

# 11 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR KIDS TO CREATE



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## Letter from the Editors

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Hi Christmas crafters,

The holiday season is the perfect time to connect with the family. While it's always fun to visit the mall or take a trip to a local big box store, there's nothing like staying home and bonding. Crafting is a fun and easy way to foster creativity, pass on traditions and instill confidence in children.

Whether you want to keep an older child busy after school or teach a toddler how to identify shapes and colors, you'll find a project that works. Popular Christmas characters like Rudolph and Santa can be found in these pages, along with fun surprises like the adorable Elmo ornament.

Decorate your space, send personalized thank you notes and eat up! You can't go wrong when you teach your kids about winter and Christmas through crafting.

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## Easy Homemade Christmas Ornaments for Kids

### Nest Ornament

By: Val for [Yarni Gras](#)

Kids will love creating their own ornaments for the tree. Use easy to find materials like glue, clothespins and ribbon to create a rustic ornament that's sure to stand out. This is a great opportunity to teach children about wildlife.



#### Materials:

- Spray paint
- Spring type wooden clothes pins
- Glue
- Moss
- Small white peas or beans
- Hole punch
- Paper
- Thin ribbon
- Scissors

#### Instructions:

1.) Get some wooden clothes pins and spray paint them green so they'll blend in with the tree.



2.) Take large flat acorn caps and glue to the clip end of the clothes pin. Try to find caps that don't lean. Also, if the stems are still on them, just snap them off. They'll lay flatter than if you cut the stem with scissors.



3.) Put a dab of glue inside each cap and top with some kind of moss.

4.) We usually take Spanish moss off our trees but I had this green moss on hand so just used it.

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- 5.) Attach the pom pom to the point of the hat.
- 6.) Glue 3 black eyed peas or some other small white bean in a group in the nest.



- 7.) Print off a Christmas sentiment, cut it out and tie it with a pretty ribbon to the wire part of the clothes pin.
- 8.) Let everything dry and clip onto a tree limb!
- 9.) For best results, put the nest facing forward so the ends are hidden within the branches.

## Elmo Ornament

By: Kirstin and Jordan for [kojodesigns](http://kojodesigns.com)

Kids will go crazy for this super simple ornament idea. Pom poms, googly eyes and glue help bring Elmo to life. In just three steps, children and parents can create a cute ornament that looks just like that adorable, furry creature.



### Materials:

- Plain ornament
- Red ribbon
- Googly eyes
- Yellow pom pom (for the nose)
- Scrap of black felt (for the mouth)
- Hot glue gun

### Instructions:

1.) Hot glue the end of your ribbon into the bottom center of your ornament. Using your glue gun, wind the ribbon around and around (and around), gluing as you go. When your entire ornament is covered in ribbon, glue your other end inside the top of the ornament (this will soon be covered by the metal ornament

top).



2.) Glue your googly eyes, pom pom nose and felt mouth onto Elmo's 'face.'



## Cinnamon Applesauce Ornaments

By: Jessica for [Mad in Crafts](#)

Create a ton of ornaments in a short amount of time using edible ingredients. Kids will love showing off their painting skills and decorating the tree with their creations. Plus, the cinnamon will keep your home smelling great all season long!



### Materials:

- Cinnamon
- Applesauce
- Optional: Glue
- Note: For every 4.25 ounce bottle of cinnamon, you will need to add 3/4 cup of applesauce. Be sure to have extra cinnamon on hand to "flour" the dough to make it less sticky.

### Instructions:

1.) Dump out all the lovely cinnamon. Give it a second to settle before you inhale the lovely scent; coating your lungs with airborne cinnamon might ruin your ornament-making experience.



2.) Mix together cinnamon and applesauce.



3.) Mix the two ingredients together until it forms a ball. It takes a little while, so be patient. Sing a carol or something.



4.) If your dough seems too dry or crumbly, mist it with a little bit of water. We also found that the dough is easier to work with if you let it sit for a few minutes before you roll it out.

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5.) Roll the dough out to about 1/4 inch thickness. If the dough sticks to the rolling pin, dust the dough with more cinnamon.



6.) I am so bummed this picture ended up being blurry! Cut the ornaments out using cookie cutters, and use a spatula to transfer them onto a cookie sheet. Use a drinking straw to punch a hole near the top so the ornaments can be hung from ribbon or wire later.



7.) You can either let the ornaments air dry overnight, or do like we did and bake them in a

200 degree oven for 2 hours.



8.) Once the ornaments are dried, you can use regular craft paint to decorate them. The ornaments will absorb a little of the paint since they are so dry. You may need more than one coat to get a really bold color.



9.) We also used glitter glue from Dollar Tree to decorate the ornaments. I hope my son used enough on this tree ornament....

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10.) Side note: See those rough edges on the bottom? According to some sources, you can take a nail file and lightly sand that excess off. I don't think we even bothered.



11.) I put a coat of Martha Stewart Glitter Finish medium over this whole ornament which gave it a glittery shine.



12.) I gave this star a thick coat of Martha Stewart Glitter Texture. I love the snowy look it has!



## Christmas Craft for Preschoolers

### Edible Snowflake

By: Michelle for [Thrifty 101](#)

Who says you can't play with your food? For a fun treat, have your little ones create an edible craft that celebrates the season. These ornaments are so cute; you won't want to eat them (right away)!



#### Materials:

- Tortillas
- Cheese
- Butter
- Cinnamon sugar
- Scissors

#### Instructions:

1.) Fold the tortilla in half, then in half again and cut with kitchen scissors like you would a paper snowflake.



2.) For a Snowflake Quesadilla, place a whole tortilla on a plate, layer cheese and top with snowflake. Microwave till the cheese is melted.



3.) For Cinnamon Snowflakes, lay snowflakes on a cookie sheet, brush with butter or margarine and dust with a cinnamon and sugar mix. Bake 375 for 5 minutes or until crisp.

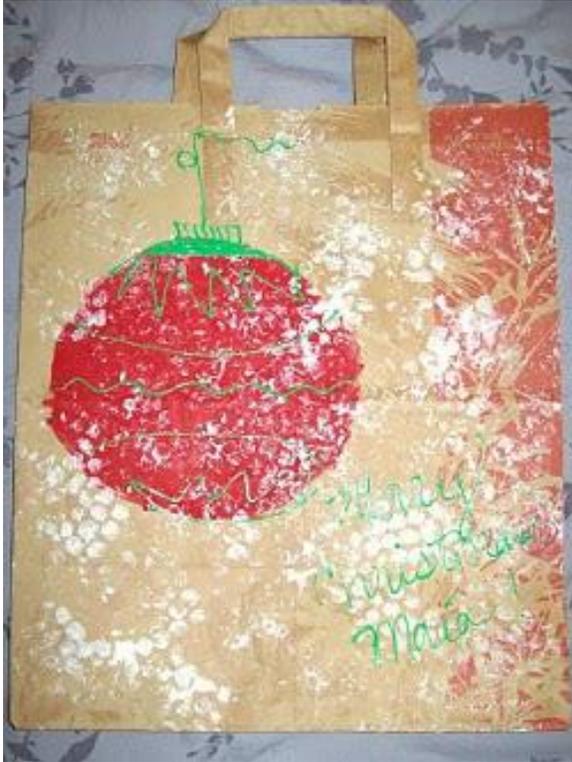
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## Big Ol' Gift Bag

By: Caissa from [Art Like Bread](#)

You can't go wrong with homemade gift bags! Have kids show off their creativity by decorating brown paper bags you already have. Use a variety of supplies (markers, stickers and more) to further customize this recycled craft.

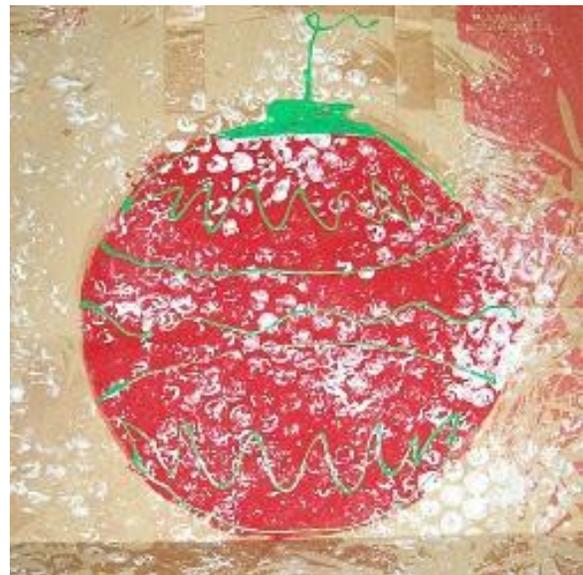


### Materials:

- Trader Joe's (or other similar) paper bag with handles
- Acrylic paint (red)
- Foam brush
- Squeezable fabric paint (green & white)
- Bubble wrap
- Paper plate
- Scrap paper

### Instructions:

- 1.) Using red acrylic paint & foam brush, paint over the store logo in the shape of a circle. Let dry.
- 2.) Using green, squeezable fabric paint, accent the red circle to look like a Christmas ornament. I drew a rectangle on top of the circle, and made a few curved, zig-zag, and squiggly lines on the circle part. Let dry.
- 3.) Squeeze some white fabric paint onto a paper plate or other surface. Dab bubble wrap into the paint and test the impression on your scrap paper. When you are happy with the impression, use the bubble wrap to apply the white paint to the gift bag in a random pattern. The idea is that it will look like snow falling. Let dry.
- 4.) Optional: Write your holiday greeting in green, squeezable fabric paint. Let dry.
- 5.) Repeat steps 1-3 on the other side of the bag.
- 6.) If applicable, cover logos on the sides of the bag with red acrylic paint.



## Handprint Christmas Trees

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

It's never been more fun to make a mess! Cover a child's hand in green acrylic paint and have them create their own tree. Be sure to save this painting – it's a great way to capture a special moment in their lives!



2.) Paint on a brown trunk.

3.) Stick star on top.

5.) Decorate your tree with whatever you want - we used bingo dabbers, buttons and glitter.

### Materials:

- Paper
- Green and brown paint
- Paint brush
- Star made out of sticker craft foam
- Glue
- Decorations - bingo dabbers, buttons, glitter

### Instructions:

1.) Paint your child's palm green and stamp on the paper pyramid style - 3 on bottom, 2 in middle and 1 on top

## Simple Christmas Crafts for Kids

### Quick Crafty Christmas Cards

By: Karisa Tell for [FaveCrafts](#)

Make your own Christmas cards with help from the kids. Cut out a variety of circles using a craft punch and lay them out for kids. Let them create their own wreaths on the outside – the more unique and colorful, the better!



#### Materials:

- Pre-cut cardstock
- Paper
- Circle punch
- Glue dots
- 3-D adhesives

#### Instructions:

1.) The actual cards were made out of a piece of pre-cut cardstock, which I had left over from some invitations I made last spring. I just folded them in half. (See, I told you this was simple!)

2.) Then I looked through my paper scraps and selected several different types of green paper. I ended up with 9 different varieties.

3.) I used my circle punch and punched circles from each type of paper, 11 per card.

4.) When I was done cutting, I arranged the circles into a wreath shape on each card and stuck them down with mini glue dots.

5.) Next I grabbed some mini Christmas bows from my stash, originally from the dollar store about a decade ago—it pays to hoard sometimes! I attached these to the wreaths with a 3-D adhesive square.



6.) For the inside, I cut a simple strip of red paper and adhered it with more glue dots, and then I punched 5 circles from some green cardstock with a basic hole punch. I stuck these circles down with more 3-D adhesives.

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7.) I wrote a little message inside after the pictures were taken. And then, I was done!



## Snowman Thank You Card

By: Amy for [Naptime Crafters](#)

Need a quick project that is sure to keep kids busy after school? Have them create their own thank you notes – it's a great way to learn the power of gratitude during the holiday season. They'll love creating their own Frosty the Snowman!

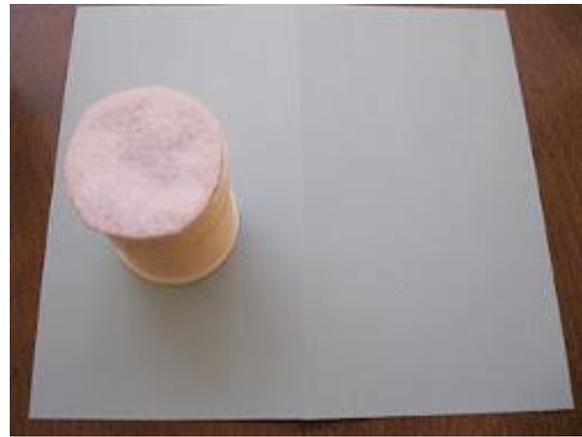


### Materials:

- Cardstock
- Empty Spool of Thread
- Felt
- Q-Tips
- Acrylic Paint

### Instructions:

1.) For some make-shift stamps, I cut out a felt circle and a felt hat and glued them to my empty spool. It was the perfect size for a little hand to hold and stamp with. We did the buttons, nose, arms, and face with the end of a Q-Tip. Super quick and easy and you can make a bunch of these assembly line style and have it done in no time.



## Kid's Clay Pot Snowman

By: Shannon for [Silver Trappings](#)

Clay pots aren't just meant for the garden! Save a few for the winter and make snowmen with your kids. Best of all, you don't have to step outside. Have your favorite little ones decorate the outside of the clay pot and bring the snowman to life.



### Materials:

- Glue
- Two clay pots
- Texture paint
- Craft paint
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Copy paper
- Tissue paper
- Ribbon

### Instructions:

1.) First glue two clay pots together, one upside down on top of the other. Probably any type of

glue that is permanent. Cover both pots with "texture" paint - you can find "snow" paint or some other texture paint in the paint aisle of your craft store. After that dries, paint the whole thing white with craft paint.

2.) For the hat, paint a smaller clay pot with the same texture paint. Then paint over that with black craft paint. For the bill of the hat I cut a circle out of poster board (use a plate as a circle pattern - you just need it to be a size that seems to fit with the sizes of clay pots you are using). Paint the poster board circle with the texture paint, and then paint over that with black craft paint (both sides of the poster board circle need to be painted).

3.) At this point you can paint holly leaves or some other decoration on the hat with craft paint.

4.) Now glue the poster circle to the top of his head, and then glue the small pot upside down onto the poster circle. (I think I used hot glue so that we didn't have to wait a long time for glue to dry.)

5.) Because I was making this with preschool age kids, I painted circle outlines for his eyes, mouth and buttons. Then the girls filled in the circles with paint.

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6.) To make his nose, I twisted white copy paper into a cone shape and glued it together. Then the girls painted it orange. I stuffed it with tissue paper (and glued this into the inside of the cone) - this gave me a "flat" surface that I could apply glue to and then stick to his face.

7.) Then we tied a Christmas ribbon around his neck to cover up where the two big pots meet. We glued this ribbon to him in a few places so that it would not slide off.



8.) You could use any sizes of clay pots you want to - he could be tiny, or as big as you want him to be. For his body we used pots that are 4-1/2" tall, and for the hat we used a smaller pot that is 2-3/4" tall. So ours is about a foot tall.

## Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Ruler

By: Meggan for [Megpie Designs](#)

Upcycle a plain ruler and turn into a reindeer! Use various types of paints to create a smiling face that kids will love to display during the holiday season. Don't forget to create a red nose using a wood button plug!



### Materials:

- Wooden ruler(s)
- 1/2" wood button plug,
- Two cacti wood cutouts
- Sanding block
- Acrylic paint: chocolate brown, white, black, red
- Spray paint: textured brown
- Plaid Extreme Glitter: Red
- Stylus for dotting eyes
- Appropriate-sized paintbrushes (1" wash or sponge roller for rulers, 1/2" wash for noses, liner brush for mouths)
- Glue gun and glue sticks

- 8" length of ribbon for scarf

### Instructions:

1.) Base coat the rulers with two coats of chocolate brown acrylic paint.



2.) I like to use a sponge roller to apply the base coat when I'm painting multiples. It makes the job go much smoother and quicker.

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3.) I thought it would be fun to give the antlers a little texture - so I sprayed them with Rust-oleum textured spray paint.



4.) Paint the button plugs red, and add a thick coat of Extreme Glitter.



5.) Since the brown base coat is so dark, I needed the eyes to "pop" - so I used a paintbrush handle to dot the eyes with white.



6.) Once the larger white dots have dried completely, use a stylus to dot the centers of the eyes with black.

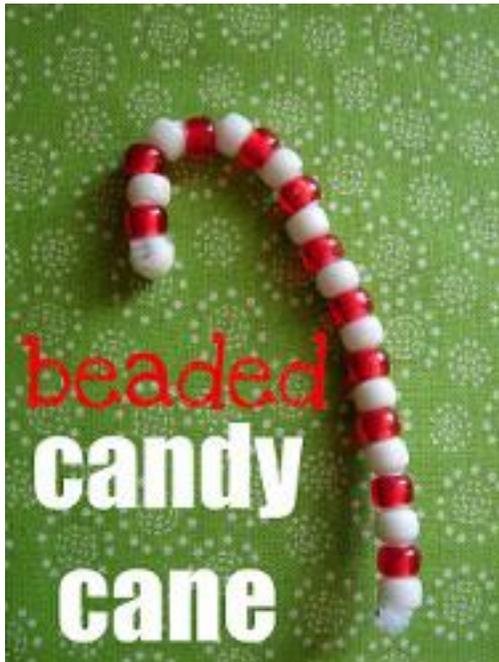
7.) Use the glue gun to attach the nose and the cacti for the antlers; then use the liner brush and apply the mouth with thinned white paint.

8.) To finish, tie the ribbon around the reindeer's neck.

## Beaded Candy Canes

By: Kimbo for [A Girl and a Glue Gun](#)

Pipe cleaners and beads – it's a match made in heaven! Kids can learn to recognize patterns and work with their hands to create a holiday craft that's worth celebrating. Parents will appreciate this sugar-free alternative to traditional candy canes.

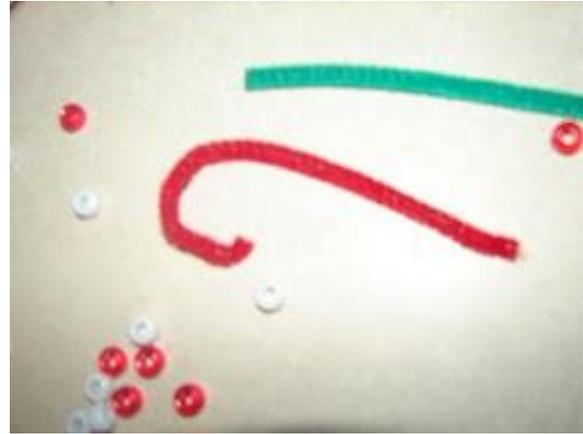


### Materials:

- Beads
- Pipe cleaners

### Instructions:

1.) Take the pipe cleaner and make the general candy cane shape.



2.) Kink the end to keep the beads on.

3.) Put beads on.



4.) Once you have got all your beads on, kink other end to keep beads on.

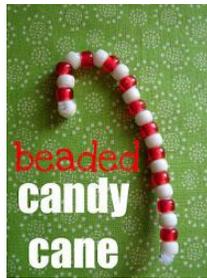


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