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Hi Christmas crafters,

The Christmas season is filled with so many great treats, smells, sights and sounds. But when it comes to holidays, is there anything better than creating homemade items to decorate your home? Ornaments, tabletop trees and advent calendars are just a few ways you can transform an otherwise drab space into a winter wonderland.

This eBook includes everything from kids' crafts to items made from recyclable materials. Feel free to express yourself and show off your own personal aesthetic – the holiday season is all about individuality and ingenuity! Gather up your friends and family members to create cool crafts and adorable keepsakes.

Feel free to leave these crafts up all year – they're so irresistible, you won't want to put them away when the season comes to an end.

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## Christmas Ornaments to Make

access to a die cut machine that you can use for this, it'll make it easier).

### Stash Crafted Wrapping Paper Snowman Ornament

By: Jordan and Kristin for [kojodesigns](http://kojodesigns)

During the holiday season, you may find yourself stuffing your trash can with wrapping paper scraps. Instead of wasting paper, save your scraps and create a cute snowman ornament to hang on your tree.



#### Instructions:

1.) Punch or cut your shape from the wrapping paper. I probably punched 20 of each size of circle, but only cut out 7 or 8 hats.

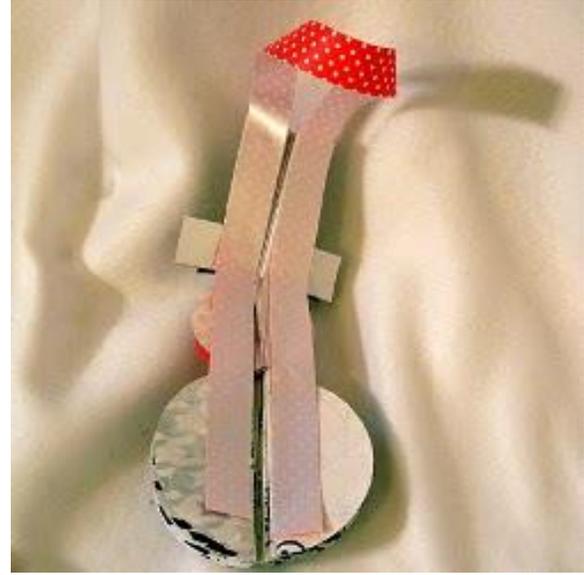


#### Materials:

- Wrapping paper
- Symmetrical shape (I used circles and a symmetrical hat)
- Glue
- Ribbon
- Way to cut out your symmetrical shape (the obvious choice being scissors, but if you have punches or

2.) Fold all of your shapes in half on the line of symmetry.

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3.) Start gluing your halves together. You'll eventually have a big stack of your shape folded in half and glued together.

4.) Before completing your shapes by gluing your first piece and last piece together, glue a piece of ribbon through the center of your shape.



5.) Then glue your shape(s) together and hang on your tree.

## Snowflake Christmas Tree Ornaments

By: Jill for [Meet the Dubiens](#)

Kids will love making their own ornaments! Use a cookie cutter to create holiday-themed shapes and hang the finished product on your tree.



### Materials:

- White Crayola Model Magic
- Snowflake cookie cutter - I used a Wilton Comfort Grip
- Rolling pin
- Straw (I forgot to photograph this!)
- Ribbon



### Instructions:

1.) Roll out your model magic so it's about 1/4 - 1/2 inch thick.



2.) Using your cookie cutter, cut out a snowflake.



3.) Using the straw, poke a hole at the top.

4.) Repeat process for however many you want to make.

5.) Allow to dry for about 24-48 hours, turning over halfway through.

6.) Hang with a ribbon.

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### Unique Christmas Tree Ideas

#### Split Tree

By: Andrea for [Poppies at Play](#)

Try a different kind of craft this year and use up some scrap wood you might otherwise dispose of. If you're an adventurous crafter, then you'll love making this cool, understated Christmas project.



#### Materials:

- Scrap wood
- Bandsaw, Jigsaw, Circular saw or Miter saw
- Craft wire
- Buttons
- Nail gun
- Painted board, cupboard door or a piece of bead board
- Wooden rectangle
- Embellishments or paint

#### Instructions:

1.) Take a scrap piece of wood. Draw a triangle shape with a straight edge.



2.) Cut your triangle piece out with a Bandsaw, Jigsaw or Circular saw.



3.) Using the straight edge, draw diagonal lines across the triangle.

4.) Cut along the lines. You can use a Miter saw if your triangle isn't too wide. It's more important that the inside lines of the tree are straight.

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5.) Paint and decorate however you want! I wrapped my pieces in craft wire and then glued buttons on with E 6000. I tried to glue the pieces of the tree to my board, but they wouldn't lay straight with the craft wire, so I shot them a couple of times with a pneumatic nail gun.

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



7.) I used a little wooden rectangle that I picked up at Hobby Lobby for the trunk.

## Sewing Pattern Christmas Tree

By: Angie for [The Country Cottage Chic Cottage](#)

Avid sewers may find that they have many old patterns that they don't know what to do with. Instead of throwing these patterns away, use them to create a pretty tabletop tree. This tree is made out of a Styrofoam cone, patterns and hot glue.



### Materials:

- Sewing pattern
- Scissors
- Pen
- Hot glue gun
- Styrofoam cone



### Instructions:

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1.) Cut your sewing pattern into approx. 2 inch by 2 inch squares. This does not have to be perfect.



2.) Take a pen with the tip retracted and wrap a piece of your pattern around the end.



3.) Put some hot glue on the end and stuff it into your cone shape.

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4.) Repeat, repeat, repeat. Repeat many, many times. The tighter you get them the fuller your tree will appear in the end.

## More Christmas Craft Ideas

### Seasonal Blocks

By: Michelle for [Thrifty 101](#)

Say hello to the holiday season with this fun winter craft. Display your Christmas craft on your mantle or table – it's a great way to celebrate a season full of hot beverages and cold days!



#### Materials:

- Plank of 2X4
- Saw (I used a table saw)
- Sander or sand paper to smooth cut edges
- Wooden (or vinyl) letters
- Wood stain or paint
- Scrapbook paper of your choice
- Modge Podge
- Hot glue gun
- Brown stamp pad (optional)
- Ribbon (optional)

#### Instructions:

1.) Start by cutting blocks to your desired size from the 2 X 4 plank.

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2.) Sand the cut edges smooth.

3.) Stain or paint your blocks and letters (if using wood letters).

4.) Cut your scrapbook page a little smaller than the size of the block so the wood is exposed around the edges.

5.) Crinkle the paper up, and then lightly rub across a brown stamp pad.

6.) Modge Podge the paper to the blocks and let dry.

7.) Hot glue letters onto the blocks. (Tie the ribbon on before you glue them if you are doing ribbon).

## Burlap Advent Calendar

By: Brittany for [LoveStitched](#)

Looking for an inexpensive Christmas craft that looks store-bought? Make your own advent calendar! This is a great no-sew project that will look great on your wall.



### Materials:

- 1.5 yards of this mock burlap linen
- Glue gun or sewing machine
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Vinyl or fabric for the numbers
- Silhouette machine to cut out vinyl numbers (optional)



### Instructions:

1.) Cut your fabric in half (on the side of the fold that it comes with from the bolt). Save the other half for the pockets. Then, fray the sides of your fabric by slightly pulling on the side strings until the start to unravel a bit (one side of mine was already this way so I only had to do it to one side). This step is optional; I just liked the look of it!



2.) Fold and cut your leftover fabric into five equal sections. Then cut that pile into five more equal sections. My rectangles came out to be about 5x4 inches.

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3.) Now here is the tedious part...I decided to just glue mine but you could sew them as well! Fold down and iron all four sides. Do the top and bottom first and then the sides.



4.) Glue down the bottom corners of the bottom of your fabric.



5.) Do this twenty-five times...see tedious!! But well worth it.



6.) After you have all your "pockets" made and laid out (five rows by five rows), glue them down.



7.) Glue the bottom and the sides and press firmly down on the pockets (the top of the "pocket" should be open still).

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8.) After all your pockets are glued down; add your cute numbers to each pocket! I used my Silhouette vinyl for the numbers but you could also do it with paint or fabric!



9.) Lastly I folded the top and bottom inch over and glued it down leaving an opening to slide a metal or wood dowel to keep it straight and weigh it down!



10.) I attached a cute piece of fabric to hang it up with but you could just as easily use ribbon or some other decorate touch!

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### Handy Reindeer

By: Christina for [Fuzzy Sheep Crafts](#)

Get the kids involved with your Christmas décor crafts. Trace your child's hand and have them decorate the cut-out. Hang up their homemade reindeer and you'll have a fun, cute holiday-themed craft that can be saved forever.



#### Materials:

- Traced hand
- Fun foam (brown, and the thicker stuff)
- Teensy googly eyes
- Teensy red pom-poms
- Slightly larger white pom-poms
- Hole punch
- Sewing needle
- Brown chenille stem (since when are they not called pipe cleaners anymore?)
- Ribbon for hanging
- Fabri-Tac glue

#### Instructions:

- 1.) Trace hand onto fun foam, cut out.
- 2.) Glue little red pom-pom on for the nose (end of the thumb works best, but you pick!)
- 3.) Glue the teensy little eye on (here is where you can give them real personality).

- 4.) Glue the white pom-pom on his butt.
- 5.) Punch hole for hanging with ribbon.
- 6.) Using sewing needle poke a hole and wiggle the needle around to make a hole just big enough for the chenille stem to go through.
- 7.) Thread the stem through and give it a twist. Turn each half into an antler by twisting and folding. Be creative! Viola! Make a herd of them!

## Holiday Countdown Calendar

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

Do you have Christmas fever? Start your countdown now with this fun homemade Christmas project. Every day, gather up the family and ceremoniously change the number on your calendar.



### Materials:

- MDF Picture Frame (mine was from ConsumerCrafts.com)
- Scrapbook Cardstock/ glittered cardstock
- Chipboard Letters and/or a
- Cricut
- Chalkboard Paint by FolkArt
- Cereal box cardboard (recycle!)
- Snowflake Embellishments (Making Memories)
- Rick Rack
- Stick-on gems
- Sticky-Backed Foamie Sheets (Cut with a Scallop Circle Nestabilities)

### Instructions:

1.) To start, remove the picture back and glass from the frame. Then, use your favorite adhesive to glue cardstock onto the front of the picture frame. (I used "The Best Glue Ever" for this job.) When it's all dry, use an X-Acto blade to cut the excess cardstock away from the edges of the frame and away from the picture opening. Use an emery board to smooth any rough places.

2.) Cut a piece of cereal box cardboard the size of the picture opening. (You can use the glass as a template.) Following the directions on the container, paint a coat of FolkArt Chalkboard paint and let dry 1 hour. Then paint a second coat.

3.) Next, I made the rosette (see the directions I wrote for making them on [CraftsUnleashed.com](#)) and assemble the rosette by layering a glittered foamie scalloped circle, the folded rosette, and the glittered cardstock sheet on top. Make sure you weigh this down with a book while the glue sets up.

4.) Layer a strip of cardstock across the bottom portion of the frame and use your 1 1/2 inch chipboard letters, stickers, or Cricut cut-outs to spell out "Days to" and glue on top of the strip as shown in the photo. Add your rosette on the right hand side, and add "Christmas", "Hanukah" or "Birthday". I used the "Designers Calendar" cart and my Cricut to cut the "Christmas" word. (Again, you could alternatively stamp a word, too.)

5.) Glue some rick-rack around the picture opening, and cover any imperfections. I added some chipboard shapes, stick-on rhinestones, and metal snowflakes to jazz it up a bit.

6.) After your chalkboard paint has dried 24 hours, prime it with chalk and insert it into the frame. You are ready to count down the days!

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