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Christmas Ornaments



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Hi Christmas crafters,

When you think of the Christmas season, what comes to mind? Maybe it's Santa and his reindeer, perhaps it's presents and cute little elves. For most people, it's a festively-decorated Christmas tree. It seems that during the holiday season, the more opulent and colorful the tree, the better!

Each of the 10 projects in this eBook is fun to make and perfect for Christmas. Whether you love to sew or enjoy crafting with paper, you'll find an ornament to make this Christmas. Additionally, there are crafts you can make with the whole family and more traditional round ornaments. Make your tree sparkle and shine with unique handmade creations!

It's never too early to start preparing for Christmas. Start crafting the perfect ornament today and by the time Christmas rolls around, you'll have a tree filled with your own personalized ornaments.

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Christmas Ball Ornaments

Music Sphere Ornament

By: Shelley for [7 Layer Studio](#)

Make this ornament for your tree and watch as everyone sings its praises! You won't believe how easy it is to create this craft. Mod Podge, decorative papers and glitter make this a standout Christmas ornament.



Materials:

- 3" or 3.5" Styrofoam balls
- Bamboo skewers
- Music note napkins (I bought mine at [PianoSupplies.com](#)), cut into small squares. The squares you see pictured here are too large for this size of ball. After this picture was taken I cut them in half again once I started working. Squares that are 1.5" would be ideal.
- Mod Podge (matte finish) and a chip brush or equivalent, plus a little container for the Mod Podge.
- Wordstrips:
 - "Forever and Ever....Hallelujah..." wordstrip
 - "Peace, Good Will Toward Men" wordstrip

- "For Unto Us a Child is Born..." wordstrip
 - Cut them into the strips, taking care to preserve the black line which outlines the red. A paper cutter or ruler + rotary cutter are recommended to keep the lines straight.
 - NOTE: Many home printers have ink that smears when wet. For best results, go to a commercial printer or make sure your printer ink doesn't smear. If it does, just let ink dry at least 2 days before attempting this project.

- Clear glitter and a tray/large sheet of paper to catch excess glitter
- Ribbon: Skinny 1/8" for the hanger (9" length per ornament) and 1/4" for the bow (about 12" length per ornament).
- Glue gun or craft glue

Instructions:

- 1.) Insert 1 or 2 bamboo skewers into ball. Brush a generous coat of Mod Podge over ball and lay the pieces of napkin down one at a time, brushing a thin layer of Mod Podge over top of napkin piece after each one is put down. A little overlapping is necessary to ensure that none of the Styrofoam is peeking through.
- 2.) When ball is entirely coated, place bamboo skewer + ball into a heavy vase or jar so it can dry without touching anything.



3.) When ball has completely dried, brush a thick coat of Mod Podge around the midsection of ball. Wrap word strip all the way around UPSIDE DOWN, trimming ends if necessary so that only about 1/4" is overlapping. Take care to center the strip on the "equator" of sphere in relation to where the skewers are so that the ball won't hang crooked like some of mine did.



4.) Carefully brush Mod Podge over the strip, using the metal part of the brush to help press down any edges that don't want to conform to the curve of the ball. If you have used a printer with smudgy ink, wipe away any pink-tinted Mod Podge on the music part of the ball before it dries. Otherwise you will have a pink ball. Let dry.



5.) When ball has dried, coat entire ball again with Mod Podge and sprinkle clear glitter over entire sphere. Don't worry about how cloudy it looks here - it will become clear and legible when it dries.



6.) When completely dry, remove bamboo skewer(s) and use the tip of skewer to push the raw ends of skinny ribbon into hole. Squirt glue into hole to secure skinny ribbon.



7.) Tie a little bow with the 1/4" ribbon. Using another dap of glue, attach bow to ball right at the base of the skinny ribbon.



Snow Ball Ornament

By: Sarah for [Sarah Lou](#)

You don't have to step outside to take a walk in a winter wonderland. Use a Styrofoam ball, pins and felt to craft a cute Christmas ornament. This is an easy craft that beginners will love.



Materials:

- A million flat head pins
- Styrofoam ball
- Ribbon, enough to form a small loop
- Glue (not totally necessary, I like the added protection)
- Felt, I just used some acrylic that we had lying around in the kids craft box
- A pointy thing (end of a pencil would work fine, I used my rub on tool)
- Scissors

Instructions:

1.) Cut a million felt "circlish" shapes, mine are in no way uniform, but I swear it works!



2.) Choose a place on the Styrofoam ball, grab a pin, spear it through the felt and stab it in to the ball.



3.) And then a million times more, over lapping the circles as you go.



Christmas Crafts for Kids

Cardboard Star Ornament

By: Amy for [Our Dish](#)

This is an ornament that kids and adults can make together. Save cardboard tubes and create your own Christmas stars. You can use spray paint to give each ornament a colorful, festive look.



Materials:

- Empty cardboard tube(s) - from wrapping paper, paper towel, or toilet paper (Don't worry if it's ugly looking. Just peel all the paper off and the rest won't matter as long as it's intact)
- Heavy duty scissors
- Elmer's glue, or similar
- Spray paint, in holiday colors
- Embellishments, optional
- Pipe cleaners, or ornament hooks

Instructions:

1.) Lay your cardboard tube on the table and press on it with your hands, making it flat. Just enough to make a crease run down each side. This helps it cut up easier. Next, cut a 1/4 to 1/2-inch slice off the end of the tube. That piece should look like a football shape when you lay it flat. Continue cutting a whole bunch of those slices. Try to keep them all the same width.



2.) Gather a small group of your slices (I did mine with 6). Glue them together so that their points all meet together evenly in the middle. If you use SMALL amounts of glue, they will hold together better during the drying process. If they want to pull apart, keep pinching and be patient, once you complete a formation, they stay put pretty well. Let them dry completely.



3.) Spray paint them your favorite Christmas colors! Be sure to flip them over and get both sides, as well as in all the little crevices. We did

red.... and silver. There's a white one in the front (below) but it turned out horrible. Good luck if you want white. Not sure if it was my paint or what... Let that dry REALLY WELL.



4.) With that same glue, you can add little embellishments to the centers. We used fake jewels and shaped sequins. There's not a lot of "surface area contact" here, so you might want a little MORE glue this time. But be patient again, after they dried they seemed stuck on there quite well.

5.) We also cut some pipe cleaners in half to twist it on to the ornament and form the hook at the top. I'm sure regular wire ornament hooks would be a little more sophisticated.



Ballerina Ornament

By: Kim for [4 Crazy Kings](#)

Tiny dancers will love making their own ornaments! This craft is perfect for kids and is sure to become a keepsake. Have your little craft enthusiast create an ornament that looks just like him or her.



Materials:

- 1 Large Popsicle Stick
- 2 Small Popsicle Sticks
- Wide ribbon
- Tissue Paper
- Googly Eyes
- Ribbon to Hang
- Small Hole Punch
- 2 Chenille Stems (Pipe Cleaners)
- Bell (Optional)
- Tape
- Glue
- Scissors
- Marker

Instructions:

- 1.) Punch or drill hole into top of large Popsicle stick. Do this carefully and slowly so the stick doesn't split.
- 2.) Cut smaller sticks to desired length for arms (I just used scissors for this).
- 3.) Cut a 6" X 2" strip of tissue. Mine was 4 layers thick (for fullness).
- 4.) Fold tissue in half -- that is your center.
- 5.) Accordion fold (pleat) one side of the strip going out from center.
- 6.) Repeat going the other way.
- 7.) Place on large Popsicle stick lining up center with center of the stick.
- 8.) Fold excess around to back.
- 9.) Wrap a piece of tape around top edge (ribbon will cover tape).
- 10.) Tie wide ribbon around stick.
- 11.) Tie a big bow in the back.



12.) Fluff and readjust front of ribbon, bow and skirt (carefully separating tissue a bit).

13.) Glue on arms in back.

14.) Tie hanging ribbon on to doll through the hole.

15.) Poke chenille stem through hole and artfully wrap it around (this took some time to get it right) I used two for fullness and to create the bun.

16.) Glue ribbon on bottom for ballet shoe(s).

17.) Trim.

18.) Glue on eyes.

19.) Draw mouth.

Christmas Ornament Ideas

Pom Burlap Christmas Ornaments

By: Brittany for [Love Stitched](#)

Use fabric from your stash and plastic ornaments to create a super easy Christmas craft. You can make a bunch of these ornaments in a short amount of time. This is a great activity for a lazy afternoon.



Materials:

- Half of yard of fabric (I used a natural muslin because it looks a lot like burlap but it's easier to bend and work with)
- Six ornaments
- Glue gun
- Scissors

Instructions:

1.) Cut your half a yard into one inch squares.



2.) You will then fold your square in half and then in half again.





3.) Glue the bottom point of your fabric.



4.) Push down onto the top of your ornament.

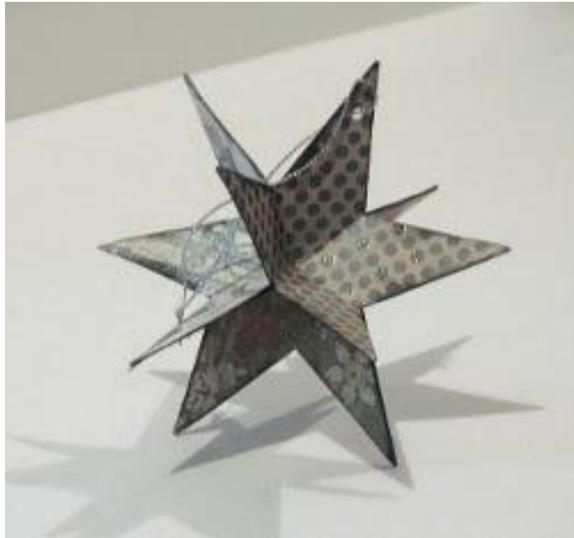
5.) Continue doing this all the way around your ornament.

6.) You can use a painted board, a cupboard door or a piece of bead board for the back.

3D Star Ornament

By: Sandra for [Sawdust and Paper Scraps](#)

Paper folding may seem like a complicated concept, but this Christmas craft is easy and fun to make. Hang a star ornament on your tree for an extra pop of color.



Materials:

- Book of thick patterned cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sharpie
- Hole punch
- Ribbon

Instructions:

1.) Cut out 6 identical stars. (I cut a quite a few in different papers to give myself options when I started gluing it all together. I used the die cut machine at the school as I had to cut out about 140 stars. You could use “clip art” in a Word document to create a template to cut out by hand if you don’t have a machine or access to one.)



2.) Draw a line in between two legs into the center of the star.

3.) Cut along this line. Do this on all 6 stars.



4.) Glue the two “cut legs” together creating a 4 point star that cups inward. Do this to all 6 stars! (Edit: Fold the star to create creases from

the center of the star to each leg joint. As seen in the picture below.)



5.) Start connecting 4 point stars by gluing one leg of two different stars together.



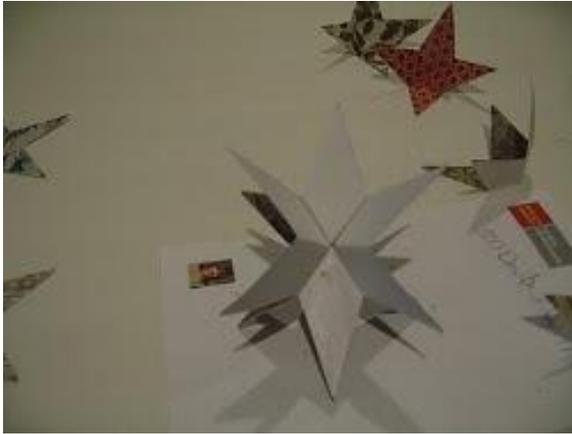
6.) Now glue 2 legs on another 4 point star... to 2 legs on the "star ball" you just started.



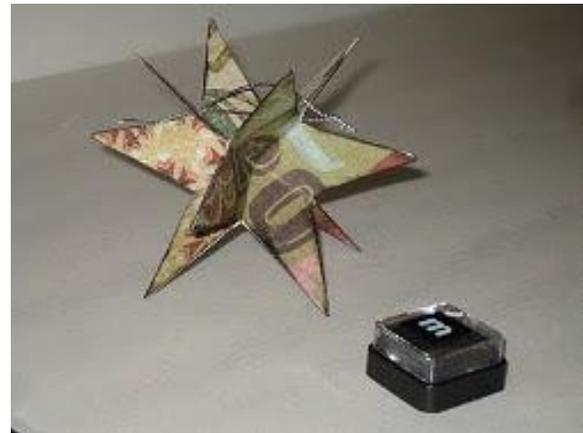
7.) Continue gluing 2 legs of a 4 point star onto the "Star Ball", like you just did.



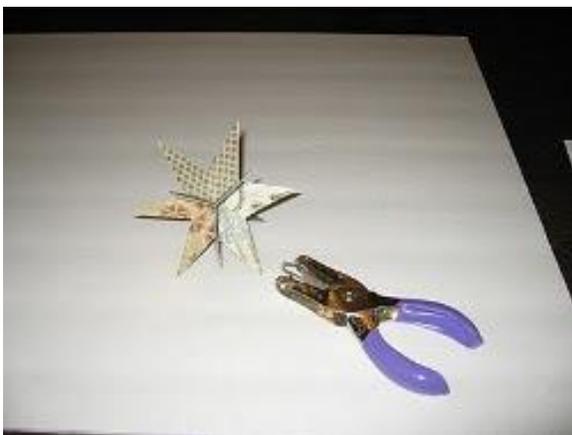
8.) On the last two 4 point stars, you have to change it up a bit. On the second to last one, glue 3 legs to the "star ball".



9.) This will create a perfect hole for the last 4 point star to fit in. Just glue all 4 sides and insert!



10.) Punch a hole and attach a ribbon or hanging string. Now, you could stop here, but I don't like the white edges. So I used an ink pad and a Sharpie to distress them!



Snowman Pail Ornament

By: Meggan for [Megpie Designs](#)

This ornament is sure to make you smile! Use acrylic paint and craft sticks to construct a gang of miniature snowman. Luckily, these little guys won't melt away when the Christmas season ends.



2.) Paint each jumbo craft stick white. Cut the craft sticks in half; make them varying heights such as: 2.5", 2.75", 3", and 3.25" Blush cheeks with pink powder blush. Eyes and mouths are dip dots of black paint.

Materials:

- 2" wooden pail
- Three or four jumbo craft sticks
- Paintbrushes
- Acrylic paints: light blue, white, black, orange
- Hot glue gun with glue sticks.
- Scruffy toothbrush
- Jumbo craft stick for spattering
- Snowflake stencil for pail details
- Pink powder blush and a cotton swab to blush the cheeks.

Instructions:

1.) Base coat the pail with light blue paint. Use the scruffy toothbrush and a craft stick to spatter the pail with white paint.



3.) Use a liner brush and a small amount of orange paint to add a carrot nose to each of your craft stick snowmen.

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4.) Notice I decided to paint a black hat onto one of the snowmen ... just to shake things up. Here's a pic showing how I've added earmuffs and a stocking cap to two of the snowmen. Sometimes, I just can't make up my mind!



5.) Here's how to make the earmuffs: I found these little holly berry embellishments in the Christmas craft section of Hobby Lobby.



6.) The stem is a bendable wire, so it was super quick and easy to bend it into an earmuff shape and attach it to a snowman's head.



7.) Stencil some snowflakes onto the pail, hang with a bit of ribbon, and ... enjoy!

Crystal Snowflake Ornaments

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

If you're new to the world of crafting or just need to make a quick ornament, this is the project for you. In just two steps, you'll have a sparkly Christmas craft to hang on your tree. Feel free to customize your ornament with beads that are different colors and sizes.



Materials:

- Blank snowflake form (I get mine from ConsumerCrafts, only \$1.20 for 7 of 'em.)
- 66 4MM clear bi-cone Swarovski crystals (hitherto known as "swars")
- 12 6MM capri blue bi-cone swars
- 6 6MM blue topaz cube swars
- 6 8MM clear round swars
- Wire cutter and some round-nose pliers

Instructions:

1.) On each arm, string: 2 4MM clear bicones, 1 6MM capri blue bicone, 3 4MM clear bicones, 1 6MM blue topaz cube, 3 4MM clear bicones, 1

6MM capri blue bicone, 3 4MM clear bicones, and 1 big, honkin' 8MM clear round!

2.) Finish off the arm by bending the remaining wire at a 90-degree angle. Eyeball about 1/4 inch, then use your wire cutters to cut off the excess. Using your round-nose pliers, make a loop with remaining wire. Repeat for all 6 arms.

Mercury Glass Star Ornaments

By: Ashlee from [I'm Topsy Turvy](http://ImTopsyTurvy.com)

Make this Christmas craft in under an hour! This adorable ornament is incredibly easy to make and looks great on any tree. These ornaments will add a fun touch to your holiday décor.



Materials:

- Glass stars from Ikea (they also have hearts and angels)
- Spray bottle of water
- Looking Glass (mirror-like paint) from Krylon

Instructions:

1.) I left the stars in the cases they came in, with the ribbons tucked underneath. First spray it with water! The more you spray the bigger the droplets so it's all up to you, and what kind of style you're looking for.



2.) Then spray a few layers of the looking glass spray RIGHT on top of the water! If you want a more swirly effect you can move your ornaments around at this point. I like the droplet look so I left it like this. Although I wish I had swirled one so I could show you.



Birdie Ornaments

By: Abby for [A Feathered Nest](#)

If you love to sew, then this is the perfect ornament for you. Luckily, you don't need an extensive knowledge of sewing for this craft. In fact, all you need is a needle, thread and your imagination!



Materials:

- DMC Floss (it has strands you can pull apart)
- Small embroidery hoop
- Scissors
- Felt
- Pinking shears
- Embroidery needle
- Washable marking pen or something you can mark with
- A template from your imagination traced onto cardstock (it's not hard to trace a little bird shape, then draw a wing in the middle & cut it out)

Instructions:

1.) Trace wing shapes, then stitch using my stitch guide, this amazing guide here, or do your own thing. Be creative! If I get some time, for those of you interested, I'll post another stitch

guide and include some of the newer things I've learned like the flowers, leaves, and other border stitches.

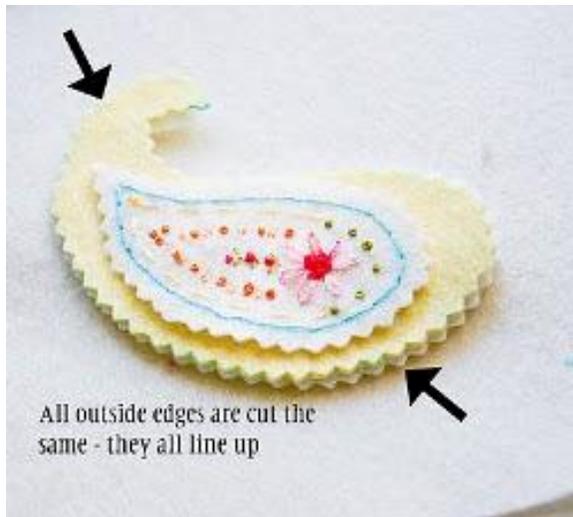
2.) Don't worry about your embroidery hoop going over the top of the other stitched wings - I didn't have any problems, just don't get it too tight and try to be careful.



3.) Set your wings aside and cut out your main body using your pinking shears for that pointy edge look. Trace your bird shape onto ONE piece of felt. Pin that one piece to your backing, and it can be the same color if you want - I used two different colors. Cut out your bird shape around the edges of your tracing pen.



4.) Everything is all lined up perfectly! Cut out your wings, leaving just enough space for you to stitch them down onto the top piece of your bird.



5.) After your wing is stitched onto your top piece, cut out a beak and a ribbon hanger. Don't forget to give your bird an eye ball, too! Put in a French knot where you'd like it to go and remember: the more times you wrap your floss around your needle, the bigger your eye is going to be.

6.) Glue beak and ribbon onto the back side of your bird.



7.) Now stitch the bird closed. Start wherever you'd like, I started at the bottom. With your knot on the INSIDE of the bird, whip stitch in-between your crimps from the scissors. ...so easy - great way to teach kids how to stitch - let them make one of their own!!



8.) Now stuff that bird. To get fluffies way up into the tail portion, you might want to start stuffing a little up in there before you get to this point - but it doesn't matter. Just fatten him up a little or a lot, using your scissors or a skewer to push the stuffing up inside the bird without tearing through your stitching.



9.) Now finish off with a square knot - and that's it! How easy is that?!

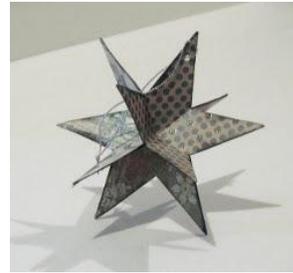


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