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Letter from the Editors

Season's Greetings Reader,

Christmas season brings endless possibilities. From decorating your tree, to spicing up your home, giving gifts and entertaining the kids – there are so many things worth crafting about! At Favecrafts we recognize the diversity that comes with the Christmas holiday since everyone's tastes are a bit different.

In this eBook you'll find great Christmas projects for everyone, written by and for every crafter. We're featuring a couple of new projects – more elegant ornaments as well as fun and goofy ones, intricate Christmas cards and subtle home décor.

You can find more holiday craft projects, great activities for kids and extensive decorating ideas at www.FaveCrafts.com.

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We hope you enjoy reading and creating!

Sincerely,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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Christmas Ornaments

Circle Bell Ornament

By: Linda Johansen for C&T Publishing

This ornament will bring the jingle to your holiday season! Make them as gifts for all your friends using an assortment of holiday fabrics. They're fun and easy!



Materials:

- 1 piece each of 2 different fabrics and 1 piece of regular-weight fast2fuse at least 6" × 6" each
- 26"–28" rattail cording
- 2 small jingle bells—optional
- Embellishments
- Olfa circle cutter—optional

Steps:

1. Fuse different fabric to each side of a 6" round or square piece of regular-weight fast2fuse.
2. Cut into a 5" circle.



A circle cutter makes the job faster and easier.



Cut the circle in half.

3. To cut the circle in half, measure in $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the circle and cut a straight line.
4. From this point, you have 2 ornaments to work on. Embellish a different side of each for 2 totally different ornaments—or do the same things to both and have identical ornaments.
5. Beginning at the center of the straight cut, zigzag rattail or other decorative cording on using monofilament polyester thread or thread to match your fabric and cording. Leave about 1" of cording at the start.
6. At the end, make a loop of cording. Use 6"–8" of cording, depending on how low you want it to hang. Bring the end of the cording across the start of the loop and anchor it well. Trim the end to about 1". These ends will be hidden inside the bell.



Leave cording at the start and a loop at the end.

7. Embellish the sides and edges of the bell. Use decorative stitching, hot ribbon, hot-fix crystals, pre-beaded fringes, feathers ... go for it!
8. Fold the circle in half and sew the sides together with a 1.5–2.0 width, 1.0 length zigzag (see photo). Backstitch at the start and end. A drop of thread glue at the end will make sure the threads won't pull out. Be careful to keep any embellishment fringes out of the way as you sew up the sides.
9. Steam it a bit and gently hold it over the base of a small glass (I finally found a use for that cute shot glass in the back of the cupboard!) to get a nice round shape.



Cool to shape over a small glass after steaming.

Note: Make the circle a bit bigger and cut it in thirds for a longer, leaner bell. OR Sew some prebeaded fringe inside the bell so just the beads show from the outside. Attach with decorative or monofilament thread, depending on what you want for the outside of the bell.

Mirrored Swirl Ornaments

By: Susan Lowenthal for Krylon

Mirrored paint and jewel-tone color swirl together to transform inexpensive glass ornaments.



Materials:

- Krylon Looking Glass®- Mirror Like Paint - Mirror Finish (#9033)
- Delta PermEnamel™ Transparent Glass Paint (2 to 3 colors of your choice per ornament)
- Clear glass ornaments with removable tops
- Paper cups with slightly smaller opening than the circumference of the ornament
- Newspaper

Steps:

1. Cover work surface with newspaper (to protect from overspray).
2. Remove top of ornament.
3. Squirt a short burst of the glass paints into the ornaments one at a time. Use 2 to 3 colors per ornament. Twirl them quickly in your hand after each squirt. Do not let them dry.
4. Shake Looking Glass for one full minute. Horizontally, hold nozzle of can against opening and immediately spray short bursts into the ornaments while continuously turning them in your hand as you spray. Coat very lightly, and continue spraying until you have achieved the look you desire.
5. Place ornaments upside down into paper cups to dry.
6. Replace tops. Each ornament will be completely unique.

Fabric Stocking Ornament

By: Tina Wick for Greenpurse

This Christmas stocking ornament is easy to make and will jazz up your holiday decor! Recycle old fabrics to create truly unique designs for this ornament. They make fun homemade gifts too!



Materials:

- Fabric - wool, felt or most any kind.
- Embroidery floss, color of your choice
- Batting or fiber fill for stocking top
- Jingle bell
- [Pattern](#)

Steps:



1.

Print pattern. Layout on the fabric you choose. Cut two.



2. Cut four pieces of coordinating fabric, as shown, approximately 3/4" by 2", trimming as needed. Pin in place.



3. Start sewing the toe of the stocking first and then stuff with batting or fiber fill. Recommend blanket stitch.



4. Continue sewing the rest of the stocking, leaving the top open for filling the remainder of the ornament. Fill as desired and close by whip stitching the top as indicated.



5. Cut a piece of batting or other fabric for the top of the stocking to approximately 6" by 2 1/2", turning under the bottom edge 1/4".



6. Fold over the top of the stocking and the sides. Pin and sew in place. Be sure to sew the top portion to the stocking so it will not come off. Leave enough embroidery floss to loop as the hanger.



7. Sew on the jingle bell and you're done.

Cupcake Ornaments

By: DecoArt

Terra cotta pots become one-of-a-kind holiday ornaments looking like sweet, iced cupcakes. If you would like a change from traditional Christmas decorations, why not decorate your tree with a favorite sweet treat?



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Patio Paint

- DCP34 - Larkspur Blue
- DCP42 - Fuchsia
- DCP43 - Holly Berry Red
- DCP46 - Mistletoe Green

Snow-Tex

- DAS9 - Snow-Tex

Glamour Dust

- DAS37 - Glamour Dust Crystal

Palette Knife

- DT02 - Palette Knife

Supplies

- 2 1/2" Styrofoam balls
- #8 flat brush
- 24" piece of 1/8" ribbon
- 5/16" x 8" wood dowel
- Wood ball bead
- Assorted micro beads
- Low-temp hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Small T-pin
- Two 2 standard terra cotta pots

Steps:

Let dry between steps.

1. Basecoat one pot, Larkspur Blue; one pot, Fuchsia, and ball bead, Holly Berry Red.
2. Use #8 flat brush and Mistletoe Green to stripe Larkspur Blue pot and Holly Berry Red to stripe Fuchsia pot.
3. Use brush handle or dowel to push two holes side by side in center of one Styrofoam ball.
4. Cut 12" piece of ribbon. Thread ribbon ends through holes and knot ends together. Apply glue inside Fuchsia pot edge and press Styrofoam ball into pot centering ribbon loop at top.
5. Cut second 12" piece of ribbon. Form loop and secure to Styrofoam ball with T-pin. Apply glue inside Larkspur Blue pot and press ball into glue allowing loop to hang over side.
6. Use palette knife to apply Snow-Tex over Styrofoam balls and pot rims to resemble frosting. While wet, sprinkle with Glamour Dust. Sprinkle Larkspur Blue pot with micro beads.
7. Thread ball bead on ribbon for Fuchsia pot and push down into wet Snow-Tex to secure.



Holiday Soap or Ornaments

By: CandleWic

Create holiday ornaments with beeswax or festive soap on a rope. Choose from three different molds or create with all three. These make great holiday gifts.



Materials:

- Molds: M-172, M-173 M-174
- M-175 Beeswax (white or yellow) or Melt & Pour Soap Base
- Skin Safe Fragrance or All Natural Essential Oil
- Square Braided Wick

Instructions:

1. Heat bees wax or soap base to desired temperature. A good starting point for the beeswax is around 150 F, but you can adjust temperature for desired results.
2. Cut a 6 or 8 inch piece of wick. Lay both ends of the wick on the side of the mold near the top of the figure. Loop the wick so it does not interfere with any of the other ornaments. Some people prefer a little gap between the ends, while others prefer to have them close together – the choice is yours.
3. Just before pouring, add fragrance or essential oil to the melted wax/soap. We recommend using skin safe fragrances for either project. This will ensure the mold is safe for soap use after pouring wax previously, although we recommend avoiding alternating between soap and candles with the same mold.
4. This is the fun part! Give that special somebody a gift that will surely warm their heart. Although a safe project, some ingredients can stain or damage certain surfaces or furniture. Be sure to label the item properly. Also let recipients know it should not be ignited while hanging on the tree!

10 Minute Holiday Ornament

By: Leslie Ashe for Glitz Design

Use scrapbook supplies to create a glittery holiday ornament in just 10 minutes. Add a photo for a personalized touch. Spell out Joy, Jolly, or Merry. This makes great Christmas crafts.



Materials:

- Glitz Kringle paper
- Glitz Frosting
- Glitz Glitter Alphabet Stickers

Instructions:

1. Cover shaped chipboard with Glitz Kringle paper of your choice.
2. Cover smaller circle chipboard with opposite side of Kringle papers.
3. Cut out Santa to place next to photo on circle using a pop dot.
4. Put Glitz Frosting around picture, framing it like so.
5. Put Glitz letters around circle, spelling out "Jolly"
6. Loop ribbon through the top hole and tie in a knot to hang.



Home Decor

Colorful Tissue Wreaths

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

This colorful tissue wreath can be used year-round, but would look great around the holiday season. Tissue paper and ribbon are what brings this whole craft together into one lovely piece. Kathleen George shows us how to make it in six easy steps.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Wreaths: 9" x 1-1/4" x 3/4"; two 6" x 1-1/4" x 5/8"
- Coordinating grosgrain ribbon, 1" x 1/2 yd.
- Brightly colored tissue paper, several large sheets in assorted colors
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Optional: Rotary cutter, cutting mat and metal ruler
- Optional: Straight pins
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

Note: You will need a total of eighty 4" x 6" pieces of tissue paper to cover all three foam wreaths. To save time, stack several layers of tissue paper and use rotary cutter to cut multiple 4"-wide strips. Combine strips into stacks and cut multiple 6" lengths at a time.

1. Set aside 40 tissue pieces for 9" foam wreath and 20 pieces for each 6" wreath.
2. Fold each tissue piece in half lengthwise to measure 2" x 6". Cut 1-1/2"-long fringe along folded edge, every 1/4". Leave strips folded.
3. Wrap and glue top edge of first fringed strip, opposite fold, around one side of wreath. Glue and pin ends at back to secure, leaving fringe loose.
4. Wrap and glue second fringed strip around wreath, 1/2" below first and under fringe; pin ends if desired. Wrap and glue remaining tissue strips around wreath in same way until surface is completely covered. Repeat to cover all three wreaths.
5. Use scissors to make small holes in center top and bottom of 9" wreath (A) and one 6" wreath (B); make small hole in center top of remaining 6" wreath (C). Using photo as guide, position wreaths on work surface with B in the center.
6. Cut one 8" and two 4" ribbon lengths. Glue ends of 4" lengths into holes in wreaths, joining A and B and B and C together. Glue ends of 8" length into hole at top of A for hanger; pin to secure.

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Ho Ho Ho Santa

By: Kathleen George for Styrofoam Brand Foam

Have a Merry Christmas by using spackle, cake decorator and some other materials. Create a Santa in seven easy steps. Kathleen George sure knows how to do the holidays.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Products:
 - Cone, 12"
 - Wreath, 4-1/2"
 - Balls, four 1"
- 8 oz. Spackling compound
- Acrylic craft paint: red, pink
- Cake decorator with tips
- Doll's eyes, 7mm black, two
- Pink beads, 3/8"
- Serrated knife
- Table knife
- Paintbrush
- Toothpicks
- Pencil
- Old candle
- Fine grit sandpaper
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

Steps:

1. Wax serrated knife with old candle for easier cutting. Cut 2" section from wreath ring; cut remaining wreath in half, forming arms. Positioning arms slightly downward, glue to back of cone; insert several toothpicks through arms and into cone for extra support. Let dry.
2. Outline face area with pencil. Cut one 2" ball in half; glue halves to face for cheeks. Compress cheeks with fingertips, forming pressed, smooth surface.
3. Thin 1 tablespoon of spackling with water. Brush thin coating of spackling on face and cheeks. Let dry; sand lightly. If needed, add second coat. Let dry; sand lightly.
4. Paint face pink. Mix small amount of red paint with pink for cheeks; paint cheeks. Paint remaining cone red. Let dry.
5. Glue two foam balls to ends of arms for hands.
6. Prepare spackling compound to use as icing. Place 1/2 of spackling medium in bowl and whip with table knife until smooth. Add water, 1/2 teaspoon at a time, till smooth and thin enough to extrude through cake decorator. Conduct a test run; add more water if necessary.
7. Using round tip, pipe on swirls for beard and hair; add eyebrows. Let beard dry a few minutes and break off excess spackling by tapping gently with fingertips. Using open star tip, pipe on trim around hat and sleeves; when dry, add second layer. Add a single layer of trim down center and around bottom of coat. Add a dab of spackling to top of cone; press foam ball into spackling.



Mini Quilt Christmas Decor

By: Theresa for Hillcreek Designs

Create a nostalgic Christmas mini quilt with this pattern that uses applique techniques. It will brighten your home this holiday season.



Materials:

- Muslin and Various Scrap Prints. Cut as listed in instructions.
- 9" x 11" Quilt Batting.
- 9" x 16" Fabric for Backing and Hang Tabs.
- Theresa's Hand Dyed Buttons – Country Christmas or Traditional Christmas Mix B & 1 pack of Mixed Star Buttons .
- Linen Thread - Hillcreek Design 40/2 weight.
- Pigma Pen for drawing eyes on Santa.
- White Crayola or Colored Pencil to draw Santa's Eyebrows and Pink to blush his cheeks.
- Fusible Webbing.

[Pattern](#)

Steps:

1. Using fabric scraps cut out the following blocks for the front of the small wall quilt.
 - (A) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
 - (B) 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
 - (C) 2 3/4" x 6 1/2"
 - (D) 3 1/4" x 2 1/2"
 - (E) 3 1/4" x 4 1/2"
2. Cut out Fabric strips for border and Hang Tabs.
 - (4) 1 1/2" x 8 1/2" Border Strips. (use 4 different prints).
 - (2) 4 1/2" x 4" Hang Tabs.

3. Cut Backing and Batting 9" x 11".
4. Check diagram for placement and assemble the left side of the quilt attaching block A to B. Then the right side, blocks D to E. Attach the left side A/B to block C and then the right side D/E to block C. The top should measure 6 1/2" x 8 1/2". Press and trim edges if needed.
5. Attach top and bottom borders. Then sew border side strips to each side of quilt. Press and trim edges. The top should now measure 9" x 11".
6. Trace appliques designs onto paper side of fusible webbing. Hint: tape the pattern onto a window or light box then trace. Be sure to trace from back side of pattern as the fused pieces will face the opposite direction they are drawn. - - - The smaller dashed lines indicate the part of the fabric which is under another design piece. Follow manufactures directions and fuse to fabrics then cut out.
7. Block A - Fuse Holly Leaves onto block as shown.
8. Block B - Fuse Santa into place as shown. Draw eyes with Pigma pen. Blush cheeks with Crayola or colored pencil and draw nose line. Use white to draw in eyebrows. Crayola may be heat set by placing scrap fabric over area drawn and press with dry iron for several seconds. The crayon or pencil should melt into the fabric. You may want to practice this on a separate fabric swatch before actually using it on your quilt.
9. Block C - Fuse Christmas Tree into place.
10. Block D – Fuse Cardinal as shown. To make the sculptured wing, simply fuse the wing fabric onto a piece of quilt batting. Cut the shape out, stitch a pleat near the center shoulder of the wing. Attach this to the quilt when adding details to the blocks. (See A).
11. Block E - Fuse Candle.
12. Place batting behind quilt, pin in place. Stitch around quilt blocks with running stitch and 40/2 Linen Thread. Then stitch details as indicated on pattern.
13. Make sculptured mustache for Santa. Fuse the fabric mustache onto a scrap of quilt batting, then cut out the shape. At the center of the mustache, take a stitch then wrap the linen thread around the center of the mustache. You should have a crease on each side of the mustache. (See B). Stitch onto Santa's face. Watch placement as you will want to see the nose and blushed cheeks on your Santa.
14. Sculptured Hat, add quilt batting over the already fused hat pieces. They will be cut out the same as the fabric pieces already fused to the quilt. Stitch into place as shown on the pattern with linen thread.
15. Sew buttons on to inner quilt blocks A,B,C & D. The outer buttons will be attached after the quilt is completely assembled.

16. Trim edges of batting to match the quilt top.
17. Hang Tabs - With right sides together sew 1/4" seams down sides of tabs forming a tube (2" x 4"). Turn right side out and press. Fold in half to form the tab, Place tabs 1/2" from outer edge and sew in place.
18. Then place quilt backing right sides together and stitch 1/4" from edge all the way around the quilt leaving a 3" opening for turning. Turn and press.
19. With linen thread, stitch all the way around the mini quilt using a 1/4" running stitch. Sew buttons onto hang tabs & outer corners. Note: Try tying the buttons onto your quilt while leaving a knot and the 1/2" ends of the tie on the front side of the button.
20. Hang from an 11" wire quilt hanger or cinnamon stick.

Crafter's Note: This pattern would make a great T-shirt or Sweatshirt block. Fuse it onto a shirt and embellish the corners with buttons. Or add button holes to the quilt and button it on and off a jumper or jacket!

Penguins Decoration

By: Paula Bales for Styrofoam Brand Foam

This adorable penguin decoration is a perfect craft for the winter season. It'll brighten up any room and add a little Christmas cheer. An unusual material needed for this craft are child's tights. Who thought you could reuse materials.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM Brand Foam:
 - Balls: 6"; 4"; 1-1/2"; 1", one each
- Black crochet thread
- Child's black tights
- Plaid flannel fabric: 18" x 3" for mama's scarf; 6" x 1" for baby's scarf
- Craft foam: black; white, one sheet each
- Acrylic paints: black, bright red, yellow, white
- Wooden shapes: small circles, two; medium diamond, one; large diamonds, four; 1-1/2" x 1/8" heart, one
- 3/16" wooden dowel, 7" length
- Silk holly cluster
- Paintbrushes: Nos. 10 and 6 shader; No. 3/0 liner
- Craft knife
- Fine-line markers: black, white opaque
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Disposable palette
- Paper towels

- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
[Pattern](#)

Steps:

1. Join 4" foam ball to 6" ball by applying glue to half of wooden dowel. Insert dowel into 4" ball, letting unglued portion protrude. Apply glue to remainder of dowel and then insert it into 6" foam ball. Squeeze additional glue between balls to strengthen bond, forming penguin head and body. Allow to dry.
2. Cut a 15" length from black tights, measuring from toe up. Slide tights over penguin to cover, gathering open end at top of 4" head. Tie with black crochet thread and then trim excess fabric 1-1/2" above foam. Make several vertical cuts in tied-off fabric to form a tuft of feathers. Glue a holly cluster to base of feathers.
3. Using patterns, cut face, tummy, and wings from craft foam as indicated. Draw a wavy line around edges of face and tummy with black marker. Outline wings with white marker. Align and glue face and tummy to front of penguin. Glue top of wings to opposite sides of body at neck.
4. Using photo and pattern as a guide, drybrush cheeks with red paint. Paint two small wooden circles black, let dry, and then dot a white highlight on each one. Glue circles close together to face for eyes with highlights at 10 o'clock position. Paint medium wooden diamond yellow and allow to dry. Draw a wavy line around edges with black marker. Center diamond below eyes for beak; glue in place. Draw eyebrows, crow's-feet, mouth, and beak details with black marker.
5. Glue three buttons vertically to center front of white tummy. Tie 18" x 3" flannel scarf around penguin's neck and knot on right side. Glue 3" lengths of wire to back of scarf tails and then shape as desired. Cut slits in ends of scarf tails to fringe.
6. Paint four large wooden diamonds yellow and allow to dry. See diagram to pair and glue diamonds to form webbed feet. Glue feet to bottom of body with points visible at front.

Baby Penguin

1. Glue 1/2" foam ball to 1" ball. Follow Step 2 to cover baby penguin with a 4" length cut from black tights, trimming excess fabric 1/2" above head.
2. Follow Step 3 to cut face and tummy from craft foam, detail with black marker, and glue to front of baby penguin.

3. Drybrush cheeks with red and paint beak yellow. Allow to dry. Using pattern as a guide and black marker, dot eyes and beak, and draw eyebrows, crow's-feet, and mouth.
4. Paint wooden heart yellow, let dry, and then glue to bottom of body with curves at front for feet. Tie 6" x 1" flannel scarf around neck and tie on left side. Cut slits in ends of scarf tails to fringe.
5. Wrap tip of mama's left wing forward and glue to her tummy. Glue baby tucked inside curled wing.

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

Steps:

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.
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.

Stripe Table Runner

By: Lily Sugar'n Cream

Crochet an accent for a dining table or hallway table with this table runner crochet pattern. Made in self-striping yarn, you will not have to switch balls on this easy crochet pattern. In red and green stripes, this table runner is great for Christmas decorating. Pair with the [Christmas Bells Crochet Wreath](#) at the holidays.



Materials:

- **Yarn:** Lily® Sugar'n Cream Stripes (56.7 g / 2 oz) **10 balls**
- **Crochet Hook:** Size 5 mm (U.S H / 8) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.**

Size: Approx 14 x 72 ins [35.5 x 183 cm].

Gauge: 13 sc and 14 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

Instructions:

Ch 2.

1st row: (RS). 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Turn.

2nd and alt rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in every sc to end of row. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in every sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows to 53 sts, ending with 3rd row.

Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row for 52 ins [132 cm], ending with a WS row.

Next row: (RS). Ch 1. Draw up a loop in first 2 sts. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook - sc2tog made. 1 sc in every sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog over next 2 sts. Turn.

Next row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows to 3 sts, ending with a WS row.

Next row: (RS). Ch 1. Draw up a loop in first 3 sts. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook - sc3tog made. Fasten off.



Cranberry Christmas Tree

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM Brand Foam

Present your cranberry Christmas tree at your next family holiday. Wooden bead garland tops of this great piece. It's quick and easy to make and you can preserve it for years to come.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM* Brand Products:
- Cone, 12"
- Preserved lemon or magnolia leaves, 24 - 30
- Acrylic craft paint, red
- Wooden bead garland, dark red
- Silk cardinal, or other treetop ornament
- Sphagnum moss
- Floral wire or u-shaped floral pins
- Wire cutters
- Paintbrush
- Low temperature glue gun and glue sticks

Steps:

1. Paint cone red; let dry.
2. If using floral pins, skip to Step 3. If using floral wire, cut wire in 3" - 3-1/2" lengths and bend in a u-shape.

3. Starting at the bottom, glue garland around cone; insert floral pins or u-shaped floral wire between beads and into cone for extra hold. Continue wrapping garland around cone until it is completely covered.
4. Glue preserved leaves around bottom of cone. Insert small pieces of sphagnum moss into cracks and gaps between beads. Glue cardinal, or other ornament, to top.

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Cute Fabric Trimmed Towels

By: Simplicity

Add a cute trim to any towel you have. Decorate the plain ones you have or make a cute Christmas towel out of the plain red and green cloth. Simplicity shows us how to make these cute fabric trimmed towels in seven easy steps.



Materials:

- Fabric for trim
- Towels to be embellished
- Optional additional trims, such as ribbon, rick rack, etc.

Steps:

1. Measure the width of the towel. Cut the fabric strip the width of the towel, plus one inch.
2. Determine how deep you want the finished fabric band to be; double this measurement and add one inch. Cut your fabric strip to this length.
3. Turn under 1/2" on each long edge and press. Turn under 1/2" on each short edge and press.
4. Fold fabric strip in half, matching long pressed edges. Slide strip over the edge of the towel so that the towel end sits in the fold. Pin in place, making sure that pressed edges are in the same position on the towel front and back.
5. Edge-stitch along front pressed edge of strip, through all thicknesses. Tie off thread ends and trim close, or use a needle to pull thread ends back into the towel, hiding them under the fabric strip.

6. Edge-stitch along short pressed edges of strip, through all thicknesses, encasing towel inside. Secure thread ends.
7. Decorate as desired – we used rick rack, metallic braids and ribbons from Wrights for our towels, but you can use any trim or embellishment techniques you like.

Some ideas:

- Stitch along the fabric design or around shapes, through all thicknesses, to give a quilted look.
- Try out fancy embroidery machine designs, or use your sewing machine's decorative stitches to create borders, based on the recipient's personality and décor.
- Embroider monograms by hand or machine for a classic look. Initial appliqués are available in your favorite sewing store, for a quick and easy alternative.
- Use pretty laces and ribbon rosettes for a romantic Victorian mood.
- Cut your fabric strip twice the length of your towel edge, plus one inch. Pleat or gather the strip at desired intervals, excluding 1/2 inch on either short end, until the pleated/gathered area is the same length as the towel edge. Finish edges and attach as above.

Courtesy of Simplicity

www.simplicity.com

Greeting Cards

Candy Cane Card

By: Stephanie Barnard For AMACO

Forget store bought greeting cards this year and create your own Christmas card using polymer clay and stamp art.



Materials:

- FIMO® Soft Polymer Clay — #0 White, #202 Metallic Red
- AMACO® Pasta Machine
- Krylon Webbing Spray White
- All Night Media Alphabet and Texture Stamps
- Tsukineko Versa Mark Ink Pad
- Plaid Burgundy Acrylic Paint
- Offray Green Ribbon
- DMD Paper Reflections Cardstock: Green, Red, and White
- Beacon Adhesive Gem-Tac Glue

Steps:

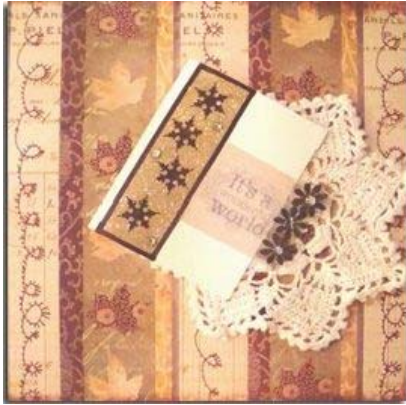
1. **CANDY CANES:** Condition clay. Roll out two 1/8" by 5" long coils from FIMO® Soft Metallic Red. Make two 1/8" by 5" long coils from White clay. Place coils together, pinching the White coil and Red coil together at one end. Carefully wrap the two coils around each other. Bend into candy cane shape and trim ends.

2. TITLE: Run White FIMO® Soft through the thickest setting on the pasta machine, or to approximately 1/8" thickness. Stamp 'Christmas' into clay using alphabet stamps. Trim excess clay. Using a small straw, make holes in the corners.
3. Bake clay according to directions on packages. Let cool.
4. Paint Christmas title with acrylic paint, making sure paint does not get into letter indentions. Let dry.
5. Tie two bows out of the Green Offray ribbon and glue to the candy canes. Add Green ribbon to Christmas title.
6. Stamp Green cardstock with texture stamp and Versa Mark Ink.
7. Spray Red cardstock with White Webbing Spray per directions on can. Let dry.
8. Glue candy canes to green stamped cardstock, matt with white cardstock, webbed red cardstock, and green stamped cardstock as shown. Adhere to red card.
9. Glue Christmas title to white cardstock, matt with webbed red cardstock and green stamped cardstock as shown. Adhere to red card.

Christmas Cover Story Card

By: Cijaye DePradine for ScrapbookingDirections.com

A simple and elegant Christmas card that uses scrapbooking techniques to create a wonderful Christmas Cover Story for your holiday. Decorate the inside with special anecdotes and expressions for your loved ones - like a mini scrapbook in a card!



Materials:

- Patterned Paper (Creative Imaginations/Harvest Stripe)
- Cream Card Stock (Bazill)
- Snowflake Punch
- Burnished Velvet Glitter (2 Colors)
- Double Sided Tacky Tape
- Velum (Sky & Sage Block; My Thoughts)
- Velum Tape
- Brown Ribbon
- Zip Dry Glue
- 3D Pop Dots
- Brown Card Stock
- Flower Punch
- Rhinestone Stickers
- Crocheted Snowflake (Large Size; at least 5" tall to match card.).

Steps:

1. Make Card first. (This positive and negative design was made with tacky tape, snowflake punches and two tones of burnished velvet glitter; framed with simple brown satin ribbon and embellished with rhinestone stickers).

2. Adhere Card to preferred background paper
3. Adhere Crocheted Snowflake to card (with outer edge of card meeting at the halfway point of the Snowflake).
4. Cover Snowflake portion that is inside the card – with another piece of cream or brown card stock – you will want to journal or adhere a photo to this side.
5. Select your Velum Thought Block to the edge of your framed glitter design on card (ideally you will choose a block that exceeds the edge of your card by approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch).
6. Punch 3 brown flowers – adhere to outer edge of Velum Block. (In this example the top and bottom flowers were adhered with 3d Pop Dots; the middle was adhered with Zip Dry Glue to lay flat).
7. Embellish flowers with rhinestones.
8. Mat and decorate the inside of your card to profile your favorite Christmas Cover Story.

Christmas Heart and Home Card

By: Lisa Johnson for Uchida of America, Corp.

Create a beautiful Christmas card using velvet markers and craft punches.



Materials:

- Marvy® Just Glitter Marker - Silver
- Marvy® Puffy Velvet Markers - White
- Marvy® Le Pen - Red
- Marvy® Le Plume Pen - Brown
- Marvy® Matchables Ink Pad - Brown
- Marvy® Clever Lever Super Jumbo Craft Punch- Merchant Tag
- Marvy® Clever Lever Extra Jumbo Craft Punch - Snowflake
- Ting-a-ling Pattern paper by Webster's Pages
- Clear Sentiment Stamp from the Holiday Wishes Stamp Set by Papertrey Ink
- Zip Dry™ Paper Glue by Beacon Adhesives
- Foam Mount Squares
- Loose glitter
- Synthetic sponge
- White organdy ribbon
- Marvy® Heat Tool
- Marvy® Paper Trimming Buddy with Score and Straight blade

Steps:

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All measurements are in inches.

1. Trim pattern paper to 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" using the Paper Trimming buddy with straight blade. Switch to the score blade and score cardstock in half to form base card. Trim striped pattern paper 4" x 5 1/4", Tear off the top part of the paper. Apply white puffy velvet marker to the torn edges to resemble snow. Heat set. Press set snow into loose glitter. Sponge edges with brown ink and adhere to card with Zip Dry.
2. Stamp sentiment in brown ink as shown and free hand draw brackets with the red Le Pen.
3. Punch out tag, faux stitch with the brown Le Plume pen, sponge edges with brown ink and affix ribbon. Punch out snowflake from the blue section of the pattern paper and adhere to tag.
4. Draw lines in the striped pattern paper with the silver Just Glitter marker to add shine to it.

Holiday Ornament Card

By: Shari Carroll for Glue Dots

This holiday ornament card is a tasteful present for this holiday season. Shari Carroll explains how to create this card in just five easy steps!



Materials:

- Craft Glue Dots
- Mini Glue Dots
- Holiday Ornament Stamp Set, (Hero Arts)
- Walnut Ink
- Staz-On Ink, black, (Tsukineko)
- Wheat card
- Cream paper
- Brads, white, (Magic Scraps)
- Tag
- Clear film

Steps:

1. Stain the tag using walnut ink, set aside to dry.
2. Stamp Christmas message onto clear film using black Staz-On Ink. Stamp a small greeting with brown ink onto cream paper and trip closely.

3. Clear emboss holiday ornament on cream paper. Paint embossed holiday ornament with walnut ink allowing the ink to pool into the unembossed areas (This is a resist technique with embossing).
4. Trim ornament when dry. Assemble the ornament onto the tag and the tag onto wheat card using Craft Glue Dots.
5. Secure the small greeting onto the card using Mini Glue Dots, and secure the clear film to wheat card using white brads.



Kids' Holiday Crafts

Milk Bottle Cap Ornament

By: Kathleen George for STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam

Get even the littlest hands involved with this environmentally-friendly holiday project. Recycled plastic bottle caps make fun mini-frames for playful holiday papers.



Materials:

- STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam:
 - Ball, 3"
- Recycled red and green milk bottle caps, 16
- Holiday scrapbook papers of choice
- Ribbon: red double-sided satin, 1/8" x 1/4 yd.; holiday taffeta, 1/2" x 1/3 yd.
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Wooden skewer
- Small round paintbrush
- Scissors
- Circle craft punch, 1" or 1-1/4", or compass
- Low-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- Thick, white craft glue

Steps:

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1. Wash and dry all bottle caps. Use glue gun to glue two bottle caps to opposite sides of foam ball, rim up or down as desired. Glue remaining bottle caps to ball, evenly spaced around first two. Fill in empty areas with remaining bottle caps as needed.
2. Punch circles from scrapbook papers to decorate caps; use 1" punch for inside cap and 1 1/4" punch for top of cap. Note: If craft punches are unavailable, use compass and pencil to draw circles on back of paper; cut out with scissors. Use white glue to adhere circles to caps.
3. Knot ends of 1/8" wide ribbon. Place dot of glue on knot and use skewer to push knot into top of ornament. Tie remaining ribbon into bow; glue to base of hanging loop.

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Elf Candy Cane Holder

Kids can create a holiday candy cane holder with foam materials and Glue Dots.

The candy cane holder project is perfect for a Hodge Podge Crafts event. If you are a Mom or Dad planning a party, or a school or local park district looking for ideas with some left over crafts, the candy cane holder craft project is perfect.

By Robin Tarnoff for Glue Dots.com



Materials:

- 1" Glue Lines
- Mini Glue Dots
- Craft Glue Dots
- 1 photo cube (MCS Industries, 3x3")
- Craft foam in red, green, white, pink, light brown, black and flesh colors
- Scissors
- Pencil
- 1/8" hole punch; 1/4" hole punch
- [Face and hat pattern](#) (download and print)

Glue Dots products can be purchased [here](#)

Steps:

1. Take photo cube box apart and insert one half into the other leaving the top open. Secure the sides with Craft Glue Dots.
2. Cut green craft foam 14-1/2" x 1" for the arms.
3. Cut red craft foam 3-3/4" x 15" for the body.
4. Cut 4 strips of white foam, 1/4" x 4" for the hat.
5. Using this printable pattern, cut out the head, hat, fringe, gloves, cheeks, mouth, nose, bowtie and bowtie center from the various foam colors.
6. Cut or punch 2, 1/8" circles from black foam for the eyes and 1/4" circles from the white and green foam for the buttons.
7. To assemble, apply 1" Glue Lines around the photo cube at the top middle and bottom.
8. Then cover all four sides of the photo cube by wrapping the large red craft foam around the photo cube. (where the ends meet will be the back of the elf.)
9. Use 1" Glue Lines to attach the white foam strips to the hat. (Cut off excess white foam to fit the hat pattern.)
10. To create the face, attach the eyes, cheeks, nose and smile using Mini Glue Dots.
11. Create the hair by cutting strips of brown foam and attaching with Mini Glue Dots.
12. Using 1" Glue Lines, attach the hat to the face and the face to the back of the photo cube so the face is facing to the front of the elf's body.
13. Apply Glue Lines around the top edge of the outside of the box and secure the arms so they wrap around to the front. Attach the gloves to the arms using Craft Glue Dots. Now attach the buttons to the body front using Mini Glue Dots.
14. Finish the hat off with fringe and attach to the back of the hat using Mini Glue Dots.
15. Assemble the bowtie by adding the green circle to the center using Craft Glue Dots and secure the bowtie under the elf's face.

Cinnamon Dough Ornaments

Courtesy of Arnold Grummer's

A great holiday craft to share with your kids that makes great tree decorations and fills your home with the warm smell of cinnamon.

Supplies:

- Arnold Grummer's Snowman Ceramic Casting Mold
- Cinnamon dough (See Step 1)
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Extra cinnamon
- Acrylic paints
- Brush
- Ribbon
- Eyepins

Steps:

1. Mix 1 1/2 cups ground cinnamon 1 cup applesauce 1/4 cup white glue.
2. Mix and knead.
3. Dough should begin to look and feel like cookie dough.
4. After kneading, let dough rest for 30 minutes.
5. Knead again and dough is ready to go!
6. Prepare dough, spray molds with non-stick spray.
7. Roll dough into 1" balls and dust top of balls with cinnamon.
8. Place mold over center of ball and press down.
9. Gently remove dough from mold, trim with a knife or decorative crimping cutter.
10. Insert eye pin.

11. Let dry completely.
12. Embellish with acrylic paint, thread eye pin with ribbon for hanger.
13. You can substitute cinnamon dough with salt or craft bread doughs.

Holly Painted Wood Ornament

Hang this holly ornament in festive red and green of the season on your holiday tree this year.

By DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Gloss Enamels

- DAG230 - Festive Green --- NEW!!
- DAG265 - Tuscan Red --- NEW!!

Supplies

- Foam plate
- #8 flat brush
- Three wood 1/2" roundhead plugs
- Lo-temp glue gun and glue sticks
- 8" length of 3/8" ribbon (We used Michael's #D23647.)
- Unfinished wood pieces: 1" disc/circle; three 1 5/8" spruce trees

Steps:

1. Use Festive Green to paint three tree shapes and circle; let dry.

2. Use Tuscan Red to paint roundhead plugs and let dry.
3. Refer to photo for placement of holly leaves. Glue wide ends of tree shapes to circle, with edges touching at widest point. For berries, glue roundhead plugs over center area of leaves.
4. For hanger, fold ribbon in half with opposite sides of ends aligned together to form loop; glue ends together and to back of ornament shape.

Christmas Candy Toppers

Give sweet treats in these cute candy toppers.



Materials:

- Aleene's® Paper Glaze
- Tulip® 3D Fashion Paint
 - 65420 Sour Apple Sparkles
 - 65426 Blueberry Sparkles
 - FLSK5-4 Hawaiian Fizz 4oz only
- Aleene's® Fast Grab Tacky Glue®
- Gems
- Cardstock, coordinated colors
- Ribbon for hanger
- Sequins
- Pom Poms
- Scissors: Pinking, Scalloped and Straight Edge
- Candy Sticks
- Micro Glass Beads
- Snowflakes
- Stars

Steps:

1. Cut triangle or circle from cardstock using desired scissors. Cut two for each topper.
2. Layer and glue around edges, leaving bottom unglued to insert candy. For hanger, place a loop of ribbon between layers at top while gluing around edges.
3. Cut paper to accent topper, using decorative edge scissors. See photo for suggestions.
4. Glue on pieces of ribbon, pompoms, snowflakes and stars.

5. Add dots of Sparkles, placing gems and sequins in wet paint. Squeeze dots of Sparkles on top of sequins to add color and dimension.
6. For shiny, dimensional accents, add lines, spirals and dots of Paper Glaze. Add micro glass beads while wet. Let dry.
7. Insert candy sticks in opening.



Rudolph Glass Bead

By: Dayton Allen for Diamond Tech

You knew Dasher and Dancer and Prancer but now you can make the most famous reindeer of all for your very own! This glass bead project is great for making your own handmade Christmas jewelry!



Materials:

- Moretti Glass Rods: Transparent Red, Solid Brown, Black and White Rods
- Bead Press
- Fireworks™ Tweezer Set
- Black and White Stringers
- Fireworks™ Beginner's Beadmaking Kit
- Fireworks™ Safety Glasses
- Madrels coated in bead release

Steps:

1. To form the base bead, heat a brown glass rod until a 1/2" ball of molten glass forms, apply the glass to the tip of a warmed mandrel (this bead will not have the mandrel going completely through it). Once the rounded molten glass has formed on the mandrel, take the tweezers and pinch the end of the molten glass to create the muzzle of the reindeer.
2. Using the brown rod as before, heat and apply two small drops atop the head of the reindeer, then take your tweezers to pinch or flatten the glass to form the flaps of the ears.
3. Now it's time to add the base (or lashes) for the eyes. Heat up a black rod and melt a small drop onto both the right and left side of the bead blending the black circles into the brown to form the base of the eye. Note: It is important to keep the entire bead hot as you work, but not to the point where you will lose its form.

4. Now heat up a white glass rod (a white stringer can be used when working in smaller detail). Gently drop a small amount onto each ear. Heat until blended into the brown. Use the tweezers to flatten the flaps of the ears if necessary.
5. Once the ears are complete repeat the step to form the whites of the eyes (small amount so that the black will show around the edges of each eye to simulate lashes), and the base of the muzzle.
6. It is now time to add the pupil of the eye and the antlers. To create the pupil heat up the tip of a black stringer and drop a very small dot onto the white of the eye, melt into the white until flat.
7. To create the antlers melt a stringer of black glass across the top of the head, centered just below the ears.
8. Finish up by adding the final touch, the red nose. To do so melt a drop of transparent red onto the tip of the muzzle, and The Red Nosed Reindeer is ready to lead Santa's sleigh!

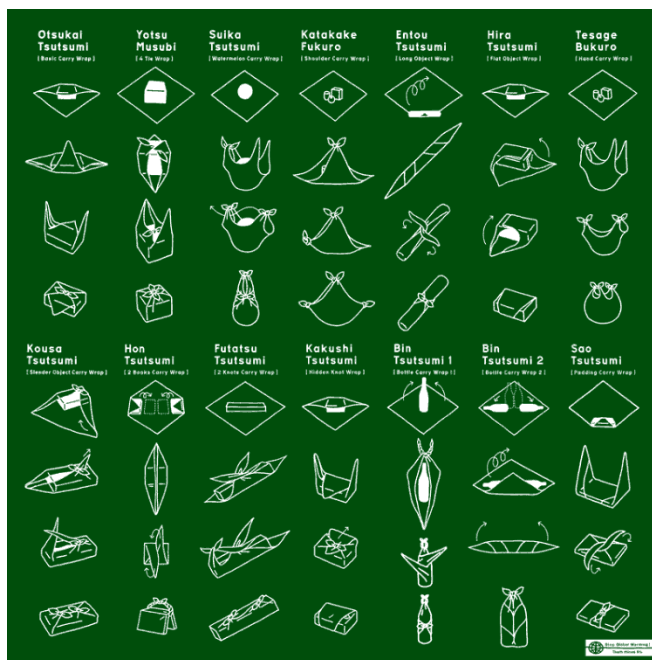
Gift Giving Ideas

DIY Christmas Wrapping Paper

Devoting your time to creative, homemade Christmas gifts makes store-bought wrapping paper and bows less than exciting. Instead of buying rolls of the same paper everyone will have, make your own unique and/or eco-friendly wrappings.

Basic Paper Options (Before Decorating, of course)

1. You can buy cheap rolls of plain brown paper at many craft or paper stores.
2. Many toy stores and even Ikea sell large rolls or pads of white paper to be used for children's crafts or an easel.
3. Paporganics and many other paper sellers offer 100% recycled paper, especially around the holidays. Opt for the plain options and decorate the paper yourself.
4. For smaller items, you can also recycle brown grocery bags for wrapping paper.
5. Don't discount using fabric to wrap gifts. The Japanese government encourages its citizens to wrap presents without throwaway paper, bows, or tape. Here is their [handy guide](#). This is also a guide for fabric lunch boxes!



6. With simple sewing experience, you can use fabric to create reusable gift bags. Your recipients can reuse the bags for the quickest wrapping ever, which also cuts down on paper consumption. Canadian Living shares a [quick tutorial](#) for these festive bags.





Holiday Frame Trio

Those special holiday photos will shine all the more in this trio of colorful painted frames.

by DecoArt.com



Materials:

DecoArt Products Required
Americana Gloss Enamels

- DAG67 - Black --- NEW!!
- DAG230 - Festive Green --- NEW!!
- DAG234 - Calypso Blue --- NEW!!
- DAG235 - Citron Green --- NEW!!
- DAG276 - Razzle Berry --- NEW!!

Supplies

- #8 shader brush
- #0 liner brush
- Water container
- Palette or plastic plate
- Paper towels
- Alcohol
- Cosmetic sponges
- 3" x 5" piece of paper
- Painter's tape
- Round sponge pouncer
- Rhinestones
- Craft glue
- 4" x 6" frames (2)

- 5" x 7" frame (1)
Steps:

Remove glass from frame. Clean glass with alcohol and dry well with paper towel or soft cloth.

Noel

1. Use tape to mask 1" strip on each side of 4" x 6" frame.
2. Use cosmetic sponge and Calypso Blue to pounce color inside strips. Remove tape immediately.
3. Place "noel" pattern under glass and secure with tape.
4. Use #8 shader brush and Razzle Berry to paint lettering.
5. Use pouncer and Citron Green to stamp dots on Calypso Blue strips.

Joy

1. Use tape to mask off bands on 4" x 6" frame, referring to photo for placement.
2. Use cosmetic sponge to dab Razzle Berry on top section and Calypso Blue on bottom section.
3. Use pouncer and Festive Green to stamp dots on top section.
4. Use liner brush and Citron Green to paint "JOY".
5. Use brush handle end and Black to dot lettering.

Sparkle

1. Center 3"x 5" piece of paper on 5" x 7" glass. Secure underneath with loop of tape.
2. Use cosmetic sponge to apply Citron Green on border.
3. Use liner brush and Razzle Berry to make starburst lines. Repeat randomly with Calypso Blue and Festive Green.
4. Use brush handle end to dot starbursts with contrasting colors. Dot border with Citron Green.

5. Position and adhere rhinestones in starburst centers.

Helpful Hint

Let dry between steps and/or additional coats.

Etched Holiday Candy Dish

By: Armour Products

This simple etched candy dish works as a great Christmas accent in any room. This beginner etching project makes a great holiday gift.



Materials:

- Sand Etch® Kit
- Sand Etch® Stencil #70-9205
- Sand Etch® Stencil #70-9206
- 8" Clear Square Place
- Several sheets of paper
- Glass Cleaner
- Masking Tape
- Paper Towels
- Scissors
- Running Water
- Cardboard Box

Steps:

1. With scissors cut out the tree stencil design from stencil #70-9205.
2. Position the design in the center of the reverse side of the plate. Be sure the stencil is flat against the glass.
3. Secure in place with masking tape.
4. Cover everything that will remain clear (not etched) with paper.

5. Begin to blast your project according to the detailed instructions found in the Sand Etch Kit. Hold the nozzle of the blaster approx 1 inch from the glass while blasting in a circular or zig zig motion. Hold the glass up to the light periodically to be sure all areas are etched.
6. Carefully remove stencil design, tape and paper to avoid scratching glass with any remaining abrasive.
7. Rinse project under running water to remove excess abrasive. Clean project with glass cleaner and dry with paper towels.
8. To complete the project, cut out snowflake design stencil #70-9206 and place in a random pattern around the tree repeating steps 2 thru 6.

DIY Christmas Gift Bows

1. A roll of ribbon is cheaper than buying packs of holiday bows. Make loops in the ribbon and secure with a bit of florist wire or another piece of ribbon for a ribbon bow. Curl ribbon ends by dragging the ribbon over the edge of scissors rapidly (be careful).
2. For extra-special presents, use quilled paper shapes instead of making a bow. Arrange tightly rolled quilled circles (thin strips of paper rolled and glued as the linked article explains) into the shape of a snowflake. You could also make the quilled paper into an ornament and simply hang from the present, so that it acts as another gift for the recipient.
3. Miss American Pie on Craftster hews us how to recycle magazine pages into traditional-looking gift bows with a wonderful photo tutorial.



4. You can wrap a present without wasting glue or tape, but cleanly tucking in the paper. Fake Plastic Fish shows you how with step-by-step photos. Secure your tucked paper by wrapping a length of ribbon around the gift in both directions and tying a bow to finish.
5. Bella Dia demonstrates how to create [yarn pom poms](#). These would be adorable in red or green as a cluster on a package.



6. Creature Comforts shows us how to make adorable [Pom Pom Bows](#) from plastic bags (specifically Target bags in this tutorial).





Fused Glass Holiday Bracelet

By: Jeanne Baruth for Diamond Tech

Create a holiday bracelet with real sparkle by fusing dichroic and sheet glass. Each bead is unique, making beautiful bracelets for yourself or a gift.



Materials:

- Fuseworks™ Kiln
- Fuseworks™ Kiln paper
- Fuseworks™ Gun Metal Link Bracelet
- Fuseworks™ Clear Dichroic Glass
- Fuseworks™ Black Sheet Glass
- Fuseworks™ Hot Mitts
- E6000 or other glass glue
- Glass cutter
- Ruler
- Marker
- Paper towels
- Glass cleaner

Directions:

Step 1:

Measure and mark the following glass sheets: Black Sheet Glass – eleven 3/8" X 3/8" Clear Dichroic – eleven 3/8" X 3/8"

Step 2

Using a glass cutter, cut glass to designated sizes as indicated above. Clean glass using paper

towel moistened with water. Completely dry the surface of the glass with a lint free cloth.

Step 3

Next, cut three 2" X 2" piece of kiln paper. Remove the lid from the Fuseworks™ Kiln. Place one sheet of kiln paper on the kiln base.

Step 4

Layer the glass on the kiln paper. Start with the base, 3/8" X 3/8" Black glass. Evenly space glass squares on the kiln paper, no more then 4 pieces per firing. Cover the Black glass with 3/8" X 3/8" Clear Dichroic glass.

HOT TIP: Try using a different base glass such as white, black or clear.

Step 5

Carefully set the base with glass inside the microwave. Cover base and glass with kiln lid.

Step 6

Fuse using the chart below. **HOT TIP:** All microwave and kiln combinations will have different firing patterns. Be sure to take careful notes and log all fusing times for future use.

PLEASE NOTE: Dichroic Glass may darken or loose its color if over fired. To prevent this from occurring, carefully follow the fusing schedule listed below. After second firing, you can open the microwave, using Hot Mitts carefully lift the lid of the kiln enough to inspect the fusing process. By doing so, you will release some of the heat from the chamber, resulting in a reduction of the temperature inside the kiln. If glass is not fused to your liking, return the lid to the base and continue to fuse in 15 second intervals until desired look.

Step 7

Once glass has completely fused, remove kiln from microwave using the Hot Mitts and place on a heat resistant surface. Cool the kiln on a heat resistant surface for at least 30 minutes with the lid on. Removing the lid or peeking under the lid during the cooling will result in your piece cracking. Glass remains hot for a long time and should be handled with great caution.

Step 8

Repeat steps 4-7 until you have created 11 fused glass cabochons.

Step 9

When cooled, adhere Dichroic cabochons to the disks of the Fuseworks™ Bracelet & allow to dry.

Additional adornments such as charms & ribbons can be added to create a personalized bracelet sure to put sparkle into your holidays.

FUSING SCHEDULE

Watts	Minutes	Thickness of Glass
800	3 to 4	1/4" (2 - 3/8" pcs.)
1100	70% Power 2 min; 100% 1 minute	1/4" (2 - 3/8" pcs.)
1200	70% Power 2 min; 100% 1 minute	1/4" (2 - 3/8" pcs.)

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