Christmas decorations. Of course the best way to make your home cozy during the holidays is to use handmade decorations! In this eBook you'll find lots of ideas for Christmas decorations to make for your home, your yard, and your tree. We put this eBook together so that you could have a stylish way to DIY your Christmas décor this year, and every year.

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Ornaments

Festive Ice Skate Ornaments

By: The New Image Group

Make an easy Christmas craft using felt and paper clips. These festive ice skate ornaments are quick and easy gifts to make and will look great on your Christmas tree. Try this easy homemade Christmas craft with the kids.



Materials:

- Scissors
- Jumbo Paper Clip
- Craft Glue
- 36" of 1/8" Ribbon
- Safety Needle
- Small Single Hole Punch
- 1 - 9 x 12 Soft Felt Sheet
- Fiber Fill (optional)
- Sequins (optional)
- Glitter (optional)
- Pom Poms (optional)

Instructions:

1. Using the skate template, cut out the skate from your 9 x 12 Soft Felt Sheet.
2. Fold skate shape in half. Slide paper clip, open side into bottom of the skate, into the bottom fold.



3. Glue the side edges of the skate together. Do not glue all the way to the top. Leave about 3/4" open so you are able to fold down the top of your skate.
TIP: Make sure to avoid gluing the paper clip.



4. Place heavy object on the skate until dry.
5. Punch holes with a small single hole punch on right side of skate where you have glued.

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6. Cut 12" of the ribbon. Thread your safety needle and start lacing your skate from the bottom of the toe and up to the top of the skate.
7. Cut another 12" of ribbon and begin lacing your skate. Start at the toe using both ends of your ribbon (similar to lacing up your shoes).



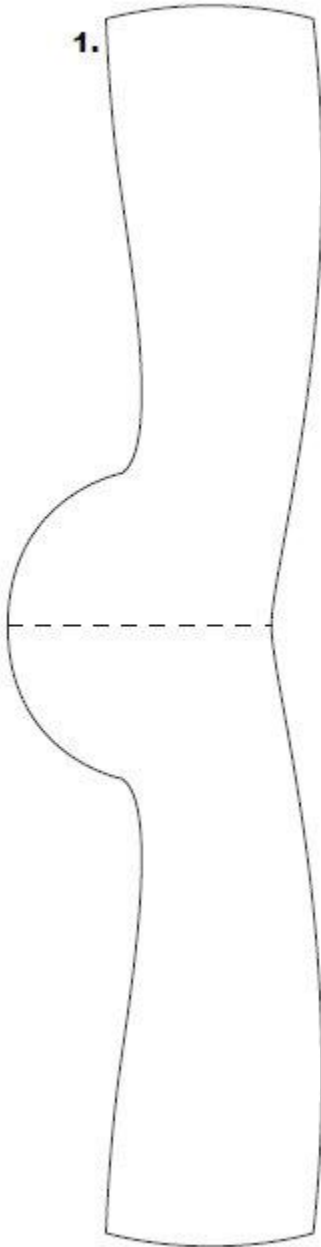
10. Push the remaining piece of ribbon through the hole for the hanger. Tie in a bow.

Optional Embellishments:

- You can use fiber fill to stuff your skate to add extra dimension to it.
- Also, embellish with glitter, sequins, or pom poms to personalize each different skate.

8. Double knot your ribbon at the top and tie into a bow. Use a small dot of glue to keep your bow in place.
9. Fold down the top portion of the skate. Punch a single hole in the top left corner. This will be through four layers of felt.

Skate Template:



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Quilted CD Ornaments

By: Helena for Helenismos

Here's another idea for using up old CDs! Make these quilted CD ornaments to hang on your tree with these Christmas craft patterns and no one will ever know you have CDs hanging from your branches.



Materials:

- 4 different types of fabric: 8 2" squares of Xmas print/color (first row); 16 2" squares of different Xmas print/color (second row); 16 2" squares of another different Xmas print/color (third row); 16 2" squares of yet another different print/color (fourth row).
- Old CD
- Tacky Glue
- Metallic Christmas trim
- String
- Pins

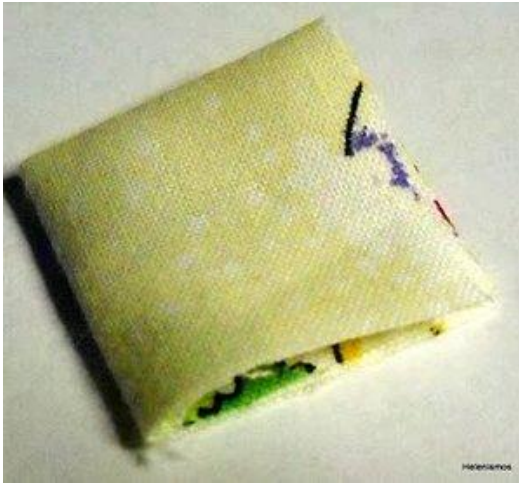
Instructions:

1. Get one 2" square from the first row of print/color right side down, and fold in half, pressing with your finger nail, like this:



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2. Then in half again, like this:



3. Open it up, and then fold one of the sides to the median crease, to create a triangle, like this:



4. And then do the same for the other side, like this:



5. You'll have one bigger triangle formed by two small triangles. Now it's time to apply some glue. Open up the folded triangle and apply a little bit of glue; like this:



6. Fold it back and press with your fingers.



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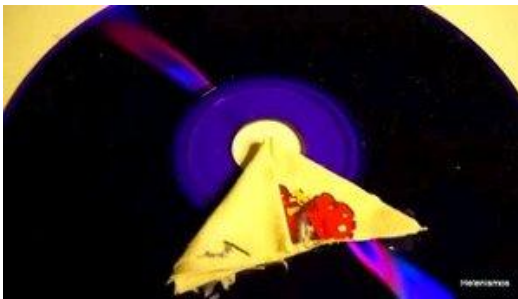
7. You are now ready to start the quilting on your Cd. Turn the already glued triangle face down and apply a bit of glue on the back, like this:



10. Now the first row is completed. You are now going to fold the eight 2" squares for the second row the exact same way, and repeat the same procedures, like this:



8. Glued it with the point facing the center of the Cd, like this:



11. Try to align the central fold of the triangles in every row.

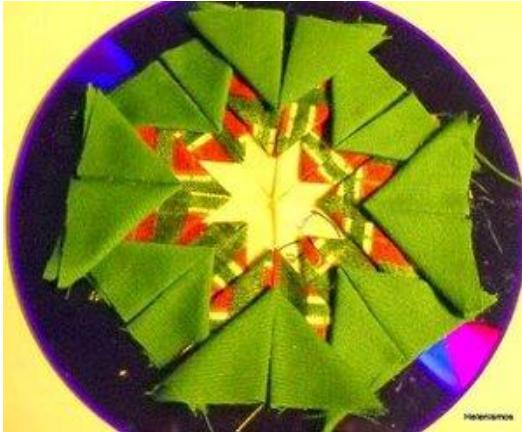


9. Repeat the procedure for the remaining 3 squares of the first print/color, like this:



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12. You can already see the first star showing. Repeat the same thing for the third



and for the fourth rows.



And now you see the four stars.

13. You have one side of the Cd almost finished. Turn it around, and repeat everything the same way for the other side.

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14. Your quilted Cd Xmas ornament is almost done, but not completely. Now is time to hide the messy parts and make it look really pretty! Start by trimming any bit of fabric that might be hanging out the Cd borders. Then apply some glue all around the edge.



15. Start by gluing the string and then the trim, covered by the trim, like this:



16. Secure with pins till is totally dried and secure.



17. Once it's dried, do the other side. Let it dry.



Reindeer Ornament

By: Cousin Corporation of America

Have Rudolph the red nosed reindeer hanging from your Christmas tree this year. This easy ornament is great for kids to help out with. Easy Christmas crafts are always fun for the whole family.



Instructions:

1. Cut the 12 inch tinsel stem into three pieces. One 8 inch piece and two 2 inch pieces. Set the two 2 inch pieces aside for now.
2. Slip 16 starflake beads onto the 8 inch tinsel stem and slide them to the center. (See photo)



Materials:

- 2 wiggle eyes (15mm oval used on sample)
- 16 large (18mm) brown starflake beads
- 1 small (10mm) red pom pom
- 1-12 inch piece of gold tinsel stem (or pipe cleaner)
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Craft glue

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3. Twist the ends of the tinsel stem together to form a circle. The extra tinsel stem will become the antlers. Twist the 2 pieces of tinsel stem (cut in Step 1) around the antlers. Shape them as shown. (See photo)



4. Glue a red pom pom to the bottom center of the circle to make the nose.
5. Glue 2 wiggle eyes close together at the top of the circle to finish the face.

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Paw Print Ornaments

By: Sew Doggy Style

Let your precious pooch in on easy Christmas crafts by making these paw print ornaments from Erika Lindquist to decorate your tree with. These make great gifts from Fido to his owner!



Materials:

- Sculpey clay
- Spoon or nail
- Embellishments of your choice
- Sculpey glaze
- Ribbon



Instructions:

1. First things first - make sure your pooch's paw is clean to avoid a dirty paw print! Roll a piece of Sculpey into a ball and then flatten it with your hand (Sculpey can be bought at any craft store).
2. Make sure you have enough to fit the whole paw plus additional room for decor and ribbon hole. The first thing you want to do is the actual paw print, trust me! Make sure you press down each area of the paw. If it doesn't work out the first time, roll it up into a ball and start over. If your dog is wiggly, this will be the hardest part.



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3. After you get a decent paw print you're happy with, it's time to decorate!! Start with the hole for the ribbon. You can do a circular hole with a nail of some sort or you can do a flat rectangular hole with a misc. object. The end of my spoon worked perfectly.



4. The decorations for the ornament are endless! You can use rhinestones, beads, carve your dog's name, make shapes out of sculpey, etc. I used a nail to carve the year "2010."



5. When you're all done decorating, bake the clay at 275 degrees in the oven. This piece took 6 minutes. Larger dogs will require bigger pieces of clay and will need to bake a little bit longer. Then glaze the ornament to give it that finished look and extra protection.



6. Let the glaze dry, string some ribbon through, and voila!! Time to hang that baby up on the tree for all to see.

Santa Frame Ornaments

By: Kindra Boroff for Plaid

These unique ornaments make for great gifts or to hang on your own tree. Santa Frame Ornaments highlight the original character of Christmas and are a creative and festive holiday craft.



Materials:

- Plaid Supplies:
 - 2774 - FolkArt® Extreme Glitter™ - Red, 5 oz.
 - 2781 - FolkArt® Extreme Glitter™ - Black, 5 oz.
 - 2782 - FolkArt® Extreme Glitter™ - Hologram, 5 oz.
 - 436 - FolkArt® Acrylic Colors - Engine Red, 2 oz.
 - 901 - FolkArt® Acrylic Colors - Wicker White, 2 oz.
 - 938 - FolkArt® Acrylic Colors - Licorice, 2 oz.
- Other Supplies:
 - 3x5 wood frame
 - 3x4 wood frame
 - Green argyle scrapbook paper
 - Green multi stripe scrapbook paper
 - 7/8" red and white polka dot satin ribbon
 - Hot glue and gun
 - Scissors
 - #1 script liner
 - #12 flat brush

Instructions:

HO HO HO! Ornament:

1. Basecoat frame black if not already finished in black. Apply a thin coat of black glitter to the frame. Allow to dry and repeat if necessary.
2. Cut a 3x4" piece of green argyle paper. Using any font desired, Georgia Font was used in the photo; trace the words "HO HO HO!" Paint with Engine Red.
3. Once the letters are dry, paint the red glitter over it. Apply additional coats if needed.
4. Put the frame back together and hot glue the ribbon on the back for a hanger. Cut a piece of striped paper to cover the back and glue over the ribbon and frame.

Down the Chimney Ornament:

1. Basecoat the frame black. Apply a thin coat of black glitter to the frame.
2. Cut a 3x5" piece of argyle scrapbook paper. Paint a 2x2 ½" rectangle on the paper in Engine Red as shown. When dry apply thin coats of red glitter.
3. Paint the snow on the top and the brick lines in Wicker White. Paint Santa's boots with Licorice as shown.
4. When dry apply black glitter to the boots and hologram to the snow and brick lines.
5. Reassemble the frame. Hot glue the red ribbon to the back of the frame for a hanger. Cut a piece of striped paper and glue to the back of the frame.

Scrappy Bird Ornament

By: Melony Bradley

Got leftover fabric and felt scraps? Make a Scrappy Bird Ornament from Melony Bradley! This sewing project is perfect for beginners. These ornaments look great on a tree and can be hung up in the spring, too!



Materials:

- Fabric and felt scraps
- Embellishments
- Sewing machine and thread
- Die cut machine
- Bird with Wings Bigz Die
- Disappearing ink fabric pen
- Aleene's Fabric Fusion
- Stamp
- Solvent or pigment ink
- Fairfield's polyfil fiber stuffing
- Ribbon

Instructions:

1. First, you will need to cut two birds using the Bird with Wings Bigz Die and the BigShot Machine. I used felt from National Nonwovens.



2. Draw one wing on the fabric you will be using. I used osnaburg since it has a nice raw look to it. Use a disappearing ink fabric pen to trace.



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- Use the die and smaller pieces of wool felt to die cut a small portion of the birds head. You will need the beak piece so be sure to get that onto the felt.



- Next, use solvent or pigment ink to stamp a holiday sentiment to the one side of the wing. Heat set this with an iron on a low-medium setting.



- Cut off the beak piece and glue it onto the whole bird die cut using Aleene's Fabric Fusion.



- Now it's time to sew the pieces together. Start at the bottom of piece and sew with a straight stitch and a contrasting thread. You will sew 3/4 of the shape, leaving a small slit open for stuffing. Sew in a free form fashion. The point of these birds is the really scrappy look. Sew about 1/4 or more from the edge. Your fabric will begin to slightly unravel, adding to the scrappy look of the ornament.

- You will need a "back" and a "front" piece so make sure you do not glue them to the wrong sides of the bird shape.



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8. Lightly stuff your pieces using a small amount of fiberfill stuffing. I like Fairfield's polyfil fiber stuffing because it's soft.



9. Just a couple of more steps to completing your scrap savvy bird. Once you have your stuffing in place, use the sewing machine to sew the opening closed. Cut a 6" piece of ribbon and glue it to the bird with Aleene's Fabric Fusion. Double over the glue the ends to the front of the bird ornament.



10. To finish, use the fabric glue to glue the stuffed wing to the bird over the ribbon ends to hide them. Glue on assorted embellishments such as old earrings, buttons, etc. Glue a 6/0 pebble bead to the bird for the eye.



Vintage Upcycled Ornaments

By: Andrea Currie

Go green with Vintage Upcycled Ornaments from Andrea Currie! This simple homemade Christmas ornament is perfect for the holidays!



Materials:

- Soda Can
- 2 bottle caps
- Glitter
- Alcohol ink or acrylic paint
- White glue
- Hot glue/gun
- Festive embellishments
- Scissors
- Ball point pen
- Pinhole punch or small nail/hammer
- Cord or ornament hanger

Instructions:

1. Flatten out soda can and cut two 3 inch circles from soda can.
2. Warm glue them together
3. With a ballpoint pen press design lines into your circles. Flip over and outline the top with design lines too.
4. Use alcohol ink or acrylic paint to decorate the circles.
5. Glitter the insides of the bottle caps by adding white glue and topping with glitter.
6. Add embellishments on top of dried glitter with warm glue.
7. Pin hole punch or nail a hole through soda can circles.
8. Sandwich the soda can circles in-between glittered bottle caps with warm glue.
9. Add cord or ornament hanger.

Outdoor Décor

A Silver Bells Welcome

By: Annabelle Keller for Krylon

Greet your guests and dress up your front door with this lovely wreath that you'll cherish for holidays to come.



Materials:

- Krylon Short Cuts® Aerosol Paints - Chrome (#SCS032)
- Krylon Glitter Spray - Shimmering Silver (#402)
- (1) 24" artificial pine wreath
- (5) 4" craft foam bells
- (17) 1" craft foam balls
- 1" x 12" x 18" sheet of craft foam
- (2 yds) braided 3/8" wide silver trim
- (3-1/3 yds) 2 1/4" wide silver ribbon for bow
- (5 yds) 3/16" wide wire edge silver ribbon for bells
- Silver hologram glitter
- (2) 18" lengths of cloth covered floral wire
- 1 green chenille stem
- 5 round toothpicks
- 17 bamboo skewers
- Scissors
- Yard stick
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- White craft glue
- 3/4" wide flat brush
- Waxed paper

Instructions:

1. To create bell clappers, glue toothpicks into bottoms of bells off center leaving 1/2" protruding. Glue a ball onto each toothpick, twisting to fit securely against bottom of bell.
2. To serve as handles, place skewers into the top of each bell and into remaining balls.
3. Spray all pieces with Chrome. Stand in sheet to dry.
4. Spray balls with Glitter Spray. Stand in sheet to dry. When dry, remove all skewers.
5. Cut to fit with a 1/4" overlap and glue 3/8" trim around the bottom rim of each bell.
6. Use flat brush to coat bell clappers with white craft glue.
7. Over waxed paper, sprinkle clappers with Silver Hologram Glitter. Let Dry.
8. To make bell bows from 3/16" ribbon, cut (5) 27" lengths for bows and (5) 9" lengths for tails. Cut (5) 3 1/2" lengths of cloth covered floral wire.
9. Make a six-loop bow with each 27" length. Using floral wires tie bows to center of tails. Curl tails.
10. Glue bows to tops of bells over holes made by skewers.

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11. To complete bow and hanger, cut a 24" piece for tails.
12. Make 8-loop bow with center knot with remainder.
13. Using floral wire, wire tails to bow and bow to wreath at 12 o'clock position.
14. Tie chenille stem to wire wreath frame behind bow for hanger.
15. Arrange bells and balls on wreath. Glue in place. Mist entire wreath with Glitter Spray.

Faux Christmas Icicles

By: Teres Whitney

If you want to decorate the inside of your house with icicles--or maybe the weather is too warm for outdoor icicles--you'll have to use these Christmas craft ideas from Teres Whitney to make faux Christmas icicles!



Instructions:

1. Cut a long triangle the length you want your icicle with a top width to go around your ring. Sew or glue one side of the triangle to form a closed triangular tube.
2. Insert ring in the outside of the tube and bring cloth around top then slip stitch in place.
3. With about a 3 inch piece of wire; loop around opposite sides to form a loop to hang with.
4. Use a drapery clip or some other type of clip to weight the bottom while you are adding drip of glue.
5. Starting at the top glue the lapped fabric in place and then bring strips of glue from the top all the way down to the bottom all the way around. This form the first base. Let cool.
6. With the first layer has cooled, take the "weight" off the bottom and add more glue. Continue to add and cool until you have a thick enough layer that the icicle does not bend, this will take 4 to 5 layers.
7. Hang.

Materials:

- Glue gun and Hot glue
- Ring, I use 1, 1 1/2 and 2 inch PVC pipe cut in 1/2 wide slices
- Very thin fabric like lace or netting.
- Wire for hanger

Christmas Knitting Wreath

By: Annabelle Keller for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

If you are a knitting fan, create this jolly Christmas knitting wreath with the colors of red and green. You only need a small amount of yarn to cover what are actually inexpensive foam balls.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Balls, 12 each: 2"; 1-1/2"; 1-1/4"; fifteen 1"
 - Wreath, 12" x 1-1/4" x 3/4"
- Spray paint, metallic gold
- Sport-weight yarn, 1-3/4 oz. balls, two each: hunter green; cranberry red; cream
- Knitting needles, one pair each: cable; #10, 9-3/4" long
- Gold-tone stitch holder
- Railroad board, 8-ply, 22" x 28" sheet
- Cloth-covered floral wire, 18" length
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Instructions:

1. Trace foam wreath twice onto railroad board. Cut out shapes and glue to front and back of foam wreath. To make hanger, fold floral wire in half and wrap around wreath ring to form loop; twist ends to secure.
2. Completely cover wreath by wrapping uneven bands of yarn around board-covered foam. Secure yarn at beginning and end with thick glue; let dry. Note: If available, loosely clamp wreath in place to hold while wrapping; protect wreath with towel to prevent damage.
3. To knit wreath "bow," cast on 20 sts. K16 rows red, K6 rows cream, K2 rows green, K6 rows cream, K40 rows red, K6 rows cream, K2 rows green, K6 rows cream, K16 rows red. Bind off. Spray paint all knitting needles gold; let dry.
4. Gluing yarn at beginning and end with thick glue, wrap three foam balls of each size, except 1" balls, with a different color yarn. Wrap each group of five 1" balls with a different color.
5. Refer to photo and use glue gun to adhere yarn balls to wreath. "Pin" bow to yarn balls on left side using crossed #10 needles at 10 o'clock position. Cross cable needles through a yarn ball on opposite side. Pin stitch holder to a third yarn ball.

Christmas Candle Yard Decoration

By: Teres Whitney

Christmas house crafts really help make your holidays festive. When you display this Christmas candle yard decoration from Teres Whitney, you'll light up your whole neighborhood!



Materials:

- Fabric of your choice for the body.
- Fabric for the top and drips –usually white.
- Fabric for the flame – orange or yellow
- Wire for bottom and top #8 or #10
- Lighted Stand

Notes:

Your decoration can be thin and tall or fat and short. I made some of mine fat and short and some thin and tall.

The diameter of the top circle and height determine how the decoration will look. The pattern can be changed easily by changing the diameter of the top and the length of the body. Most of the time you will make them in pairs.

Instructions:

MAKING THE DECORATION

1. Draw a circle with a 13 ½ inch diameter which makes a 43 inch circumference. Cut one.
2. Find an object that has those dimensions for that circle or use the string and pencil method for drawing this circle. Take a piece of string tie it to a pencil and measure ½ the diameter (6 ¾ inches of string). Mark the string at 6 ¾ inches. Place a dot on your paper. Placing your finger tightly down on the dot at the end of the string and holding the pencil vertically, draw around to form a circle.
3. Draw a rectangle 43 inches wide and 22 inches long (height of candle) and add a seam allowance (1/2) to both 43 inch sides and 1 inch seam allowance to both 22 inch sides. Cut one.

TO MAKE THE CANDLE DRIPS

1. Make the length of the drips ¼ of the height of the candle in this example 8” and the width of the drips are the width of the candle in this case 44 inches.
2. Most of the time I make my candles in pairs so I cut out two drips at a time by using the following method. Drips 6 “ long with one inch seam and one inch margin at top makes 8 inches.

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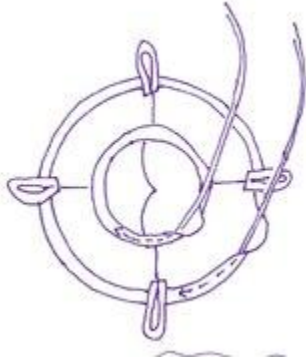
3. Draw a rectangle the width of the drips (44 inches long) and then double the length 16 inches wide. Draw a line one inch in from each 44 inch side and a line dividing the middle. Cut one. On the fabric mark the middle and one inch lines. Starting at one side of the fabric draw an extremely undulating line curving upward toward the one inch margin and downward toward the other 1 inch margin. Cut on the curvy line. You now have two drips.
4. Pin one set of the drips along the 44 inch side of the candle body fabric. Securely zig zag the drips on the body of the candle. Turn and cut the body of the fabric 1/8 inch away from the zig zagged edge and zig zag that edge down. This will make your drips illuminate.
5. With wrong sides together sew the side seams of the body and zig zag the edges together.
2. In the center of the top circle draw a 2 ½ inch diameter circle and add ¼ inch seam allowance. Cut out. Mark this circle in four equal parts.
3. With wrong sides together match the equal parts on the flame with the equal parts of the inner circle, straight stitch and then zig zag together.
4. Divide the outer circle in four equal parts. Divide the body of the candle in four equal parts.
5. With wrong side together, pin the top of the candle to the body, straight sew the 1 inch seam, zig zag the edges of the seams leaving 3 inches open for the wire.
6. Turn bottom up ½ inch the turn up 1 inch. Sew in place leaving 3 inches open of wire.

MAKING A FLAME FOR THE CANDLE

1. The flame is positioned in the center of the circle top. My flame is 2 ½ diameter. Draw a triangle 6 inch tall and a 3 inch bottom. Round the tip of the triangle, add ¼ seam allowance. Cut two out of fabric. With wrong side together straight stitch around the length of the flame, then zig zag. Mark the bottom circle of the flame in four equal parts.

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ADD WIRE



1. Put wire into one side of the pocket in the top of the decoration. Move it through the pocket until it pops out the other side. Overlap the wire about 2 inches. Tape the entire 2 inch section the duct tape making sure to cover the ends of the wire securely with the tape. I use a white tape color.
2. Insert a wire in the bottom pocket same as above.

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Wreath Made With Plastic Bags

By: Michelle Moons

Go Green with this great recycled Christmas craft. You can make this wreath using what you already have around the house - plastic bags! Follow these simple instructions to make the Wreath Made With Plastic Bags.



Materials:

- Wire 12 gauge strength
- Plastic bags (about 20)
- Hot glue gun
- Miniature ornaments
- Silver beading or cording

Instructions:

1. Bend wire into a circle about 12" circle.
2. Place bags in front of you.
3. Cut 2" strips of plastic to tie around the wire form.
4. Put all the strips around the wire until the wreath is full.
5. Place miniature ornaments around the wreath with hot glue.
6. Make a bow with silver beading and drape the rest of the cording around the wreath.

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Christmas Tree Advent Calendar

By: Beth Ann Cecchetti for Baby Lock

Make colorful felt circles that serve as pockets for treats with this easy DIY Christmas craft from Baby Lock! The Christmas tree advent calendar is a yummy, crafty way to countdown to Christmas.



Materials:

- Baby Lock Sewing and Embroidery Machine
- 1 1/8 yard red felt
- 1 ¼ yard olive green felt
- ½ yard forest green felt
- ¼ yard bright pink felt
- ¼ yard brown felt
- ¼ yard golden yellow felt
- 1 ½ yards gold ribbon
- Embroidery thread--bright pink, red, kiwi green
- Gold metallic thread
- Monofilament thread
- Baby Lock Rinse-Away Tear Away stabilizer
- Pinking shears
- Fusible webbing
- 7/16 inch café rod
- Amazing Designs “Ho! Ho! Holidays” (ADP-37P)
- Thread

Instructions:

1. All of the circle frames and numbers are first embroidered on the olive green and bright pink felt. Use Baby Lock Rinse-Away Tear Away stabilizer to embroider the designs.
2. Hoop the olive green felt in the embroidery frame. Select the satin stitch triangle circle frame pattern, resize the pattern (6.3 x 6.3 cm), and embroider the circle with bright pink thread. Do not remove the hoop from the embroidery unit. Note: after each circle pattern is selected (straight stitched circle, blanket stitched circle, and satin triangle circle), save the pattern in the memory of the machine.
3. Place a small square of bright pink felt over the circle pattern embroidered in step 2. Be sure that the pink felt completely covers the stitching. Select the straight stitch circle frame pattern, resize the pattern (5.2 x 5.2 cm) and embroider the pattern on the pink felt with pink thread.
4. Remove the embroidery frame from the embroidery unit, and trim the pink felt around the outside of the stitches.

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5. Reattach the embroidery frame to the embroidery unit, and select the blanket stitch circle frame pattern. Resize the pattern (5.2 x 5.2 cm) and embroider the pattern with kiwi green thread on the pink felt to create an appliqué.
6. Keep the hoop attached to the unit. Select an alphabet/number pattern with a height no taller than 2.9 cm. Select the correct sequence of numbers and embroider into the center of the frame pattern with kiwi green thread. Be sure to “center” the selected number before stitching it onto the stitched frame.
7. Remove the felt from the hoop with pinking shears and trim around the outside edge of the circle, leave ¼” of the olive green felt showing.
8. Repeat steps 2-7 for the remaining 24 days, recalling the frame patterns from memory.
9. Hoop the forest green felt into the large embroidery frame. Select the wreath design circle frame pattern, resize the pattern (8.1 x 8.1 cm) and save in the memory.
10. Move the pattern to the upper left corner of the embroidery frame. Adjust the pattern placement after each wreath is stitched. Six wreathes will fit within one hooping of the large embroidery frame. Stitch the first step of the wreath with kiwi green thread and the berries with red thread.



11. Remove wreaths from the embroidery hoop. Re-hoop and continue stitching the remaining 19 wreaths in groups of 6 per hoop.
12. Apply fusible webbing to the back of all wreaths.
13. Cut out all 25 wreaths with pinking shears, again allowing 1/4th inch of felt to remain along the outer edge of each wreath.
14. Pin an olive green/pink number appliqué to the center of each forest green felt wreath. Stitch the appliqué in place from 2 o'clock position to the 10 o'clock position of the appliqué with monofilament thread. This will form the small pockets for the treats and surprises!
15. Fuse the pockets to the red felt in rows according to the photo.

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16. Hoop the forest green felt, select the star appliqué pattern and enlarge (9.5 x 9.0cm), stitch the straight stitch outline of the star. Place the golden yellow felt on the star outline. Be sure the golden yellow felt completely covers the outline.
17. Embroider the star pattern on the golden yellow felt. Remove the embroidery frame from the embroidery unit, and trim around the outside of the stitches.
18. Select the satin stitch step of the star appliqué; stitch with gold metallic thread. Do not remove from hoop.
19. Resize the star pattern (7.9 x 7.5 cm) and stitch the straight stitch step only in the center of the original star using the gold thread. Remove from the hoop.
20. Apply fusible webbing to the back of the forest green felt. Cut out the star with pinking shears allowing ¼" to remain around all sides.
21. Fuse the star to the top of the tree.
22. Hoop the brown felt. Select a rectangle frame pattern and enlarge (approximately 10.3 x 17cm). Stitch with kiwi green thread. Do not remove hoop from unit.
23. Embroider Amazing Designs -- "Season's Greetings" in the center of the frame with bright pink thread. Remove from hoop.
24. Apply fusible webbing to the back of the brown felt, cut out a pot shape from the felt around the embroidered frame. Fuse the brown pot to olive green felt.
25. Apply fusible webbing to the olive green felt. Trim around all edges of the pot with pinking shears. Fuse in place at the base of the Christmas tree.
26. Trim the red banner felt with pinking shear to measure (24" wide x 35" length), adding a gentle scallop at the bottom. Select a decorative stitch and stitch around the outer edge of the banner with kiwi thread.
27. With monofilament thread, stitch the red banner to a piece of olive green felt. Leave an opening one inch from the top to insert the café rod. Trim the olive green felt with pinking shears, leaving approximately ¼".
28. Tie the golden ribbon to the ends of the café rod.
29. Fill the pockets with treats!

Crochet 3 Wise Men

By: Jane Benton Butler for Kreinik

Crochet a traditional Christmas theme with the three wise men. Complete a nativity scene with the 3 wise men crochet figures or display on their own.



Materials:

For all:

- one spools of Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid in each color: 012 Purple, 021 Copper, 021C Copper Cord, 021HL Copper Hi Lustre, 026 Amethyst, 051HL Sapphire Hi Lustre, 093 Star Mauve, 1223 Passion Plum,
- three spools of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in each color: 850 Mallard, 622 Wedgewood
- one spool each of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in each color: 221 Antique Gold, 014 Sky Blue, 013 Beige
- small amount of cotton or fiberfill
- crochet hook size B
- sewing thread and needle
- 6-inch chenille stick
- assorted charms or beads (optional)

For Wise Man With Striped Coat:

- one 10m reel of Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid in each color: 012 Purple, 021 Copper,
- 026 Amethyst, 051HL Sapphire Hi Lustre, 093 Star Mauve, 1223 Passion Plum
- small amount of cotton or fiberfill
- crochet hook size B
- sewing thread and needle
- 6-inch chenille stick
- assorted charms or beads (optional)

For Wise Man with Green Coat:

- three 10m spools of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in color 850 Mallard
- one 10m spool of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in color 221 Antique Gold
- one 10m spool of Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid in color 021 Copper
- small amount of cotton or fiberfill
- crochet hooks size B & C
- sewing thread and needle
- 6-inch chenille stick
- assorted charms or beads (optional)

For Wise Man with Blue Coat:

- three 10m spools of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in color 622 Wedgewood Blue
- one 10m spool of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in color 014 Sky Blue
- one 10m spool of Kreinik Medium (#16) Braid in color 013 Beige
- one 10m spool of Kreinik Tapestry (#12) Braid in color 021HL Copper Hi Lustre
- small amount of cotton or fiberfill
- crochet hooks size B & C
- sewing thread and needle
- 6-inch chenille stick
- assorted charms or beads (optional)

Finished size: 4 1/4 inches tall

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Instructions:

For Wise Man With Striped Coat

Head

Using color 021 ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: 3ch, 9dc in ring, (10dc) join.

Rnd 2: 3ch, *2dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * around (15dc), join.

Rnd 3-4: Ch3, dc in each dc around, join.

Stuff head with cotton.

Rnd 5: Ch1, (skip 1 sc, sc in next sc) 7 times; join.

Rnd 6-7: Ch2, 2hdc in each st; join. Fasten off.

Robe

Rnd 8: Fasten on color 051, working in opposite direction from previous row, ch 1, *sc in next st, 2sc in next st; repeat from * around; join. (Do not cut threads between rows.)

Rnd 9: Fasten on color 1223, ch 1, *sc in next st, ch1, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join.

Rnd 10: Fasten on color 012, 3ch, 1 dc in next ch sp (counts as dc2tog), *1ch, dc2tog inserting hook into same sp as previous st for first leg and into next sp for 2nd leg; repeat from * around; join.

Rnd 11: Fasten on color 026, ch1, sc in first st, *sc in next sp, ch1, sk next cluster; rep from * around; join.

Rnd 12: Fasten on color 093, (ch1, dc in each ch sp) around; join.

Repeat pattern of stripes for 2 3/4 inches, ending with color 093.

Last row: Using color 051, Ch2, *hdc in first sp, 2hdc in next sp, repeat from * around. Fasten off.

Sleeve (make 2)

Using color 012, ch8, sl st to make a circle.

Rnd 1: Ch3, *sc in first ch, dc in next; repeat

around; join.

Alternating colors 026, 093, and 1223, repeat stitch pattern of Rnd 1 for 1 3/4 inches.

Last Row: Using 051, hdc in each st, fasten off.

Assemble

Fold back 1/2-inch of each end of chenille stick, pass through robe at shoulders and cover with sleeves. Sew sleeves to robe; sew headpiece to head. If desired, make necklace from thread and a bead or use a charm as a 'gift.'

For Wise Man with Green Coat:

Head

Using color 021 and B hook, ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch3, 9dc in ring, (10dc) join in top of first ch3.

Rnd 2: Ch3, *2dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * around (15dc), join.

Rnd 3: Ch2, pull up loop in next dc, yo and pull thru two loops on hook, yo and pull through all loops on hook; join. Stuff head with cotton.

Rnd 4-5: Ch2, 2hdc in each st; join. Cut thread.

Robe

Using color 850 and C hook, ch 17, turn.

Row 1: Sk 2 ch, *hdc in next ch, 2hdc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 for 3 inches, increasing 1 st on ea row; fasten off.

Attach color 221, ch 1, sc around edge of robe, placing 3 sts in each corner; fasten off.

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Insert

Using color 850, ch 5.

Row 1: Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, 2hdc in each ch across; turn.

Row 2: Ch2, hdc in each st across, increasing 1 st every other row for 2 1/2-inches; fasten off.

Sleeves (make 2)

Ch8; join to form ring.

Rnd 1: 8 hdc in ring, join.

Rnd 2: Ch2, hdc in ea st; join.

Repeat Row 2 for 1 1/2-inches; fasten off.

Band: Join color 221; ch1, sc in ea st; fasten off.

Hand (make 2)

Using color 021, ch4, join to form ring.

Rnd 1-3: Ch2, 4hdc in ring, join. Fasten off.

Crown

With color 221, ch15, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in first st, dc in next, 3tr in next, dc in next, sc in each remaining st to end; join, fasten off.

Headpiece

Using color 850, ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, dc in next, tr in next, dc in next, sc in next 2 sts, turn.

Row 2: Ch1, sc in next 2sts, dc in nest, tr in next, dc in next, sc in next 2 sts, turn.

Row 3-6: Ch3, dc in each st, turn. Fasten off.

Assemble

Sew insert under robe and sew robe to neck edge. Fold back 1/2-inch of each end of chenille stick, pass through robe at shoulders and cover with sleeves. Sew sleeves to robe; sew headpiece to head, and sew crown to headpiece. If desired, make necklace from thread and a bead or use charm as a 'gift.'

For Wise Man with Blue Coat:

Head

Using color 021 and B hook, ch 4, join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch3, 9dc in ring, (10dc) join in top of first ch3.

Rnd 2: Ch3, *2dc in next st, dc in next st; repeat from * around (15dc), join.

Rnd 3: Ch3, dc in each st; join.

Rnd 4: Ch2, *pull up loop in next dc, yo and pull thru two loops on hook, yo and pull through all loops on hook; repeat from * around; join. Stuff head with cotton.

Rnd 5-6: Ch2, 2hdc in each st; join. Cut thread.

Robe

Using color 622 and C hook, ch 17, turn.

Rnd 1: Sk 2 ch, *hdc in next ch, 2hdc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn.

Rnd 2: Ch2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 for 3 inches, increasing 1 st on each row; fasten off.

Attach color 014, ch1, sc around robe, placing 3 sts in each corner; fasten off.

Sleeves (make 2)

Using color 622, ch8; join to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch2, 7 hdc in ring, join.

Rnd 2: Ch2, hdc in ea st; join.

Repeat Row 2 for 1 1/2 inches; fasten off.

Band: Join color 014; ch 1, sc in ea st; fasten off.

Crown

With color 013, ch 15, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in first ch, dc in next, 3tr in next, dc in next, sc in each remaining st to end; join, fasten off.

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Headpiece

Using color 622, ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, dc in next, tr in next, dc in next, sc in next 2 sts, turn.

Row 2: Ch1, sc in next 2sts, dc in next, tr in next, dc in next, sc in next 2 sts, turn.

Row 3-6: Ch3, dc in each st, turn. Fasten off.

Assemble

Fold back 1/2-inch of each end of chenille stick, pass through robe at shoulders and cover with sleeves. Sew sleeves to robe; sew headpiece to head, and sew crown to headpiece. If desired, make necklace from thread and a bead or use charm as a gift.

Crochet Snowman Family

By: Bernat

This little snowman family is the perfect addition to your home this holiday season. These cute crochet amigurumi style figures are easy and fun to make!



Materials:

- Bernat® Handicrafter Cotton
- (50 g/1.75 oz; 73 m/80 yds) or (400 g/14 oz; 650 m/710 yds) (White)
- Large Snowman: (38 g/1.35 oz; 60 m/65 yds)
- Small Snowman: (15 g/0.5 oz; 23 m/25 yds)
- Crochet Hook: size 3.75 mm (U.S. F or 5) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge.
- 2 black buttons for eyes.
- 1 orange button for nose.
- Stuffing.
- 2 yds [1.8 m] of black worsted weight yarn for embroidery.
- Red, orange and green felt for scarves.

Sizes

Large Snowman: 6½ ins [16.5 cm] tall.

Small Snowman: 4 ins [10 cm] tall.

Gauge

15 sc and 16 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

Instructions:

Large Snowman (make 2)

**Ch 2.

1st rnd: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc.

2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join. 12 sc.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join. 18 sc.

4th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next 2 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. Join. 24 sc.**

Cont in this manner, inc 6 sc evenly around next 2 rnds. Place marker at end of last rnd. 36 sc.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join. Rep last rnd until work from marked rnd measures 5 ins [12.5 cm].

Next rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Yoh and draw up a loop in each of next 2 sts. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook – sc2tog made. Rep from * around. Join. 30 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 3 sc. Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join. 24 sts.

***Stuff snowman.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next 2 sc. Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join. 18 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next sc. Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join. 12 sts.

Next rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join. 6 sts. Fasten off, leaving long end.

Stuff rem of snowman. Draw yarn through rem 6 sts. Pull tightly and fasten securely.***

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Small Snowman (make 1)

Work from ** to ** as for Large Snowman, placing marker at end of last rnd. 24 sc.

Next rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join.

Rep last rnd until work from marked rnd measures 3 ins [7.5 cm].

Work from *** to *** as for Large Snowman.

FINISHING

Thread length of yarn through rnd 3 ins [7.5 cm] up from marked rnd. Pull yarn to shape neck. Sew buttons for eyes and nose. With black yarn, embroider arms and mouth using stem st as shown in photo. Cut felt into strips $\frac{3}{4}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch [2 x 32 cm] for Large Snowman, $\frac{3}{4}$ x 9 inch [2 x 23 cm] for Small Snowman. Cut fringe at either end. Secure into place around neck.

Green and Red Topiary Spires

By: Cheryl Ball for Creative Home Arts Club

Get in the Christmas spirit by making green and red topiary spires. All you need are some vases and glazes along with some glitter to make them really shine.



Materials:

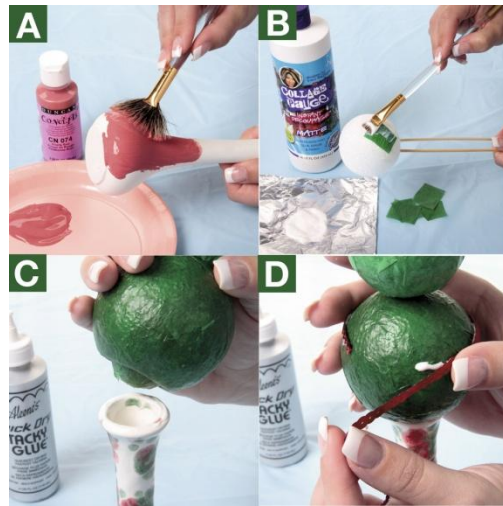
- Underglaze*: Concepts CN 074 Really Red (for bisque & majolica)
- Bisque*: 21674 Three Assorted Bud Vases
- Paintbrushes: No.6 Fan Glaze, No.6 Round
- Glazes*: Crystals CR 916 Holly Berries
- 3 yds. red sequin trim
- Craft foam balls: (three each) 1 1/2", 2", 2 1/2"
- Tissue paper: lime green, dark lime green, medium lime green
- Decoupage medium*
- Fast-drying tacky glue*
- Foil, golf tees, jar, pushpin, ruler, scissors, skewers, sponge, straight pins, toothpicks, wire cutter

Instructions:

1. Preparation. Wipe ware with damp sponge to remove dust.
2. Apply glazes. Squeeze a puddle of Really Red onto foil. Use No. 6 Fan Glaze brush to apply three even flowing coats of Really Red to lower half of vase (Photo A). Stir jar of Holly Berries, using brush handle. Use same brush to apply two coats of Holly Berries to upper half of vase and slightly inside rim. Stir glaze again. Pour onto foil. Scoop crystals from glaze. Use No. 6 Round brush to dab crystals on top of vase, applying a thick coat of glaze and crystals. Fire. Stilt and fire to cone 6.
3. Make spire structure. Use scissors to cut 1" from tip of golf tee, rounding tip slightly. Apply a dot of tacky glue to flat end of tee. Press tee onto small foam ball. In same way, glue tees to two small and one medium foam ball. To hold tees in place, use straight pins pushed into adjacent balls. Remove pins when dry.
4. Decoupage. Cut 1" wide strips from dark lime green tissue paper. Cut strips into 1" squares. Insert a skewer into large foam ball. Insert another skewer into opposite side of ball to use as a handle while working.

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- Squeeze a puddle of decoupage medium onto foil. Brush a thin, even coat over entire foam ball. Press brush onto a square of tissue. Press tissue onto ball (Photo B). Brush another thin coat of medium over tissue. In same way, apply a layer of tissue onto entire ball. Apply two more layers of tissue for even color. Set in jar to dry. In same way, cover medium balls with several layers of medium lime green tissue and small balls with several layers of lime green tissue, using smaller pieces of tissue around base of and up to tip of tee.
- Assemble balls. Squeeze a small puddle of tacky glue onto foil. Carefully remove all skewers. To fasten balls together, insert ends of toothpicks dipped into glue. Insert toothpick into skewer holes or use a pushpin to make new holes, if needed.
- Finish. Place topiary onto desired vase. Press slightly, rolling around rim to create an indentation in ball. Run a line of tacky glue along rim of vase. Press topiary into wet glue (Photo C). Apply a thin line of tacky glue around center of large ball. Press sequin trim into wet glue, trimming ends to meet (Photo D). Repeat for all stripes wanted. Glue small rounds of sequin trim where desired. Glue sequins around base of tee.



Seasonal Crochet Linked Garland

By: Donna's Crochet Designs

This seasonal crochet linked garland is a bit old fashioned and brings a vintage touch to your Christmas tree. This free easy crochet pattern is a timeless addition to your collection of easy to make Christmas decorations.



Materials:

- 4 ply yarn (examples used Ocean, Burgundy & Paddy Green)
- H hook or hook to obtain gauge.

Size:

Each strip: 3/4" X 5"

Gauge:

2 sc sts = 1/2", 4 rows sc = 1-1/4"

Instructions:

Strip:

ROW 1: With 4 ply yarn and H hook ch-4, sc 2nd ch from hook, sc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (3 sts)

ROW 2-22: Sc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

End row 22 sl st short ends of strip tog to form a chain for the garland.

Each additional ch is worked row 1-22, then inserted into the previous made chain and short ends sl st tog.

OLD FASHIONED CHAIN GARLAND USING FUN FUR:

- You need Lion Brand Fun Fur (my example uses red & white) and E hook or hook to obtain gauge.

Size:

Ea stripe: 1" X 6"

Gauge:

5 hdc sts = 1", 4 rows hdc = 1"

Strip:

ROW 1: With Fun Fur and E hook ch-7, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (5 sts)

ROW 2-24: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

End row 24 sl st short ends of strip tog to form a chain for the garland.

Each additional ch is worked row 1-24, then inserted into the previous made chain and short ends sl st tog.

Scrapbook Paper Christmas Tree

By: Kim Moreno for Glitz Design

Use a heart punch to create a gorgeous paper Christmas tree perfect for the table.



Instructions:

1. Begin by punching the hearts (you will need almost a full sheet, depending on how full you want your tree)
2. Start at the bottom of the tree and work your way up in rounds. Pin the hearts upside down along the first row, then overlap and fill in the gaps for the 2nd row and continue until the tree is filled.
3. Pull apart the frosting strips and add around the tree as desired.
4. Add star frosting to yellow cardstock and cut out. Tie 2 red ribbon knots and trim the edges. Attach the ribbons to try using the straight pins. Then attach the star using a zot.

Materials:

- Glitz Kringle Ornaments Patterned Paper (any paper would do)
- Glitz Red Frosting Strip (round)
- Glitz Yellow Frosting Strip (round)
- Glitz Star Frosting Design
- Styrofoam tree
- Straight Pins
- Martha Stewart Lace Heart punch
- Yellow Cardstock
- Red Ribbon



In this eBook, you can enjoy a collection of handmade Christmas decorations to deck the halls with this Christmas. You'll discover homemade ornament ideas, instructions for how to decorate the outside of your home, and even some Christmas crochet patterns. Nothing gets you in the mood for Christmas like trimming the tree, decking the halls, and decorating the yard for Christmas, so check out this eBook to find out how to DIY the look this season.

Included in this eBook:

- Festive Ice Skate Ornaments
- Faux Christmas Icicles
- Christmas Tree Advent Calendar
- Crochet 3 Wise Men
- Scrapbook Paper Christmas Tree

