

7 Easy Homemade

Christmas

Ornaments for Kids



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Letter from the Editors

Hi Christmas Crafters,

One of the best parts of the holiday season is that your little ones get to take a break and spend time with you. Still, it can be rough balancing a busy schedule and entertaining them at the same time. Luckily, this eBook is full of ornament projects that kids of all ages can enjoy. With festive fabrics, recyclables, and even a few items from outside the house, they'll be able to construct their own additions to your Christmas tree that will last for years to come. Have fun with your kids this holiday season – using this eBook, you'll have projects to occupy them for days!

Be sure to take a look at each of our amazingly unique ornament projects from some of our favorite bloggers. There won't be any need to wait in line at a holiday store for ornaments this year, because this eBook's projects will be bringing you original ideas that can be created for next to nothing.

You can find more tutorials, tips, and decorating ideas at www.AllFreeChristmasCrafts.com.

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Happy Crafting,

The Editors of AllFreeChristmasCrafts

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Salt Dough Gift Tags and Ornaments

By: Melanie for [Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Salt dough is an unimaginably fun and versatile craft material for kids. Children can use their favorite Christmas cutters and molds to shape these ornaments. You can also use these to decorate Christmas presents.



Materials:

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup warm water
- Cookie cutters, jars, templates
- Straw, chopstick, skewer
- Foam sponges
- *Metallic Acrylics* (adds a pretty sheen and dries quickly with a thin coat)
- *Glitter Acrylics* (adds dimension & lots of sparkle. Love the colors from the Martha Stewart brand)
- *"Plain" Acrylics* (makes a nice base, but a little flat. An additional coat of glitter paint really make them pop)
- *Glitter spray paint* (Fun! I used the Krylon brand (Fyi, the can is really small)).



Instructions:

1.) I mixed the flour and salt together in a large bowl. Then I added the warm water and kneaded it with my hands until the dough was well incorporated and took on a play dough like quality (around 5 minutes)

2.) Roll out your dough and make your ornaments with cookie cutters, jars, templates, etc... Make sure to poke a hole at the top-- I used a straw, a chopstick or skewer also works.

3.) Preheat the oven to 200 F and bake for 2-5 hours (depending on the thickness of your project).**

** I also baked a batch at 275 F and it was done after 1 hour. However, the bottom turned a light brown... not a big deal since I painted the ornaments, but just something to consider.



Bottle Cap Snowman Ornament

By: Shannon Staker for [Shannon Makes Stuff](http://ShannonMakesStuff.com)

Recyclables are a great way to save money and still make cool crafts. This project teaches your children how resourceful you can be with items from around the house. Each of your kids can customize their very own, so they're sure to be special.



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Materials:

- Unpressed bottle caps (6 for each snowman)
- Paint
- 5 inches of ribbon
- String
- Hot glue
- Fabric

Instructions:

- 1.) You need 6 unpressed bottle caps for each snowman. First, paint the top of them with a large, white circle.
- 2.) Let dry and paint three black dots on the middle circle in a straight line down to make the buttons.

3.) On the bottom circle, write the year on one and on the other, a child's name.

4.) On the top circle, do two black dots for eyes, a smile with five black dots in a U-shape, and an orange triangle nose in the middle.



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5.) Take a 5 inch piece of ribbon and hot glue one end into the bottlecap with the year on it. Then glue the cap with the name on it together. Repeat with the caps that have buttons on them about 1/8 inch above the bottom caps.

TAKE A 5 INCH PIECE OF RIBBON AND HOT GLUE ONE END INTO THE BOTTLECAP WITH THE YEAR ON IT. THEN GLUE THE CAP WITH THE NAME ON IT TOGETHER. REPEAT WITH THE CAPS THAT HAVE BUTTONS ON THEM ABOUT 1/8 INCH ABOVE THE BOTTOM CAPS.



6.) Take the ribbon that has the two caps glued on already and take the first bottlecap with a face on it. Glue it onto the string at both sides.

7.) Take the remaining length of string and loop back down and hot glue in the cap. Then make a ring of hot glue around the outer edge and glue the other face onto it.



8.) Tie a scrap of fabric around the snowman's neck as a scarf.

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TIE A SCRAP OF FABRIC AROUND THE SNOWMAN'S NECK AS A SCARF.

Cute Painted Canvas Ornaments

By: Melony Bradley for [Mel Designs](#)

Canvas is a sturdy craft material, and kids will love feeling it as they paint. They can use your leftover craft fabric to make adorable Christmas images. You can help add detailing with some easy stitches.



Materials:

- Canvas fabric sheets
- Burlap circles by [Canvas Corp](#)
- [Lumiere](#) paint
- [Neopaque](#) paint
- [Pearlescent Blue, Metallic Silver in Lumiere](#) paint
- [White Neopaque](#) paint
- Cernit clay by [Jacquard products](#)
- [Canvas Corp](#) fluted 12 x 12 paper

Instructions:

**I started with a canvas fabric sheet and burlap circles by [Canvas Corp](#). These items are available from [Scrapbook.com](#).



1.) I cut two 3" circles and two 1 1/2" circles from the canvas sheet. Using [Lumiere](#) and [Neopaque](#) by [Jacquard products](#), I painted swatches of color on both large circles, letting colors dry in between.



2.) I used [Pearlescent Blue, Metallic Silver in Lumiere](#) and [White Neopaque](#) for the snowman ornament.



3.) I painted the smaller circles white to resemble the head of a snowman.

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4.) Once the paint was dry, I layered the snowman on top of the burlap circle and sewn the edges with a straight stitch. I layered this piece on top of one of the larger painted circles and sewed in place. To create a stuffed ornament, layer circles together and sew, leaving a small opening to insert stuffing. Then sew together.



** [Jacquard Lumiere and Neopaque](#) can be purchased from [Dick Blick Art Materials](#).



5.) I used cernit clay by [Jacquard products](#) to create a nose. I used [Canvas Corp's](#) fluted 12 x 12 paper to create the tag.

6.) Experiment with different themes, like I did with this heart themed canvas ornament.

Starfish Santa Ornaments

By: Valerie Powery for [Yarni Gras!](#)

Find a new way to commemorate a trip to the beach. These Santa ornaments will be the stars of your Christmas tree. Kids who love to paint will have so much fun creating their very own Santa Claus.



Materials:

- Starfish: I use small to medium sized starfish. I also look for the shape of the limbs, etc. I want Santas jumping, dancing and having fun!
- Craft paints in red, black, flesh, white and metallic gold
- Gold glitter
- Sponge craft brush
- Small paint brush
- Hot glue
- Toothpick
- Thread for hanging
- Clear spray varnish

Note: When 'painting' you are actually going to dab because of all the little bumps on the starfish. Trying to paint a straight line is nearly impossible.

Instructions:

1.) Using red and the sponge brush, paint the entire starfish, front and back. Use a lot of paint because starfish are porous and will absorb the paint. Use the edge of the sponge to get into the crevices along the back of the limbs.

You will use the paint brush for the rest of the painting.



Now...here is the fun part! Hold your starfish up and look at the limbs. Figure out what this Santa will do. Will he be swaying to Christmas music?



Or jumping and dancing?

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Once you decide, don't forget which limb is his head.

2.) Using flesh, paint the ends of the arms and the face. Let dry. When you do the face, you'll just make an oval spot where the face will be. Don't place it too high because the tip of the head will have white on it. I place mine about 2/3 of the way down limb.



3.) Using black, paint the ends of the feet and belt. Then using a toothpick, make his little eyes. Let dry.



4.) Using white, go over the area where the fur trim would be: around his face tip of hat above the boots above the wrists.

Fill in for the beard and mustache: For the beard, you'll basically make a long oblong shape that ends above where the belt buckle will be. Then, fill it in with white, leaving a spot of red visible to make the mouth. If you forget and paint everything white, just go back later and make a little mouth with the red paint. Let dry.



The beauty of this project is it is sooooo forgiving. If you goof up on Santa's face (or anything else) just paint that limb red and then start it over.

5.) Using metallic gold, paint the buckle. While wet, sprinkle with glitter if you want and brush off the excess later.

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From this angle Santa looks unhappy...but he isn't, just an illusion because of the bumps...no worries!



6.) Spray with clear gloss and let dry. (optional)



7.) Now, flip Santa over and give him a spanking glue your thread to hang him by.

Put your thread together and lay it in the natural crevice along the limb. Don't put a knot in it, the crevice isn't that accommodating because of the bumpiness of the spines.



8.) Then glob on some hot glue.



While the glue is still very warm, carefully press it down into the grooves...careful not to burn yourself though.

Once Santa is dry, he is ready to hang. Or you can put them in a bowl and take a photo of them...



PS....Starfish are VERY fragile so when you store them, wrap each ornament individually in tissue, then put them in a box within the big box of ornaments.

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Wax Dipped Pine Cone Ornaments

By: Donni for [The Magic Onions](#)

You don't need store-bought products to make beautiful ornaments. This tutorial teaches your kids a totally new way to decorate. It's amazing what you can do with the materials in and around your home!



Materials:

- Small pine cones
- Eye hooks
- A drill with a small bit
- Ribbon
- Beeswax

Instructions:

1.) Begin by melting the beeswax over a bain-marie on the stove. A bain-marie can be made by filling a pot, a third full, with water. Bring water to the boil and set your beeswax pot in the boiling water to melt. I have a little milk warmer dedicated to melting beeswax as I work with beeswax often. I let the left-over beeswax

harden in the milk warmer and store it for next time.

If you don't often work with beeswax, a recycled jar will work just as well as my milk warmer and you can throw it away (or recycle it) when you are done.



2.) While the beeswax is melting, drill a hole, just a little but smaller than the width of your eye hooks, in the top of the pine cone.



3.) Screw the eye hook into the hole.

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4.) When the beeswax is melted you can start dipping your pine cones. Hold the pine cone by the eye hook and dip it into the melted beeswax, quickly. Once you have dipped the pine cone, hold it over the melted beeswax to catch the drips.



5.) Let the dipped pine cone rest for a few seconds, allowing the thin coating of beeswax to harden. Then, dip it into the melted beeswax again, quickly. The quicker you dip the pine cone into the wax, the better it will coat the pine cone.



6.) Let the 2nd layer of wax harden for a few moments and then dip it again, quickly. Soon, you will have a delightfully coated pine cone.

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7.) Cut a length of ribbon and hang your pretty ornament with a bow.



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Button Photo Ornaments

By: Jenny Barnett Rohrs for [Craft Test Dummies](#)

Save your favorite photo of your kids. They'll love working with the color buttons and fabric, and they're all easy and safe to use. This project is meant to celebrate fun memories!



Materials:

- Manual Die Cutting Machine and [Nesting Dies](#) (I used Scalloped Circles) OR
- Hand Punches 1.5" and 3"
- Feltie Sheets (stiffened felt) OR Foamies
- Elmer's Craft Bond Glue OR Foamie Glue (you DO need special glue for foamies, FYI)
- Buttons (I used Ocean Blue and Fancy Grab bag)
- Ribbon for hanging
- Angels Start-Ups
- Permanent marker

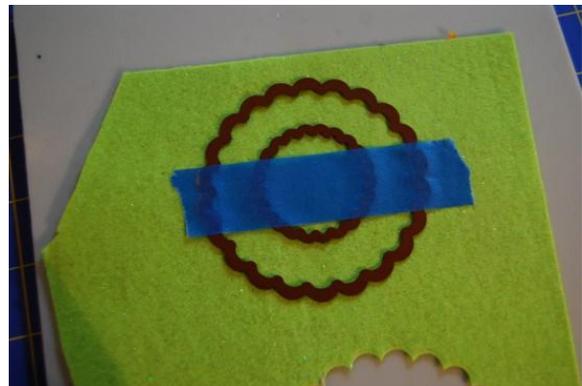
Instructions:

Note: I used a manual die-cutting machine for this (the [Spellbinders Grand Calibur](#)) because my kids, ages 6 and 10, know how to use it

independently and frankly the results are great! But you can use hand punches if you like, instead.

1.) First, have your kids cut large circles in 3 1/2" or 4" size for the bases. Then, cut the "wreath" portion by positioning the 3" or the 3 1/2" die and centering the 2" die into the middle. Use a piece of painter's tape to keep it from shifting around while you run it through the machine.

Save that area that is punched out- we'll use it on the back!



2.) Next, cut a piece of ribbon at least 6" long and glue it to the base.



3.) Take your wallet-size photos and position them so the face is centered in the middle. Cut away the excess with scissors. Use a dab of glue to secure the photo to the wreath, then add more glue to the entire thing and glue it to the base.

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4.) Now to decorate! Use a little more ribbon to make a bow, and add a decorative button. Then glue little buttons around the wreath as ornaments.

5.) While that's setting up, write the child's name and year on the Angel Start-up and glue it to that center from the first step. Lastly, glue that to the back of the ornament so that both sides are festive.



You'll have such a good time crafting together as a family, and the kids will be so proud that they made the gifts themselves!

Snowy Owl Ornaments

By: Gail Bartel for [That Artist Woman](#)

Owls are really popular this year, and kids love them. These adorable little guys are made of all the craft materials kids love most. Let them choose their own embellishments to make an owl that's sure to be a hoot!



Materials:

- White felt
- Yogurt Container for tracing
- Tacky glue
- Old book pages
- Gold colored felt
- Tan colored felt
- Large googly eyes
- Gold and silver sequins and gems
- Feathers
- Gold thread for hanging

Instructions:

1.) Using the yogurt container or some other round object trace out a circle on your white felt and cut out.



2.) Find some old book pages. I usually pick up some old books for crafting at garage sales or the library discard sale. I especially like old kid's books like this *Bobbsey Twins*.



3.) You need to cut a small triangle for the Owl's forehead and flower pot shape for the belly. For Christmas Craft Day I will have templates.



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4.) Glue your flower pot shape onto the white felt slightly down from the middle.

Put some glue on the felt on either side of the shape.



7.) Place a little bit of glue into the open corner and add a feather.

Repeat on other side.

5.) Fold the felt over and hold for a few seconds while the glue sets up. You can use some clothespins to help you out.



8.) Glue the little triangle onto the forehead.

6.) Put a dab of glue at the top of your flower pot shape and fold the felt down. You want to keep the ends open.



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9.) Cut 2 circles from the tan felt that are larger than your googly eyes.



10.) Glue into place on the owl.



11.) Cut a little beak triangle from the gold felt and glue into place.



12.) Add some bling!



13.) Using a needle thread some gold thread thru the top of your Owl and make a loop for hanging.



14.) If you want you can gently fold it in a bit to add a little shape so it isn't so flat.



That's it!



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