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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

We love to host a variety of contests on FaveCrafts each year. In October, we asked readers and bloggers alike to submit beautiful ornament tutorials to FaveCrafts as a way to celebrate the holiday season. In November, site visitors were invited and encouraged to vote for their favorite ornaments: just by visiting a particular ornament project, readers would cast their votes. The ornaments with the most page views won, and those top ten ornaments can be found in this wonderful new eBook!

Below, you'll find our *10 Best Christmas Ornament Crafts of 2016*. The Christmas Bauble with Hearts (p. 5) was our number one winner: learn to make a beautiful crocheted bauble with this helpful step-by-step tutorial. The Coffee Filter Angel Wings (p. 10) came in second, and it is such a beautiful project to make using inexpensive materials! Finally, the Teeny Tiny Wine Cork Reindeer (p. 11) came in third. Don't you dare throw out those wine corks! The potential to make that adorable project is on page 11 of this free eBook.

There are so many more amazing tutorials below, and you can find all of the ornament entries for the Best Ornament Contest 2016 in our <u>Fave Ornament</u> <u>collection</u> and even more Christmas ornament crafts at <u>FaveCrafts.com</u>.

Our eBooks, like all of our craft projects, are absolutely FREE. Please feel free to share with family and friends and ask them to sign up at our website for <u>free</u> <u>newsletters from FaveCrafts.com</u>.

Happy crafting!

Sincerely,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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10 Best Ornament Tutorials

Christmas Bauble with Hearts

By: Nicole Riley from Nicki's Homemade Crafts

Create a stunning Christmas ornament for your tree with a sweet heart motif in the center. The Christmas Bauble with Hearts is a wonderful crochet ornament pattern that will add a nostalgic feel to your tree.

From the Designer: "The Christmas bauble is made by creating two identical halves first, starting with making the heart on each half. Once finished making the halves they are crocheted together using a zigzag stitch, a variation of the braided stitch. The yarn that was used is Knitpicks Dishie yarn, and a 3.5mm hook and an ornament with 3 inches in diameter is needed."



- Worsted weighted yarn, such as Knit Picks Dishie, in red, green, white
- 3.5mm crochet hook
- Scissors
- Needle for weaving in the ends
- 3 inch ornament ball

Bauble Halves (make 2):

Starting with red yarn (making the heart)

R1: Ch4, you will now place all the following stitches in the same stitch which is the 4th chain from the hook: 3tr, 3dc, ch1, 1tr, ch1, 3dc, 3tr, ch3, sl st into the center of the heart



Change yarn to green, drop red behind (you will pick it back up in row 4)

R2: Ch1, in BLO sc in each stitch all around, sl st into 1st sc



R3: Ch2, 2dc in the same stitch, ch1, sk st, *2dc, ch1, sk st, repeat from * all around, sl st to first dc



Change yarn to red, drop green behind (you will pick it back up in row 5)

R4: Ch1, *1hdc into space between the 2dc from the previous round, 2hdc into chain space from previous round, repeat from * all around, sl st to first hdc



Change yarn to green, drop red behind (you will pick it back up in row 6)

R5: Ch2, 1dc into the same st, *place 2dc into the space between 1hdc and 3hdc from the previous round, ch1, place 1dc into the space between 3hdc and 1hdc from the previous round, repeat from * all around, sl st to first dc



Change yarn to red, drop green behind (you will pick it back up in row 7)

R6: Ch1, 1hdc into the space before the ch1 you just made, ch1, *3hdc in space between 2dc and 1dc from previous round, ch1, repeat from * all around, place 2hdc into the last space where the first hdc was placed, sl st to first hdc



Change yarn to green (fasten off red)

R7: Ch1, sc into the same st, *2hdc into the next space, 1sc into next 2st, repeat all around, ending with 1sc (not 2sc as you already place 1sc in the beginning), sl st to first sc



Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Crocheting the two halves together using a zigzag stitch:

Attach the red yarn

Ch1, *sc to second half of the bauble, ch2 (let go of the chain), sk st, pull the hook thru the next stitch of the first half bauble, pull the loop you just let go thru, ch1, sk st on the second half of the bauble, sc, repeat from * all the way around, placing the plastic ornament between the two halves after a couple of stitches, tie off and weave in the end.



Coffee Filter Angel Wings

By: Regena Allen for FaveCrafts.com

Create a heavenly ornament for the tree using inexpensive materials! The Coffee Filter Angel Wings ornament is a lovely project to make. It won't take you long and the results are just darling. The angel wings make great gifts for loved ones, and people will be so appreciative of this token of affection.

From the Designer: "I wanted to give my co-workers a little something for Christmas and was broke! But then it occurred to me that I had access to a lot of coffee filters (my position was a coffee hostess) that were disposed of every week! I took some home and came up with angel wings!"



- Coffee filters
- Hot glue stick
- Pair of scissors

- Gold glitter
- Spray glue
- Ribbon with gold

- 1. Using 2 or more coffee filters, fold coffee filters in half.
- 2. Draw half a wing at fold. Cut the silhouette of an angel's wings on the rounded edge of filters and make cuts at an angle along the edge.
- 3. Ruffle the slit edge to loosen and feather the edge.
- 4. Open wings and separate each layer. Glue each layer together down the middle.
- 5. Cut about 3" of ribbon. Make a bow with the ribbon and glue at the top in the middle of the wings.
- 6. Make a loop with more ribbon and glue it to top back to form a hanger.
- 7. Lightly spray with spray adhesive and sprinkle glitter over the wings. Let dry.



If you love ornament tutorials, you simply must check out our popular collection of over <u>70 Simple Homemade Christmas Ornaments</u>. We update this list frequently!

Teeny Tiny Wine Cork Reindeer

By: Ann Clason from Make the Best of Things

Create a precious little ornament from a very fun material: wine corks! The Teeny Tiny Wine Cork Reindeer is the perfect little project to add a fun twist to your holiday décor this season.

From the Designer: "If you have wine corks and twigs from your yard, you can make these teeny tiny wine cork reindeer. Add a hook to hang on your Christmas tree, make a few to march across your mantle, attach them as toppers to gifts, put them into a coffee mug with hot cocoa packets and a candy cane! I tuck them into the stockings for my Santa Claus dolls. Pretty simple to make and you'll love what you have in the end!"



- Wine corks
- Small straight twigs
- Small forked twigs
- Hot glue

- Razor knife
- Red ball head pin
- Small Christmas items

- 1. Choose wine corks for body and head. Trim where necessary.
- 2. Cut five straight twigs 2" long. Four for legs and one for neck.



- 3. Cut two 1" long forked twigs for antlers.
- 4. With sharp pointed tool (like an ice pick or nail) put two holes in head cork for antlers.
- 5. Use hot glue to place antlers on head.



- 6. With same tool put four leg holes in bottom of body cork. Angle the holes slightly for best results.
- 7. Use hot glue to place legs in body. Push twigs against hard surface to "seat" them and make sure body stands level on all four legs.



8. Make a hole at top front of body cork. Angle it slightly so the neck twig leans forward. Use hot glue to place neck twig in hole.



9. On underside of head cork make a slightly angled hole and use hot glue to attach to neck twig.

10. Add red ball pin to top front of head cork for nose. Add embellishments to reindeer as desired.



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Snowman Treat Ornament

By: Dorothy Minor for Hubpages.com

The Snowman Treat Ornament is a two-for-one crochet project: give a gift inside the little snowman, and then hang him on the tree for years to come.

From the Designer: "I have been creating snowman gift bags and thought a snowman treat holder ornament would be a companion to the bags. I used the same technique of creating a white body, changing to a colorful yarn to make the scarf and then white again for the head. To complete the snowman, I made two pieces and sewed on cute buttons for eyes, nose, and buttons on the belly. Then I sewed the two pieces together and crocheted with the scarf color around the top, adding a loop for hanging on the tree."



- Crochet Hook H
- Worsted weight yarn in white
- Worsted weight yarn in color of choice for scarf
- Various buttons for eyes, mouth, and buttons on snowman's stomach
- Needle

(Make 2 pieces)

R1: Ch 11 with white

R2: sc in second ch from hook and across, 10 sc

R3-R7: sc in each sc across, 10 stitches

R8: change to scarf color, sc across 10 sc and ch 7

R9: sc in second ch from hook and across, 16 sc

R10: change to white and sc across, 10 sc

R11-R16: sc in each sc across, 10 sc; end

Sew buttons in place for eyes, mouth, and on snowman's belly. Match front and back so scarf ends match.

Using white, slip stitch or sew pieces together.

R17: Attach scarf color to top and sc around, 22 stitches. (Put a stitch on each side to make 22 total).

R18-R21: Sc around, 22 stitches, joining with sl stitch.

On last round, ch 10 and slip stitch to sc to form a loop.

Be sure to weave in all ends.

Breast Cancer Awareness Ornament

By: Christine Harper for FaveCrafts.com

The Breast Cancer Awareness Ornament is a heartfelt tutorial to add a commemorative decoration to your tree. Add a meaningful ornament to your Christmas decorating this year by making this project.

From the Designer: "My Breast Cancer Awareness Ornament is made with craft materials I had purchased as well as what I had in my crafting supplies. I estimated the time to make this lovely inspiring ornament is about 45 mins with every minute much dedicated with love in making this ornament! I have this breathtaking ornament hanging up in my living room as a heartfelt emblem I created in loving memory of all women past, present, as well as in the future of finding a cure to end Breast Cancer!"



- 1 Clear large ornament ball
- Electrical tape
- Ribbon

- A pair of scissors
- White nail polish
- Sticky back foam sheet (pink)

- 1. Take scissors and cut label off ornament.
- 2. Take electrical tape and roll it onto middle of the ball. Wrap all around evenly.
- 3. Cut out small pieces of sticky back foam sheet pink color.
- 4. Peel back off each pink piece & place each one on ornament (start above the electrical tape). Cover all above tape.
- 5. Peel electrical tape off slowly.
- 6. Take white nail polish, apply each stroke with nail polish brush about 1 1/2 inches down where electrical tape was removed all the way around, and spread nail polish evenly. Let dry 15 mins.



Mini Tree Stocking Ornaments

By: Teri Kuffler for FaveCrafts.com

The Mini Tree Stocking Ornaments are sweet treats to add to the tree. Once you get the hang of this quick crochet pattern, you'll want to make tiny stockings for everyone on your list!

From the Designer: "These are miniature Christmas stockings made from 4 ply yarns. Each stocking takes about a half an hour or less to make. I even use Fun Fur as the top trim and ribbon for the bows. For each color yarn I use I make three or four different sizes from really tiny about 1 ½ inches up to 4 inches. I make larger ones to use as treat gift bags too. The ornaments make the tree look so festive!"



- 4 Ply Yarn
- Fun Fur for stocking trim
- Depending what size stocking you want the size of hook matters. I use F, G, and H. Makes sm, med, and Irg stockings.
- Yarn needle

R1: Ch 4, dc in 4th st from hook 9 times, join with sl st in top of the ch 4. (10 dc)

R2: 2 sc in each st around, join with sl st in 1st sc. (20 sc)

R3: (1 sc in first 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) repeat 4 more times, join with sl st in 1st sc. (25 sc)

R4-R6: Sc in each st around. (25 sc)

R7-R11: 11 sc in next 11 st, ch 1 turn.

R12: 4 sc in next 4 st, 3 sc together, 4 sc. Join to the sc on the other side. This leaves the back of the heel row open.

R13: 16 sc evenly around. You are now making the top part of the stocking.

R14: Ch 3 (this is your 1st dc) in joining sc st from previous row, dc in each st around, join in top of ch 3. (16 dc)

R15-R19: Sc in each st around. Fasten off. (16 sc)

R20-R24: Contrasting color yarn, join with sl st in back part of stocking and sc in each st around.

Fasten off. (16 sc) This is the cuff that you fold down.

You need to sew the back of the heel together. You can use the back of each loop and whip stitch to join.

Weave a ribbon or yarn through the dc row and tie in a bow. Attach a ribbon or yarn to the back of stocking for hanging on tree.

Ribbon Angel Ornament

By: Gail Griffin from Purple Hues and Me

Your loved ones will have to pick their jaws up off the ground when they see this stunning Ribbon Angel Ornament. Make a gorgeous ornament for the tree with a few basic materials using this helpful how-to.

From the Designer: "This lovely ribbon angel ornament is quick and easy to make and it's so versatile that you can make it in any size using different types of ribbon including mesh by adjusting the measurements! There's also almost no drying time using the Fabri-tac fabric glue. This ribbon angel is so adorable! Imagine lots of them hanging on a tree, or adorn on beautifully wrapped packages."



- 2 1/2 yards of 2.5" wired ribbon
- 1" ball ornament
- Chenille stem

- Fabri-tac fabric glue
- Hot glue gun
- Embellishments/hanger

- 1. Begin by cutting five pieces of wired ribbon 7 1/2'' long.
- 2. Bring ends together and cut ribbon on the diagonal, 1.25" from the center fold to edge end. The open five ribbons should be 7 1/2" on one side and 2 1/2 inches on the other side.



3. Bring the longest edges together to form a point, shaping into a cone.



- 4. Apply Fabri-tac glue to underside of ribbon edge and seal together overlapping, matching points to form a cone shape. Make sure opening on one cone can accommodate the shank of the ball ornament. Hot glue on.
- 5. Repeat gluing together the four remaining ribbon pieces into cones.
- 6. Glue one cone on both sides of the head cone, matching points and patterns.



There's nothing quite like a cute reindeer craft to get you in the holiday spirit. In <u>18</u> <u>Wonderful Reindeer Crafts to Make the Holidays Merrier</u>, you're sure to find a clever reindeer craft idea for just about anyone on your list, including yourself!

Gorgeous Vintage Jewelry Ornament

By: Debb Hines for FaveCrafts.com

Vintage costume jewelry has a brand new use again with this Gorgeous Vintage Jewelry Ornament tutorial. Make what's old new again by using statement jewelry pieces to adorn your tree.

From the Designer: "My Mom has so much jewelry that after she passed on I took her pins, earrings, and anything else I thought would work and turned them into a Christmas ornament. After removing all the backs from the earrings and pins off the backs of her pins (leaving the pretty part) I wrapped a Styrofoam ball with ribbon. Then started hot gluing all the items onto the ball. I put a bow on the top and used either a bracelet or a necklace as the hanger. Now Mom is with us each Christmas."



- Jewelry
- Styrofoam ball
- Ribbon
- Hot glue

- 1. Gather all the pieces of jewelry you want to use....earrings, pins, necklaces, etc.
- 2. For clasp earrings, remove all the backs. For pins remove all the backs.
- 3. Wrap a Styrofoam ball with ribbon holding at the top and bottom with a straight pin.
- 4. Hot glue the jewelry pieces to the ball making sure you leave room at the top for a bow if you want. Cover the pin on the bottom holding the ribbon.
- 5. Make and add a bow and hanger to the top with either a pin or glue. You can use both to make sure it holds. The hanger can be either a bracelet, a necklace or a piece of ribbon.



For Christmas crafts to deck your walls, look no further than <u>15 DIY Christmas Wall</u> <u>Decor Ideas You Can't Miss</u> to get you started.

Santa's Christmas Cowboy Boot

By: Cecilia Lira for Ravelry.com

Mix your flair for Southern style with your next Christmas project! Santa's Christmas Cowboy Boot is the ornament showing Santa's style when he visits those homes in the Southern states.

From the Designer: "A crocheted applique that can be used as an ornament, decorative present tag or even a piece of holiday jewelry. Made of cotton crochet thread from a simple written word pattern with a symbol diagram and photo of individual steps. Two inches tall in crochet thread, it would be larger in yarn and make a nice trivet, potholder or small throw rug. Use two with craft stuffing and create a cute pillow. It takes under an hour to make depending on your personal crochet speed."



- Cotton crochet thread size 10, small amounts of red, black and white
- Lamé crochet thread, small
 amount of gold color
- Steel crochet hook size 9 (1.75mm)
- Smaller size blunt end tapestry needle

- White craft glue
- Small plastic bristle craft paint brush
- Card stock, small piece of black or red (or your preference)
- Weighted non stick object
- Small, sharp scissors
- Scroll down for Santa Boot Chart

Notes:

Finished height: 2"

Altering size of hook or thickness of thread/yarn will affect size of finished piece, but not proportions.

Instructions:

Heel/Sole – Black

- 1. Chain (ch) 9
- 2. Skip the two stitches closest to hook, single crochet (sc) once in each of next 6 chains, ch2 turn
- 3. Sc in each of next 6 sc, ch11, end off, leave a length of tail approximately twice length of the entire sole for weaving in ends

Boot Body – Red

- 1. Join new thread in last ch of black
- ch2, sc in each of next 3 chs, half double crochet (hdc) in each of next 2 chs, work hdc decrease (hdc dec) over next 2 chs, double crochet (dc) in each of next 3 chs, 2dc in next ch, dc in each of next 6 sc of previous row (black), ch3 turn
- 3. dc in each of first 8 stitches (sts), hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc dec over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 4 sts, slip stitch (slst) in last st, ch1 turn
- 4. sl st in first sc, sc in each of next 3 sts, sc dec over next 2 sts, hdc in next st, hdc & dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 7 sts, ch3 turn
- 5. rows 7-9: dc in each of first 9 sts, ch3 turn
- 6. dc in each of each of the 9 sts, end off, leave a length of tail approximately twice width of the entire boot for weaving in ends

Cuff – White

- 1. Turn piece, join new thread in top ch of ch3 in step 9 of red boot body
- 2. ch3, 2 dc in same st as joined thread, dc in each of next 8 sts, 3 dc in last st, ch3 turn
- 3. dc in each of first 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, dc in each of next 3sts, ch3, sl st to next st, end off, leave a length of tail approximately twice width of the entire boot for weaving in ends

Strap – Black

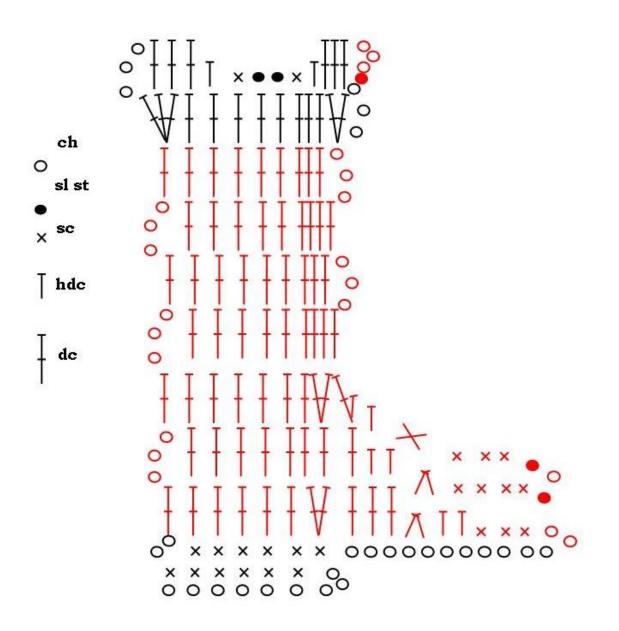
- 1. Join new thread into last st at end of Row 6
- 2. ch11, sl st to start of Row 6, turn
- 3. slst in each of next 11 chs just worked, end off, leave a length of tail approximately twice length of the strap for weaving in ends

Buckle – Gold

- 1. Join new thread in the 4th dc in Row 5
- sl st in a straight line in each of next rows across boot (see photo and chart) turn 90 degrees
- 3. Rows 2-4: sl st in next 3 sts as row 1 forming a small open square around a section of the strap (see photo and chart), end off, leave a length of tail approximately twice length of the buckle for weaving in ends
- 4. Using a smaller size tapestry needle weave in all loose tails

Finishing

With white craft glue, lightly paint the back side of appliqué with a small plastic bristled craft paint brush. Place the appliqué glue side down onto a piece of card stock in a color of your choosing (I used black, but red would work well too). Lay the card onto a flat surface. Place a weighted object with a non-stick surface such as a plastic notebook or dinner plate on the exposed, unglued face of appliqué. Allow to dry. Carefully trim away excess card with small, sharp scissors.



Windchime Wonder Christmas Ornament

By: Marilyn Kristine Fiddelke for FaveCrafts.com

Repurpose glass bottles and other fun materials with this Windchime Wonder Christmas Ornament. Wine bottle crafts are a joy to make, and the glass dome almost gives this project a snow globe-like effect!

From the Designer: "The ornaments are wine bottles with whimsy Christmas ornaments as the chimes or just eye candy. Wine bottles are scored, cut & smoothed. Using small chain, from hardware store and key rings the ornaments are attached and extra chain for hanging by key ring. You can also etch the glass, as is done on the Santa one displayed. There is no limit to what you can make only your imagination. Have Fun~ Ho Ho Ho."

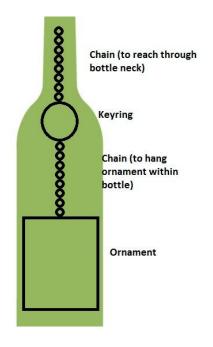


Materials:

- Wine bottle(s)
- Christmas ornament
- Small chain (length is up to you)
- Key rings
- Glass smoothing pad

- Etching supplies (if necessary)
- Glass scorer
- Boiling water and cold water to dip bottle in after scoring to remove bottom of wine bottle.

- 1. Wine bottles are scored, cut & smoothed. Cutting the glass will take some trial and error, but any bottle cutter/glass scorer will come with full instructions in the kit.
- 2. Attach the ornament to the chain, being mindful of the length: the length of the chain depends on the size of the bottle and how long or short you'd like it to look. Attach this length of chain to the keyring. This will determine where the ornament hangs within the bottle.
- 3. Attach the keyring to another length of chain that will reach up through the neck of the bottle. It should look something like this:



- 4. At this point, a decorate bead with a wide hole can be strung on the chain so it sits right on top of the bottle (where the cork would have been).
- 5. The keyring inside the bottle secures the ornament in place.
- 6. You can also etch the glass, as is done on the Santa one displayed. Glass etching kits will also include full instructions for etching.



Look back with these <u>29 Traditional Vintage Christmas Crafts</u> and add some traditional Yuletide ideas to your home.



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