

Kids Christmas Crafts



We have lots of Christmas crafts to choose from, all of which are hand picked to be both fun and kid-friendly. So whether you are a teacher looking for something new to do in your classroom, a home schooling mom looking for Christmas inspiration, or a parent looking to spend some quality time with your children over the holidays. We have you covered.

These Christmas Crafts for kids require little or no money! You can usually put them together using items that you already have lying around your house or classroom.

Happy Holidays and crafting!

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Ping Pong Puddings Decorations



Materials:

- Ping Pong Balls
- Fine knitting needle
- Paint
- Varnish
- Modeling clay
- Oven
- Glue
- Thread
- Holly leaves
- Red bead berries

Instructions:

- Spear each ping pong ball onto a fine knitting needle and paint it brown.
- After two or three coats, for a dark rich color, finish off with clear varnish to give the "puddings" a lovely shine.
- Now take some modeling clay, the sort you can bake in the oven, and roll it into a ball, the same size as the ping pong balls.
- Over this, mould a thick circle of white clay, to look like custard sauce.
- Bake this in the oven, and then remove it from the clay ball straight away, and pop it onto a pudding, so that it fits as it cools down and hardens.
- Don't forget to poke a hole in the top at this point.
- When the clay is cold, glue it to the pudding.
- Now take a double thread, knot the end and thread it through the pudding from the bottom upwards.
- Trim off the ends, then finish each pudding by gluing on foil holly leaves and red bead berries.

Mini Trees



Materials:

- Cardboard
- Felt
- Thread
- Needle
- Filling / stuffing
- Bow
- Sequins
- Tinsel
- Gold and silver thread
- Star

Instructions:

- Another fun tree decoration that will last from year to year.
- Make a tree-shaped and a pot shaped pattern out of cardboard.
- Now cut the shapes out in two different colors of felt, cutting two each of tree and pot.
- Place the two tree shapes together, and work buttonhole stitch around the edges, leaving the trunk end open.
- Stuff the tree lightly with a little filling.
- Now buttonhole stitch around the pot, leaving the top open.
- Slip the trunk into the pot, and then lightly stuff the pot.
- Sew the tree and pot together at the sides.
- Sew a little bow to the top of the pot, and decorate the tree with sequins and tinsel.
- Fix some gold or silver thread under the star on the top of the tree, so you can hang it up.

Santa Faces



Materials:

- Felt
- Cardboard
- Glue
- Thread
- Sequins

Instructions:

- These jolly Santa faces will add Christmas cheer to the tree. Cut out all the pieces in felt, using the template on page 33.
- Glue the main face piece to a piece of cardboard. When it is dry, cut around it.
- All you have to do now is glue on all the other pieces.
- The nose and cheeks are affixed before the moustache, which goes on top.
- Place a loop of thread under the circle on the top of the hat, to hang up the face. Glue on two dark sequins to represent the eyes.

Snowflake



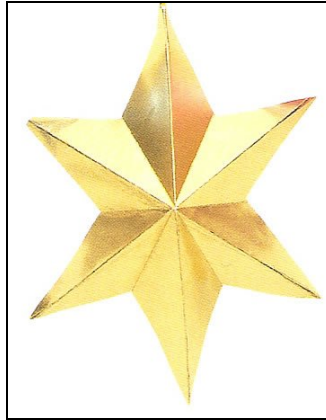
Materials:

- Foil or in plain white paper
- Black Felt pen
- Pair of scissors
- Glue
- Sequins

Instructions:

- You can always have snow at Christmas, even when the sun is shining outside.
- Make this snowflake in foil or in plain white paper and hang it over a window-pane.
- First take a square of paper, fold it into quarters, then in half diagonally, then lastly back on itself as shown.
- Make a pattern of the chosen design, then mark it on the folded paper with a black felt pen.
- Shade the areas that are to be cut away, then cut them out.
- Open out the snowflake.
- If you use a very flimsy foil, glue the snowflake onto a piece of paper, and cut out around it.
- This will make it easier to hang.
- Finally, decorate the snowflake with sequins in bright jewel colors.
- The more patience you have, the more sequins you will use and the better it will look!

Twinkle Twinkle Star



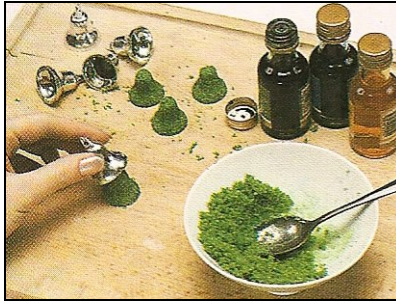
Materials:

- Ruler
- Protractor
- Pair of Scissors
- Pen
- Foil paper
- Hole punch or skewer
- Thread

Instructions:

- This simple star can be hung on the wall or from the ceiling.
- First make the pattern for the star.
- Using a ruler and protractor, draw an equilateral triangle (each angle is 60°).
- Cut out the triangle and use it as a pattern to make another one.
- Then glue one triangle over the other to form the star.
- Use this pattern to cut 1 star from foil paper.
- Fold the star in half three times between opposite points.
- Next fold it in half three times between opposite angles.
- Every angle and point should now have a fold in it.
- The star will now easily bend into its sculptured shape.
- Make a small hole in its top point with a hole punch or a skewer, then put some thread through the hole to hang it up.

Sugar Bells



Materials:

- Bells from last year's tree/ suitable moulds
- Ordinary granulated sugar
- Food coloring
- Tissue paper
- Glue

Instructions:

- These ornaments are easy to make, all you need are some bells from last year's tree. If you haven't got any, look for in the cake decorating section of a store.
- Take some ordinary granulated sugar, put a few spoonfuls in a dish, and moisten it with food coloring.
- When the coloring is thoroughly mixed in, push the sugar into a bell mould, pressing it in firmly to fill the entire cavity.
- Now simply tap the sugar bell out of the mould. Leave the bells to dry out overnight.
- To hang them on the tree, cut out a little tissue paper flower, thread a loop through it and glue it to the top of the bell. (these ornaments are not edible, and should be placed out of reach of small children.)

Tinsel Bells



Materials:

- Garden Wire
- Tinsel
- Couple of baubles
- Pair of pliers

Instructions:

- Bend the wire into the shape of the bell.
- Now just wind tinsel around the wire until it is completely covered. A couple of layers will be sufficient.
- Finish it off with a bauble, tied on to represent the clapper, and some bright red ribbon to tie the bells together.

Graceful Bells



Materials:

- Tissue Paper
- Colored Aluminum foil
- Thin cardboard
- Construction paper
- Pair of scissors
- Needle
- Thread

Instructions:

- Cut between six and twelve bell shapes (depending on the thickness of the paper you use).
- Fold each shape in half and then open it out again.
- Lay the cut-outs carefully on top of each other with all the creases in the center.
- Now take a needle and thread, and starting at the top, make three long stitches down the middle.
- Bring the needle up and over the bottom to secure the shapes in place.
- Next make a long stitch between each long stitch.
- At the top, knot the two ends together.
- Ease the bell open, piece by piece, until it forms a rounded shape.
- You could easily do exactly the same thing with other shapes such as heart, ball or tree.

Stocking Fillers



Materials:

- Felt
- Fur
- Cotton
- Needle
- Pair of scissors
- Sequins, bows
- Ribbon

Instructions:

- Make a pattern for a Christmas stocking and cut it out double in one piece by placing the pattern on the fold of a double layer of felt.
- Cut a strip of fake fur to fit the stocking, about 5cm (2in) deep.
- Catch the fur to the felt, top and bottom, by hand, with small stitches.
- Now overcast the two sides of the stocking together, starting at the ankle and working around the foot and up the front.
- Turn the stocking right side out.
- Turn the fur down about 2.5cm (1in) to the right side, catching it down around the edge. Decorate the stocking with sequins, bows etc., and sew a loop of ribbon just inside the edge to hang it from the tree.

Fairy on a Tree



Materials:

- Double sided tape
- Ping pong ball
- Skewer
- Toothpick
- Wool
- Silver sequin waste paper
- Fine tipped silver pen
- Star
- Saucer
- Pen
- Foil paper
- Tape
- Pipe Cleaners
- Doily

Instructions:

- This traditional English Christmas tree-top decoration makes a charming addition to the festivities.
- Using a saucer, cut a circle out of silver foil paper.
- Cut the circle in half and fold one half into a cone, taping it in place.
- Take a pink pipe cleaner and tape it to the back of the cone; then bend it into arms and hands.
- On top of this fix a triangle of doily to represent wings, using double-sided tape.
- For the head, take an ordinary ping pong ball and skewer it onto a wooden toothpick (or cocktail stick). Push the stick into the cone.
- The hair is made from grey crewel or Persian wool, stuck on with double-sided tape, and the crown is a small piece of silver sequin waste.
- Draw the facial features with a fine-tipped silver pen.
- For the wand, spray a toothpick with silver paint and stick a small silver star on one end.

Hands and Feet Reindeer Craft

An easy to make reindeer craft for classrooms, a Christmas party, or with your children at home.



Materials:

- Large plastic eyes
- Large red pom-poms (glitter pom-poms are a fun addition!)
- Brown construction paper, craft foam or cardstock paper
- Lighter brown or tan paper for the ears (optional)
- Construction paper in any color; optional if you would like to glue the reindeer onto another piece of paper.

Instructions:

- First, with one shade of brown, cut the antlers and reindeer, using your child's handprint and shoeprint as a pattern.
- Then, cut the ears with the other brown. We used a lighter shade of brown to add yet another layer to the ears but that's not necessary.
- Glue the antlers together at a slight angle. Then add the ears and glue the head on last. Glue the eyes and nose the head and add a smile with a marker.
- It's that simple!

Christmas Star



Materials:

- Cardboard
- Colored Foil
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Pair of scissors
- Sticky tape
- Green garden wire
- Glitter
- Glue

Instructions:

- A shiny foil star makes a striking decoration for the top of the Christmas tree.
- Using the instructions on page 23, cut out a pattern in cardboard.
- Now cut two squares of cardboard, slightly larger than the star template, and cover each side with a different colored foil.
- Next cut out two stars, one from each foil-covered square.
- Take a ruler and pencil, and placing the ruler between two opposite points, mark a line on each star from one point to the center.
- Cut along these lines and then simply slot the two stars together.
- Use sticky tape to hold the points together and attach a piece of green garden wire to one set of points.
- You can then use the wire to attach the star to the tree.
- Finish the star by dabbing some glue onto the points and sprinkling glitter over them for an extra-sparkly effect.

Christmas Tree Treats



Materials:

- 250g (8oz, 2 cups) plain (all-purpose) flour
- 125g (4oz, 2 tablespoons) butter
- 150g (5oz, 5/8 cup) caster (fine granulated) sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- Skewer
- Roller
- Baking Sheet
- Icing
- Water
- Waxed thread / ribbon

Instructions:

- Cream butter and sugar until fluffy, add egg yolks and flour, and mix them into a firm dough.
- Roll the pasty out until it is about 1cm (1/2 in) thick, and cut out the chosen shapes.
- Skewer a hole in each, so that you can push a thread through later. (This may close up during baking - in which case you will have to pierce another hole in them when they are cold - but very carefully, as the biscuits have a habit of breaking!)
- Put them onto a greased baking sheet, and bake them at 180°C (350°F), or gas mark 4, for 15 minutes.
- When the cookies are cool, make up some fairly stiff icing using icing (confectioner's) sugar and water, and ice them. Thread them onto some waxed thread - or ribbon if the hole is big enough - and hang them on the tree straight away; they won't stay there very long!

Candy Cracker Garland



Materials:

- Shiny paper
- Toilet paper rolls / cardboard tubes
- White sticky-backed plastic
- Double-sided tape
- Elastic (rubber) bands
- Curling ribbon
- Hard candies
- Tinsel

Instructions:

- The paper used for these crackers is similar in texture to curling gift wrap ribbon and has a lovely shiny satin finish.
- Cover empty toilet paper rolls or cardboard tubes with white sticky-backed plastic, which prevents the color from showing through.
- Now cut pieces of shiny paper, twice as long as the tubes, and wide enough to go easily around them.
- Wrap the tube in the paper and fix in place with double-sided tape.
- Don't twist the ends; scrunch them in with elastic (rubber) bands, which you can then cover with strips of curling ribbon.
- Decorate the cracker with boiled sweets (hard candies), stuck on with double-sided tape.
- Staple the crackers onto a strip of tinsel and trim the garland with sweets and baubles.

Yuletide Garland



Materials:

- Foil-covered cardboard
- Pair of scissors
- Hole punch
- Twine
- Tinsel
- Star

Instructions:

- Here is a lovely sparkly garland to hang at Christmas time.
- Cut Christmas tree and bell shapes from foil-covered cardboard, marking the shapes out first on the wrong side.
- Be careful when cutting as foil cardboard tends to crinkle at the edges.
- Make a tiny hole in the top of each, using a hole punch, or the tip of a skewer.
- Using red twine, tie each shape to a long strand of tinsel, leaving even spaces between them.
- At the top of each bell, fix a bow of gold-covered wire; on the trees, a little star.

Sweet Rosette



Materials:

- Silver cardboard
- Pair of scissors
- Stapler
- Ribbon
- Sweets
- Sticky Tape
- Curtain ring

Instructions:

- Cut a circle of silver cardboard, 10cm (4in) across.
- Take a piece of ribbon 80cm (32in) long, fold it in half and staple it to the centre of the circle.
- Trim the ribbon ends into points.
- Staple the sweets in a circle around the cardboard, then stick a ribbon star in the centre.
- Using sticky tape, attach a curtain ring to the back of the circle for hanging up the rosette.

Hanging Boxes



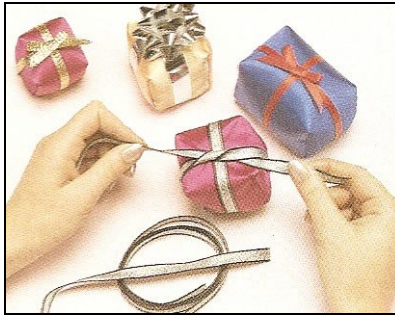
Materials:

- Cardboard
- Pen
- Ruler
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Wrapping paper
- Bow

Instructions:

- These little boxes make charming tree decorations.
- If you haven't got any suitable ones that you can wrap for the tree, you can easily make your own from cardboard.
- For a cube, you need to mark out a Latin cross shape.
- The lower arm of the cross shape be twice as long as the top and side arms.
- Also add a 1.5cm (1/2 inch) border to all arms except the top one for gluing the cube together.
- Fold along the lines, then bring the cube together, gluing all the sides in place.
- Now simply wrap the box in attractive paper, and tie it with ribbons and bows to look like a parcel. Pop it on or under the tree.

Satin Presents



Materials:

- Cardboard
- Material
- Pair of scissors
- Iron on interfacing
- Needle
- Thread
- Ribbon
- Pins
- Polyester filling
- Bows

Instructions:

- These pretty ornaments can be made any size.
- For a cube shape the pattern is a Latin cross (as shown), the long piece being twice the length of the others; all the other sides must be of equal length.
- Cut this shape out in satin, then cut a piece of iron-on interfacing, 1cm (1/2inch) smaller all round.
- Iron on the interfacing.
- Also iron in creases to form the sides of the cube.
- Placing right sides together, sew all the seams, using a small running stitch, cutting into the corners and using the interfacing edge as a seam line.
- Leave one edge open so that you can turn the cube right side out.
- Stuff with polyester filling, then slipstitch the opening edges together.
- Decorate the cube with ribbon and bows, and then set it on a branch of your Christmas tree.
- For a rectangular box, simply widen the long section of the cross.

Little Crackers



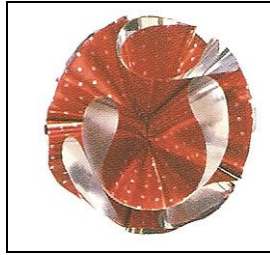
Materials:

- Cartridge (drawing) paper or light cardboard
- Sticky tape
- Crepe paper or foil
- Double-sided tape
- Pair of Scissors
- Ribbon
- Stars

Instructions:

- These miniature crackers can be hung on the Christmas tree or on the wall.
- First take a piece of cartridge (drawing) paper or light cardboard about 5cm (3in) wide and long enough to roll into a tube.
- Hold it together with a little sticky tape.
- Cut a piece of crepe paper or foil twice as long as the tube, and roll the tube in it.
- Stick the edges together with double-sided tape.
- Squeeze the paper together at both ends, and tie some thread around them.
- Fluff out the ends and make small cuts in them to make a fringe.
- To decorate the cracker, cut some extra, narrow pieces of crepe paper or foil, fringe them at the edges and wrap them around the tube as before. Alternatively, tie a bow round the cracker or stick a silver star in the middle.
- Tie a length of ribbon or sparkly twine to the ends by which to hang the cracker.

Fancy Foil Decoration



Materials:

- Foil wrapping paper
- Pair of scissors
- Cardboard
- Stapler
- String

Instructions:

- Make these shiny decorations from foil wrapping paper.
- Cut out eight circles in each of the following diameters: 9cm (3 1/2in), 7.5cm (3in) and 6cm (2 1/4in).
- Then from cardboard cut out four circles 2cm (3/4 in) in diameter and two of 1.5cm (1/2in) for the centers.
- Fold the largest foil circles into quarters and staple four of them onto a large cardboard circle.
- In the same way, staple the other four foil circles to another cardboard circle.
- Glue the two cardboard circles together with a string between them.
- Leave a long piece hanging below for the other two balls. Fluff out the edges of foil to make a good shape.
- Now make the other two balls in the same way, using the smaller cardboard circles for the tiniest.
- Fix the balls to the string as you go.

Decorated Bauble



Materials:

- Lightweight cardboard
- Pencil
- Paint
- Thread/ ribbon

Instructions:

- First cut some circles, with a little loop on the top, from some lightweight cardboard.
- Now mark out a pattern on each in pencil.
- Simple zigzags and curved lines are effective, but not too complicated to fill in.
- Paint each bauble with several different colors, waiting for each to dry before painting the next.
- If you have some gold or silver paint, make good use of this, as it is very effective.
- Use black to make definite lines between colors.
- When the baubles are dry, attach some thread, ribbon or, as shown, some tinsel wire, so that you can hang them up .

Ring a Ding Ding Bells



Materials:

- Colored foil
- Beads
- A little string
- Saucer
- Tinsel wire
- Glue
- Thread
- Glitter
- Pen

Instructions:

- First take a saucer and mark around it onto the back of some colored foil.
- Cut out the circle, then fold it in half, and cut along the fold line.
- Fold each half of the circle into a cone and glue it in place.
- For the clapper, string a bead onto a length of thread - preferably waxed - and tie a knot over the bead.
- Lay the thread against the bell so that the clapper is at the right level, then tie a knot level with the hole in the top.
- This prevents the string from being pulled through the hole when threaded.
- Pull the string through the hole from the inside and thread on a smaller bead at the top; knot in place.
- Finish each bell by dabbing a little glue around the bottom edge and sprinkling on some glitter.
- When you have made three bells, string them together, and attach them to a ring so that they can be hung on the tree.
- Wind a little tinsel wire around the string, and tie a couple of bows for that final touch of glamour

Hanging Lanterns



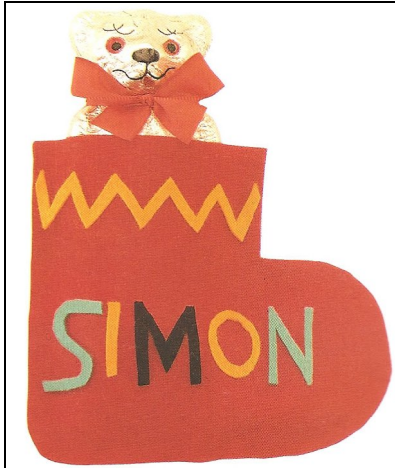
Materials:

- Foil-covered paper
- Ruler
- Pair of scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- These miniature lanterns make attractive Christmas tree ornaments.
- First take a piece of foil-covered paper 11cm (5 1/2 in) square.
- Fold it in half, and rule a line 1.5cm (3/4in) from the loose edges.
- Now rule lines 1cm (1/2 in) apart, from the fold up to this first line.
- Cut along these lines and open out the sheet of paper.
- Hold the paper with the cuts running vertically, and glue the two sides together.
- When this is firm, set the lantern on the table and gently push the top down to make the sides poke outwards.
- Finally, cut a strip of matching paper 13cm (5in) long and 1cm (1/2 in) wide.
- Dab some glue on each end, and glue the strip onto the inside of the lantern, at the top, for a handle.

Teddy Place Marker



Materials:

- Bright-colored felt
- Chocolate teddy
- Fabric glue

Instructions:

- For a children's party at Christmas this ingenious place marker is sure to be a winner.
- First, cut two boot shapes from bright-colored felt, making sure that they are large enough to enclose a chocolate teddy or other favor.
- Stick the shapes together with fabric glue, leaving the top open.
- From contrasting felt, cut a zigzag strip for the upper edge and some letters to make the name.
- Glue the strip and the letters to the boot as shown. Finally, insert the chocolate teddy into the boot.

Pastry Place Marker



Materials:

- White flour
- Salt
- Cold water
- Pastry cutter
- Varnish
- Roller
- Glycerine
- Water based paint
- Tube paint
- Ribbon

Instructions:

- Here's a novel way to show guests where to sit - a pastry place marker shaped like a Christmas tree.
- Make the dough by mixing three parts of white flour to one of salt, a spoonful of glycerine and enough cold water to give a good consistency.
- Knead the pastry for about 10 minutes, then roll it flat on a floured surface.
- Cut out the shapes with a sharp knife or a pastry cutter.
- Remember to make a hole for the ribbon. Bake the pastry in the normal way.
- Either leave the shapes plain or color them with water-based paint.
- You can pipe your guests' names on using tube paint.
- Varnish the shapes (optional) and attach a ribbon.
- Note that these pastry shapes are not edible and should be used only for decorative purposes; however, they will keep for years.
- They can also be used as Christmas tree ornaments.

Christmas Finger Puppets



Materials:

- 1 pair scissors
- Squares of felt
- Plastic eyes
- 1 sheet card
- Fabric Glue
- 1 Pencil
- Straps of fabric, ribbon and pipe cleaners for decoration

Instructions:

- Put your finger on the card and draw around it leaving a wide margin.
- Cut out the template.
- Fold the felt in half and cut out two finger shapes using the template.
- Glue the shapes together at the edges leaving room for your finger to go in.
- Cut out a flesh-colored oval and stick it on for a face. Stick eyes onto this. Cut out a felt mouth and stick it on.
- Use your imagination to make all the nativity figures. For instance Mary can have a baby, the kings can have crowns and the shepherds can have pipe cleaner staffs.
- P .S. These also make great tree decorations!

Angel



Materials:

- Plastic diamond
- Silver caps(2) bead
- "Marble bead"
- Prestick
- Wings
- 30cm fishing line

Instructions:

- First you will need to thread the fishing line through the diamond shaped bead match the ends of the fishing line.
- Next you will need to thread one of the silver caps onto the bead.
- Next you thread the marble like bead onto the silver cap. (Optional) you must then thread the second silver cap onto the top of the marble like bead.
- Next apply the prestick onto the wings and stick the wings onto the diamond shaped bead.
- Now your angel is ready to fly.
- You can now use it as a decoration.
- I hope your angel turns out well.

Reindeer Craft Treat Holder



Materials:

- Scissors
- Craft glue, glue stick or glue dots
- Terracotta clay pots; 2"-5"
- Plastic eyes
- Red pom-poms (glitter pom-poms are a fun addition!)
- Three shades of brown craft foam, cardstock paper or construction paper



Arts pictured for the large reindeer

- 2 antlers
- 2 large ears
- 2 small ears
- 2 eyes
- One red nose

Instructions:

- First, with one shade of brown, cut the antlers to match the size of your pot.
- If you are making the larger reindeer, use a child's handprint as pattern.
- Then, cut the ears with the other brown. We used a lighter shade of brown to add yet another layer to the ears but that's not necessary.
- Attach the ears to the back of the pot. Then add the antlers. Glue the eyes and nose to the front.
- Fill the pot with candy, nuts or other goodies. It's that simple!

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Ornament



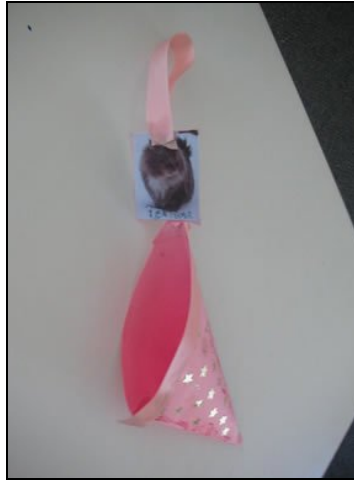
Materials:

- ¼ sheet of light brown craft foam
- 2 glitter gold chenille sticks
- 2 medium wiggly eyes
- 1 red glitter pom pom
- 6-8 inches of ribbon
- White craft glue or hot glue gun
- Scissors

Instructions:

- To make the head, cut 2 tear drop shapes from the craft foam.
- To make the ears, cut a small oval, then cut it in half lengthwise.
- Bend each chenille stick in half, then bend and twist them to form two antlers.
- Glue the ears toward the top of the round end of one of the tear drop shapes. Tip: Hot glue works much faster.
- Glue antlers to the top of the same oval shape.
- For the hanger, fold ribbon in half and glue the open ends together in between the two antlers.
- Glue the second oval shape to the back of the first oval to create the back of the reindeer's head. This sandwiches the ears, antlers and hanger inside the two tear drop shapes and gives the ornament a more finished look.
- Glue on wiggly eyes.
- Glue on red pom pom for nose at the pointed end of the tear drop.

Christmas Candy Holder



Materials:

- 1 A4 colored cardboard
- Glue
- 1 picture of anything
- Pair of scissors
- 1 colored card for picture with flap at bottom
- Stickers
- Decorations
- Newspaper
- Ribbon
- Tape

Instructions:

- Take newspaper and put on the table.
- Take A4 cardboard and fold to triangle shape.
- Cut with pair of scissors and fold a little bit of the sides so that later you can glue.
- Put stickers and decorations on and let dry for about 30 min.
- While it is drying cut out photo and stick it on to the piece of cardboard that goes with your photo.
- Now glue picture with other card together.
- Take a small piece of ribbon and fold together equally and stick with a small piece of tape.
- Open up and presto, it's done!

Shiny Foil Chain



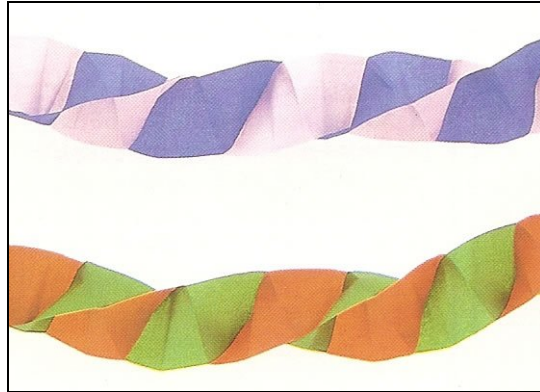
Materials:

- Bright-colored foil paper
- Pair of scissors
- Double-sided tape

Instructions:

- Begin by cutting lots of strips about 18 by 3cm (7 by 1 1/4in).
- Stick the ends of the first strip together with double-sided tape (neater and quicker than glue) to make a link.
- Now simply thread the next strip through and stick the ends together.
- Continue in this way, alternating the colors, until the chain is as long as you want it.

Crepe Paper Chain



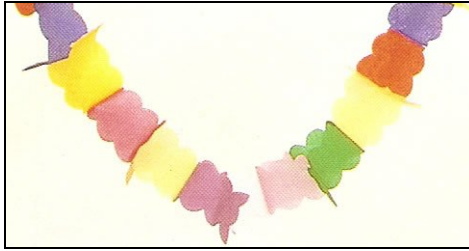
Materials:

- Glue
- Two different-colored crepe papers
- Pair of scissors

Instructions:

- This simple paper chain takes only a few minutes to make.
- All you need are two different-colored crepe papers and a touch of glue. Cut 7.5cm (3in) off the end of each crepe paper roll.
- Place the strips at right angles to each other, and glue one end over the other as shown.
- Bring the lower strip up and fold it over the other, then fold the right-hand strip over to the left.
- That's all there is to it; just keep folding the strips over each other alternately until you reach the end.
- Glue them together at the ends and trim off any extra bits.

Scalloped Squares



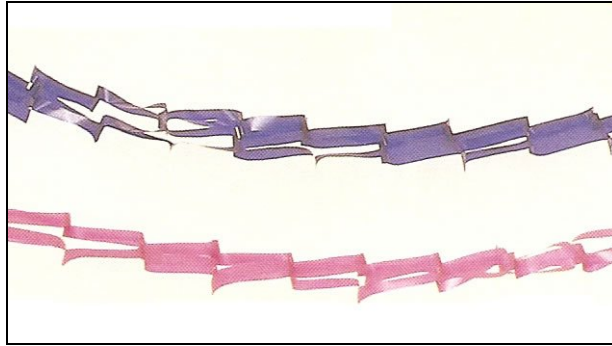
Materials:

- Tissue paper
- Glue
- Pair of scissors
- Pencil

Instructions:

- This variation on the standard pull-out chain is rectangular and has scalloped edges.
- It is very simple to make, though.
- Using the template on page 33, cut out lots of tissue shapes in different colors and mix them up for a random, multicolored effect.
- All you need to do now is glue them together.
- Take the first two and stick them center to center.
- Now take another piece and glue it to one of the first pieces at each end.
- Continue gluing, alternately center-to-center and end-to-end, until the chain is the required length.

Expanding Chain



Materials:

- Waxed paper
- Pair of scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

- First take a sheet of wax paper measuring about 50 by 35cm (20 by 14in) and fold it into four lengthwise.
- Now make evenly spaced cuts all along one edge, stopping about 1.5cm (1/2in) from the other side.
- Turn the paper around and make additional cuts between the first set, again stopping short of the edge.
- Open the chain out carefully.
- If you wish, you can glue the ends of two chains together to make a longer one.
- If your chain sags too much, string some thread through the top links to hold it together.

Styrofoam Snowman



Materials:

- Two inch Styrofoam ball (Note: or use three balls in incremental sizes)
- Two and a half inch Styrofoam ball
- Three inch Styrofoam ball
- Four toothpicks
- Mini black pom poms
- Orange chenille stem (regular or bumpy)
- Wire cutters
- Tacky glue
- Piece of ribbon or felt
- Butter knife

Instructions:

- Take a butter knife and even off the bottom of the largest Styrofoam ball. This will allow the snowman to stand up.
- Push a toothpick halfway into the top of the largest Styrofoam ball (make sure the flat bottom is on the table).
- Push the medium-sized Styrofoam ball onto the toothpick.
- Push a toothpick a little more than halfway into the top of the medium-sized Styrofoam ball. (Note: You don't want the toothpick sticking out the top of the head!)
- Push the smallest Styrofoam ball on top of the toothpick. This is the head.
- Cut a short piece of orange chenille stem off for the nose. (Parents please do this step)
- Push the nose into the middle of the (front) of the smallest Styrofoam ball. Glue on pom pom eyes, mouth, and buttons.
- Cut a strip of felt or ribbon for the scarf. Glue where the scarf crosses both to the Styrofoam ball and to the other piece of scarf.
- Stick two toothpicks in the middle-sized Styrofoam ball for the arms.

Related Resources and Links

Here are some very helpful and wonderful resources, which you might want to use in future.

- Fun Kids Crafts Fun-Kid-Crafts.com
- Unique Kids Games 365-Kids-Games.com
- Printable Cards & Invitations Fun-Printable-Cards.com
- Arts & Crafts MegaZine Go-Make-Art.com
- Baby Sitters Sittercity.com
- Books Abebooks.com
- Books For children – Personalized Iseeme.com
- Build Your Own Website SBI.com!
- Costumes Buycostumes.com
- Craft Templates & Gift Boxes DiyGiftPackage.com
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