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Hello Christmas Crafters!

As Christmas approaches, many of us become overwhelmed with the number of people for who we need to find gifts. Sure, you could spend hours at the shopping mall, spending tons of time and money on anything you can find or you can skip all that and DIY. With this free eBook, *Christmas Gift Guide: 14 DIY Christmas Gifts for Everyone on Your List*, you will find one-of-a-kind ideas that will dazzle every loved one in your life. These homemade gifts are useful, beautiful, and easy enough for anyone to make. With a little effort, you can create Christmas gifts for mom, dad, brother, sister, daughter, son, teacher, and anyone else.

You will find that these delightful ideas are separated into sections: *Christmas Gifts for Mom, Homemade Christmas Gifts for Men, Teacher Gift Ideas for Christmas,* and *Cute Gift Ideas for Friends*. Mom will love the Where We Call Home DIY Wood Sign (pg. 10) and your best friend will want to wear the Beaded Mistletoe Earrings (pg. 40) everywhere she goes! The best part is that you can keep this eBook on hand and make these homemade gifts for loved ones every Christmas.

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Happy crafting!

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Christmas Gifts for Mom



Mom does so much for the family that she deserves a beautiful homemade gift. Make any of these for the mom figure in your life and she'll be smiling all day.





Christmas Gifts for Mom

Christmas Crochet Tote Bag

By: Lily n' Sugar for AllFreeChristmasCrafts

What do you give the person who has everything? A Christmas Crochet Tote Bag of course! This Christmas craft pattern is perfect for the holiday season and roomy enough to store all the essentials. This crochet bag is festive and fun to make. Use your crochet skills to make this merry bag. Mom will love this bag and can use it to store her crafting supplies, gifts, or anything else. You can even change the color choices for a personalized year-round crochet bag she will want to take everywhere.



- Lily Sugar'n Cream yarn 420 g/14.75 oz.
- Size 4 mm (U.S. G/6) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Needle and thread
- Cardboard (optional)

Notes

Finished size: Approx. 17" x 14" [43 x 35.5 cm].

Gauge: 15 sts and 17 rows = 4'' [10 cm] in pat.

Turning ch 2 does not count as st.

Instructions

1. Ch 53.

1st row: (RS). 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 51 hdc.
**2nd row: Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.
3rd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each dc to end of row. Turn.
Last 2 rows form Pat.**
Keeping cont. of pat, work a further 35 rows. Fasten off.

2. Side / Bottom Panel

Ch 18.

1st row: (RS). 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. 16 hdc. Rep from ** to ** as given above until work from beg measures 45" [114.5 cm]. Fasten off.

3. Straps: (make 2).

Ch 113. **1st row:** (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of ch. Turn. **2nd to 4th rows:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. Fasten off at end of 4th row.

4. Finishing

With WS of Front and Side tog, join yarn with sl st to top left corner. Ch 1. Working through both thicknesses, work 1 row of sc down left side, across bottom and up right side of Bag. Fasten off. Repeat for Back.

Edging: With RS facing, join yarn with sl st, to top of Bag. 1st and 2nd rnds: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. Work 1 rnd of sc around top of Bag. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off at end of 2nd rnd. Sew Straps to Bag as shown in picture.

Optional: Cut a piece of cardboard 5" x 17" [12.5 x 43 cm] and place in bottom of bag.

Holiday Holly Jolly Jars

By: Pattie from I Love to Create

Put a festive spin on your food storage this Christmas with these cheerful Holiday Holly Jolly Jars. This step-by-step tutorial shows you how to make cute covers for glass jars that will keep your sweets fresh. Fill a set of jars with candy canes, gumdrops, or chocolates and hand them out to family, friends, and neighbors. If you'd rather not fiddle with perishable gifts, store ornaments in the jars and set them on your mantel or table. They make for beautiful tabletop decor pieces for the holiday season.



- Tulip[®] Fashion Glitter[®] Emerald Fine Jewel
- Tulip[®] Dimensional Fabric Paint (Leaf Green)
- Tulip[®] Dimensional Fabric Paint (True Red)
- Aleene's[®] Original Tacky Glue[®]
- Tulip[®] Glam-It-Up![™] Iron-On Crystals[™] Aurora Borealis

- Measuring tape
- 1/4-in satin ribbon red 1-1/2 yards
- Scissors
- Pinking shears
- Scratch paper
- (2) canning jars
- Batting
- Cotton fabric white 1/4 yard
- Tape
- Tweezers

Beginning Instructions

- 1. Cut two 9" circles of fabric with pinking shears.
- 2. One at a time, place fabric round over the desired pattern so that design shows through and is centered in the middle of the round.

Pine Branches Instructions

- Squeeze Leaf Green Slick 3D Fashion Paint over pine branches then immediately sprinkle Emerald Glitter over paint. Let dry, then shake off excess glitter onto scratch paper and return to container for reuse.
- 2. Use True Red Slick to create berries. While paint is still wet, use tweezers to place crystals onto one side of berries. Let dry overnight.

Holly Leaves Instructions

- 1. Squeeze Leaf Green Slick over leaf outlines. Let dry completely.
- 2. Use Original Tacky Glue to create vein lines within leaves.

Tip: To achieve a fine line when squeezing out glue, wrap a strip of tape around the tip of the bottle in a cone shape, then cut off the very tip of the cone.

- 3. Apply glue. While the glue is wet, immediately sprinkle Emerald Glitter onto the glue. Let dry then shake off excess onto scratch paper.
- 4. Create berries with True Red Slick and apply crystals as in the step above. Let dry overnight.

Finishing Instructions

- 1. Cut batting the same size as the lid of the jar. Glue batting to the lid.
- 2. Place painted circles on lids and tie with ribbon to complete.

Where We Call Home DIY Wood Sign

By: Cat from Mary Martha Mama

Design a DIY wood sign for your family that says, "Wherever we're together is where we call home" with an image of your home state using this Where We Call Home DIY Wood Sign tutorial. It's one of the best Christmas keepsake ideas for your own family or to give as a lovely DIY gift for Christmas. It can be kept up for years as a gorgeous DIY home decor piece. Because this DIY wood plaque uses stencils (or die cuts if you have a machine), you don't have to be an artist to create something unique and beautiful.



- Wood board(s)
- Sign image and text, blown up to size (printed with image/text flipped)
- Tape
- Paint brush

- Water
- Permanent marker
- Paint (for wood)
- Hangers (optional)

1. Assemble smaller wood boards or get the bigger wood board ready by priming and painting if needed.



2. Create an image file with an editing program like Paint.net, blow it up to size, and print so that the writing is backwards.



3. Tape the picture ink side down onto the wood and paint water onto it.



4. Once the water soaked in a little, use a permanent marker (with the cap on) to go over each of the letters. You may have to rub really hard to get the ink to transfer.



5. If the ink is light, paint over the letters.



6. All done. Attach hangers to the back to hang if desired.



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Homemade Christmas Gifts for Men



Men are particularly difficult to shop for. Luckily for you, impressing dad or any man in your life by making these indulgent delights is easy! Yummy and useful gifts like these work for just about anyone.









Homemade Christmas Gifts for Men

Christmas Coffee Sampler Gift

By: Carolyn from Homework

Make creative homemade gifts for your friends and family this year. This Christmas Coffee Sampler Gift is a great way to play up to a loved one's tastes. Select their favorite blends and package them in style by following these Christmas craft instructions. Although this homemade Christmas gift has a lot of components, it doesn't cost a ton to make this project. You can toast over homemade gift ideas this good. It's a perfect homemade gift idea for men, but any coffee lover will enjoy this gift.



- Kraft paper
- Glue stick
- Coffee beans (amount of each blend of choice for one pot per bag)
- Wire twist ties
- Masking tape (to cover wire twist ties)
- Labels for bags
- Box (optional to hold bags)

- 1. For this gift box, make miniature coffee bags out of Kraft paper.
- 2. Glue the bottom and sides together using a glue stick.
- 3. Fill each bag with a one-pot portion of a different blend of coffee.
- 4. Fold down the tops of the bags and hold together with a wire twist tie covered in masking tape. They will look just like the bags of coffee you purchase at gourmet coffee houses.



5. Buy or print out fun labels for each bag; Big Daddy Kona, Manly Mocha Java, Perfect Pop Jamaican, Excellent Dad Espresso, and Father's French Roast for example. Customize for the man in your life.



6. Add a mug, coffee cozy, or coffee gift card for an extra special gift. After all, dad deserves it.

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Happy Holidays Beer 6 Pack Design

By: Kim from BugabooCity

This Happy Holidays Beer 6 Pack Design will make the perfect gift for any beer aficionado in your life. Take any 6-pack package, print out this fun Christmas rhyme, and slap it on the side. This is one of the most creative free Christmas printables out there and it adds that homemade element to your gift. It's difficult to resist smiling when you read the cute rhyme: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by drinking an ice cold beer." No doubt your recipient will agree and crack one open to celebrate. Cheers!



- Free printables (available here)
- Six-pack beer bottle holder (2)
- 12 bottles of beer of choice

- Glue
- Ribbon (optional)

- 1. The idea of a beer club is to get new beers delivered to you every month. Many beer clubs let you specify the types of beer you like so they can better cater to your tastes when picking out which beers to send you. There are even some clubs that have you go online each month and select the beers you'd like to try. This version is the same idea as getting beer delivered to you every month but scaled down to a new beer every day for the twelve days leading up to Christmas. Buy twelve beers with the holders that you will then decorate.
- 2. Use these fun free printable tags for the beer for each of the twelve days. Write the name of the beer and a description if desired. Go to the websites of each beer to get information.
- 3. Use the free printable graphics to adhere to the six-pack holders. There is one specifically for Trader Joe's six-pack holder and one for a normal six-pack holder. These would make great hostess gifts! The graphic makes the whole thing look more special and thought out than just showing up with a six pack of beer!
- 4. Add a green and brown ribbon to finish it off. The saying is a twist on a line from the Christmas movie *Elf*! The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by drinking an ice cold beer!
- 5. Save any of the following printables, resize as needed, and print.
- 6. Print and use any of the printables on the next five pages.



<u>16 Free Printables: Free Printable Greeting Cards</u> <u>and Other Printable Paper Crafts</u>

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Six Pack Santa Graphic



Six Pack Santa Graphic for Trader Joe's Boxes



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Six Pack Graphic

BugabooCity Free Printable – Six Pack Santa For Personal Use Only





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Gift of Beer Tag (Large)

Gift of Beer Tag (Small)



BugabooCity Free Printable The 12 Days of a Beer Christmas For Personal Use Only

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Santa Pants Wine Bag

By: Caroline for AllFreeChristmasCrafts

Make a huge impression at your next Christmas party. Christmas sewing craft ideas don't get much more creative than this Santa Pants Wine Bag. Use red and white fleece for this fun hostess gift. It's a great way to show your appreciation! Since most people bring wine to holiday parties, up your game by housing the bottles in this creative and hilarious way. Your party hosts will get a huge kick out of this gift wrapping idea. Using this wine bag also helps protect the wine bottles in transport. Win-win!



- 1/3-yard red fleece
- 1/4-yard white fleece
- 1/4-yard red cotton fabric
- Decorative buckle (1 to 1.5")
- Black velvet ribbon (1 to 1.5" in width & 20" in length)
- Double-sided adhesive tape (found in the notions section of sewing stores)

- Sewing machine
- White sewing machine thread
- Red sewing machine thread
- Measuring elements
- Chalk or fabric marker
- Scissors
- Pins
- Iron & ironing board

- The Cut fabric as follows: Santa Pant Legs Cut 2 rectangles of red fleece 12.5" x 10", Wine Bottle Holder bottom - Cut 2 circular pieces of red fleece 4" diameter, Santa Pant Cuffs - Cut 2 rectangles of white fleece 3" x 12.5", Santa suspenders/wine bottle handles - Cut 2 rectangles of red cotton fabric 4" x 23" Start with the pant legs. Thread the sewing machine with white thread.
- 2. Pin white cuffs 1/2" above the bottom of each red fleece rectangle. 12.5" sides should be on the same side.
- 3. Top stitch white fleece in place. Repeat for the other piece.
- 4. Change thread in sewing machine to red thread.
- 5. Turn over the red fleece, fold down opposite end (from white cuff) down 1.25".
- 6. Top stitch in place. You should now have a red rectangular fleece that is 8.75" x 12.5".
- 7. Holding the right sides together, sew the sides that are now 8.75" long with a 1/2" seam allowance together. This forms the Santa pant legs.
- Sew the bottom. With right sides together, pin in place the circular bottom fabric to the bottom
 of the wine bottle cover. Sew in place with a 1/2" seam allowance. Turn inside out so that the
 right side is now visible.
- 9. Repeat steps 6 thru 8 for the other "pant leg."
- 10. With both "pant legs" right-side out, line up the seams and stitch 1" from each seam and 1" in depth to attach the 2 pant legs together.
- 11. Hand sew the "crotch" area for a more pant-like look.
- 12. Next, we will work on "Santa's suspenders" / wine bag handles. Take each 4" x 23" red cotton fabric piece and fold in half lengthwise wrong sides together. Press with the iron. Open up the fabric.
- 13. Optional: Add interfacing to stiffen the handles.

- 14. Fold each long edge in toward the center and press. Then fold the fabric in half again at the center crease enclosing the raw edges and press.
- 15. Edge stitch along the long edges. Repeat for the other handle.
- 16. Finish short ends with a zig zag stitch.
- 17. Pin handles with the zig zag edge 1" below the top of the wine bag crossing the handles over in the middle. The handle that starts in the front of the left leg should end on the back of the right leg and vice versa.
- 18. Sew handles in place.
- 19. Last, we will attach Santa's belt. You should be able to thread the velvet ribbon through the belt buckle. Cut velvet ribbon to 20" in length.
- 20. Create a small hole in the center (length and width) of the velvet ribbon. This is for the post of the belt buckle.
- 21. Thread the belt buckle to the middle of the ribbon and secure the post through the small hole you made in the previous step.
- 22. Attach one side of the double-sided adhesive to the wrong side of the ribbon with the belt buckle.
- 23. Attach the other side of the double-sided adhesive around the top edge of the wine bag starting with positioning the belt buckle in the front, center, and top of the wine bag.
- 24. Optional, sew belt into place.

Tie Blanket Homemade Christmas Gift

By: Cat from Mary Martha Mama

Help your loved ones stay warm on cold winter nights by making a Tie Blanket Homemade Christmas Gift. Learning how to make a fleece blanket is so easy that anyone can do it. Fleece comes in so many patterns, colors, and themes that you can personalize these DIY fleece blankets for your family and friends from abstract patterns to sports teams to superheroes. These warm blankets make excellent Christmas gift ideas for boyfriend, son, and dad, too. Useful gifts for men are tough to come by, so make sure you bookmark this one.



- 1-1/2 to 2 yards of fleece for front
- 1-1/2 to 2 yards of fleece for back
- Scissors or rotary cutter

- Cutting mat
- Quilt ruler

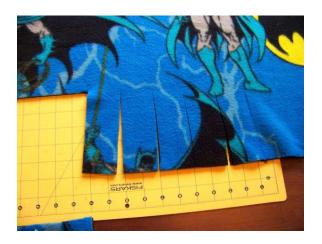
- Buy 2 pieces of fleece: one for the front and one for the back. This blanket uses 1-1/2 yards of Batman for the front and 1-1/2 yards of black for the back. (This is a throw made for a preschool kid so 1-1/2 yards is a good size but, for an adult, 2 yards or maybe even 2-1/2 yards.) Wash and dry the fabric.
- 2. Lay the back piece of fleece down on the ground with the good side facing down. Then lay the top piece of fleece on top with the good side facing up.



3. Square off the pieces. You can use scissors but a rotary cutter, cutting mat, and quilt ruler was used here to make this go much faster.



- 4. Cut a 5" x 5" square out of each corner.
- 5. Then cut 2"-wide strips all along the edges. Make the cut go in 5". Again, you can do this with scissors but the rotary cutter and cutting mat make this a much quicker and easier job.



6. Tie together the strip from the top with the corresponding strip from the bottom. This blanket was tied twice. Do this for each pair of strips all the way around the blanket. That's it!



Teacher Gift Ideas for Christmas



Your favorite teacher will love any of these thoughtful DIY gifts that are made with care. Some of these lovely ideas work for neighbors, tutors, and friends, too.







Thank you for being such a spot on teacher!



Teacher Gift Ideas for Christmas

Decorated Mason Jar Teacher Gift Idea

By: Morena from Morena's Corner

Giving gifts for Christmas doesn't have to be time consuming or even stressful if you create your own homemade gift like this Decorated Mason Jar Teacher Gift Idea. DIY Mason jar crafts are always fun to do, and this quick project will make giving gifts to teachers a simple task on your holiday to-do list. All you need is a Mason jar, a little figurine, some candy, and a little paint, and you will have a cute gift in no time. Even after your gift recipient has enjoyed all of the candy, they can fill the Mason jar with tiny ornaments and use their gift as a homemade decoration.



- Santa figurine
- Mason jar
- Paint

- Glue (such as E-6000)
- Candy or other treats for inside

1. Buy or use an old jar and appropriate figurine. These can be found at a dollar store.



- 2. If the lid is in two pieces like mine, glue it together. Paint the lid.
- 3. Once it's dry, use E-6000 to glue the figurine to the lid. Let dry.
- 4. Fill the jar with treats, such as golf ball shaped candies for a golfing Santa.



Single Serving Hot Chocolate in a Jar

By: Jennifer from Monkey See, Monkey Do

Know any chocolate lovers? Then you absolutely have to make them a Single Serving Hot Chocolate in a Jar. This classic holiday drink can now be prepared with this simple Christmas jar craft that allows you to safely and cleanly give it as a DIY gift for Christmas. The ingredients are easy to find, and putting everything together will only take you minutes. You can have fun decorating the craft jar and adding a few small touches to give it a cute, homemade look. There's no Christmas gift better for a cold day.



- Size 1 baby food jars
- Spray paint (for jar lids)
- Mini marshmallows (to top mixture)
- Bowl for mixture
- Whisk for blending
- 3 cups powdered milk
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1-1/2 cups cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- Paper (for instructions)
- Yarn or string (optional to tie instructions to jar)

Notes

These baby jars hold about 1/3 cup of powdered mix and a few marshmallows (the serving size is 1/3 cup of the powdered mix, so each jar is one serving). The recipe makes enough for 20 single-serving jars.

Instructions

- 1. Spray paint the lids of baby food jars and let dry.
- 2. Blend together the ingredients in the following recipe:
 - 3 cups powdered milk
 - 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
 - 2 cups powdered sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups cocoa powder
 - 1/4 t salt
- 3. Mix well and fill each jar with 1/3 cup. Top with marshmallows.



- 4. Include these instructions for preparing the hot chocolate: *Mix contents of one jar with 1 cup of hot water. Stir.*
- 5. Tie yarn/string to mouth of jar with instructions. Alternatively, tape the instructions to the jar.

Teacher Christmas Gift Card Printable

By: Cat from Mary Martha Mama

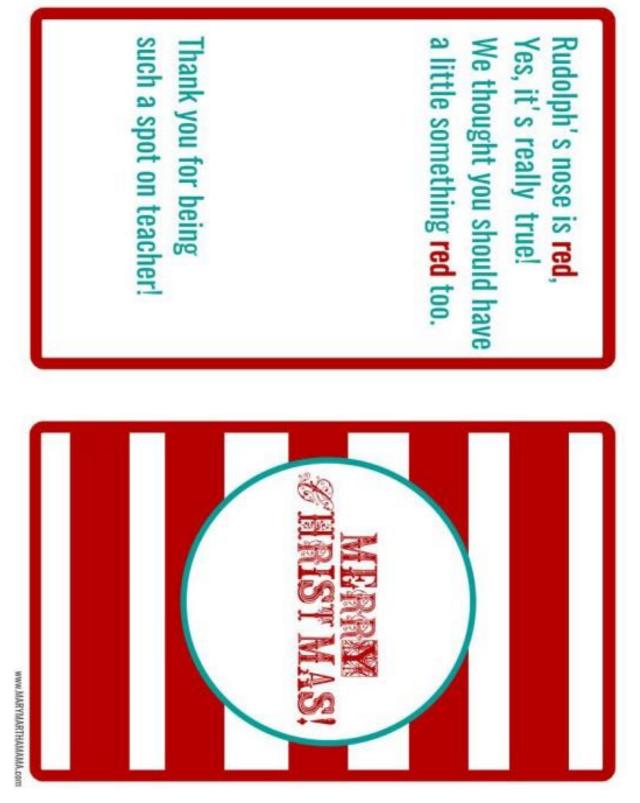
Teachers work very hard and it's nice to show them how much we love them at Christmas time. My son's teacher loves Target so we got her a gift card and I wanted to make something cute that I could attach the gift card to and I came up with this free printable that you can use too. All you have to do is download and print these free printables and attach the gift card to the space on the card. Give these to all your child's teachers.



- Free printables (available here)
- Gift card

- Scissors
- Double-sided tape

1. Download and print the free printables below. Attach gift card. Put in envelope if desired.



Cute Gift Ideas for Friends



No matter what your friends like, there's a homemade gift that will please. From stunning designer-inspired gifts to the cutest pillow they've ever seen, most will love any of these ideas.







Morena's Corner



Cute Gift Ideas for Friends

Anthropologie Inspired Holiday Mug

By: Morena from Morena's Corner

You don't have to spend a fortune on your Christmas gifts this season. DIY Christmas mugs, like this Anthropologie Inspired Holiday Mug, are thoughtful and practical homemade gifts. Get the look for less this Christmas with this Anthropologie knockoff mug, and make holiday gifts that look store-bought. The great thing about these mugs is that they are festive, but also appropriate to use throughout the whole holiday season and beyond. As cuddle-worthy weather approaches, give the gift of a homemade mug.



- Ceramic mug
- Martha Stewart Glass Paints: Chipotle Opaque Gloss and Black Nickel Metallic Opaque
- Martha Stewart Adhesive Silk Screens: English Garden and Butterflies
- Martha Stewart Adhesive Stencil: Bold Serif Alphabet
- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Handled
 Squeegee
- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Scraper and Pick Tools
- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Dauber Tool

Notes

Allow the painted image to dry for one day before painting an image next to it. If the second stencil overlaps a freshly painted image, it WILL lift the image off.

Because this mug is curved, the stencil tended to lift up in places and there was some paint smudging. Use the scraper tools to easily remove stray marks and unwanted paint.

Instructions

- 1. Clean and dry the mug, then wipe surface with alcohol pad and let dry.
- 2. Apply the butterfly silk screen. Press firmly to ensure that the image is adhered.
- 3. Apply a thin line of the paint on the edge of the silk screen.
- 4. Use the rubber tool to spread the paint over the silk screen.
- 5. Repeat until the entire silk screen is covered. Work QUICKLY as the paint dries very fast and you don't want the silk screen to adhere to the mug.
- 6. Remove the silk screen while the paint is still wet and clean the screen with water.



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- 7. Move to another side of the mug. Apply a floral silk screen. If the image is too large to fit the space, choose a section of the image to use. Press firmly on the section of the image you want to use, and apply paint as instructed in steps 3-6.
- 8. Continue painting images on the mug. This took 3 days to complete (See Notes above)
- 9. Apply the stencil with the chosen initial. Use the small dauber tool to dab the paint onto the stencil.



10. The final product can be baked or air cured for 21 days.



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Beaded Mistletoe Earrings

By: Caroline for AllFreeChristmasCrafts

Put yourself in the spotlight this holiday season with a gorgeous do it yourself fashion project like these Beaded Mistletoe Earrings. With this tutorial, you'll learn how to make earrings using easy materials and your favorite beads. Even if you've never made your own DIY fashion accessories before, the step-bystep instructions for this project will guide you. You'll definitely be getting some extra kisses this Christmas after people stop and admire these gorgeous earrings. These beautiful earrings make the best homemade gifts for all of your friends, too.



- 2 ear loops
- 10 inches of 20-gauge wire
- 2 small pearl beads (4 mm)
- 2 medium red beads (6 to 8 mm)

- 2 jump rings
- Round nose pliers
- Wire cutter
- Nipper tool

Instructions

- 1. Cut two 5"-long wires.
- 2. Place one end of the wire in between round nose pliers.
- 3. Form the first loop.
- 4. Remove loop from round nose pliers and place tail wire between round nose pliers and form a 2nd loop.
- 5. Remove from round nose pliers and turn over wire.
- 6. Place tail wire between round nose pliers and form a 3rd loop.
- 7. Remove from round nose pliers.
- 8. Using your hands and pliers, flatten mistletoe wire so that they are all on the same plane.
- 9. Bend the wire at the base of the mistletoe shape so that it looks like a stem.
- 10. Thread your small pearl bead on to the wire.
- 11. Thread your medium red bead onto the wire.
- 12. Close by forming a small loop with your round nose pliers and then securing with 3 twists.
- 13. Use your nipper tool to cut off excess wire.
- 14. Open jump ring.
- 15. Link 1 jump ring to the ear loop and mistletoe top end.
- 16. Close jump ring. Repeat for the other earring.
- 17. Repeat for the other earring.

Painted Glass Paper Weight

By: Morena from Morena's Corner

Looking for a creative DIY Christmas decoration this season? Try adding this Painted Glass Paper Weight to your collection of homemade holiday decorations. This DIY paper weight is a fun homemade decoration that just involves some stenciling and glass paint. You can use this homemade paper weight all year round, but it could also be super cute for the holidays with a Christmas-specific stencil. This DIY Christmas decoration could also be used as a lovely and practical homemade gift for the holidays. It's just an added bonus that it's so beautiful!



- Clear paper weight (such as an inexpensive one purchased at a dollar store)
- Martha Stewart Glass Paints in colors of choice
- Martha Stewart Adhesive Silk
 Screens/Stencils: English Garden and
 Butterflies (optional designs)

- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Handled Squeegee
- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Scraper and Pick Tools
- Martha Stewart Glass Paint Dauber Tool

Instructions

- 1. Adhere the flower stencil to one side of the paper weight and apply paint.
- 2. Wait a few minutes for it to dry, then flip the paper weight over. Position the butterfly stencil so it appears to be landing on the flower, and apply paint.
- 3. Follow manufacturer's instructions to set the paint permanently. This paper weight was air dried.



Snuggly Polar Bear DIY Pillow

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You are not going to want to let go of this Snuggly Polar Bear DIY Pillow once you make it. If you are new to sewing and are looking for easy sewing projects, this is a great starter project. This DIY fleece pillow project even comes with a free printable template so that you can get the adorable little polar bear face just right. Play with the patterns and colors for the inner ears and snout. This pillow will look great on your couch and is so soft that you'll want to snuggle with it every time you sit down. The kids will love it, too.



- Free printables (available here patterns for the shape)
- White fleece
- Scraps of grey fleece
- Scraps of felt for nose and eyes

- Scraps of accent fabric for ears
- Embroidery thread
- 12" x 12" pillow form
- Sewing notions: ruler, thread, pencil, scissors, needle, pins

Instructions

 Cut the fabric. (Don't forget to pre-wash everything!) Use the free printable pattern (find on page after all instructions) and the dimensions listed below to cut out all of your fabric pieces. You should have a total of 15 pieces. Twelve from the pattern and three from the dimensions listed below:

Cut one 13" x 13" square from white fleece (includes 1/2" seam allowance) Cut two 9" x 13" rectangles from white fleece (includes 1/2" seam allowance)

 Create the ears. Each ear is made up of a white fleece outer ear and a patterned accent fabric inner ear. First, sew two inner ear pieces together, right sides together, trim seam allowance, and flip inside out.



 Position the inner ear on the right side of one of the white fleece outer ear pieces and top stitch it. Now sew two outer ear pieces with right sides together (the patterned inner ear piece will be sandwiched on the inside). Flip inside out and the ear is completed.



4. Hand stitch snout, nose, and eyes. On the right side of the 13" x 13" white fleece square, pin the grey fleece snout and felt eyes and nose. With embroidery floss, hand stitch them on. Hand stitch a mouth with black embroidery floss. A running stitch was used for attaching the pieces and a back stitch for the mouth.



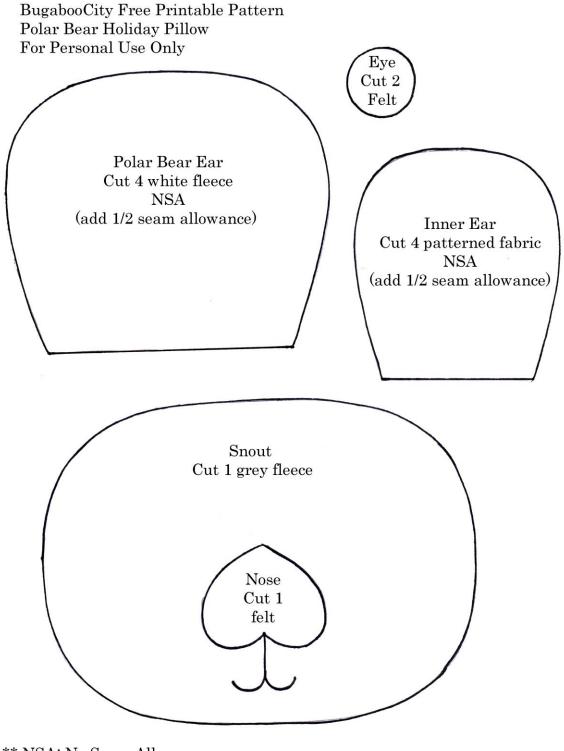
5. Sew the pillow together. Pin the ears to the front face of the polar bear with right sides together. These ears were pinned to be as far to the sides as possible. Fold in the tips of the ears so they weren't accidentally get sewn into the pillow seams!



6. The two white fleece rectangles create the back of the pillowcase by overlapping one another. This way you can slip your pillow form in easily. Pin them to the front square, overlapping them, with right sides together. Sew around all four sides using a 1/2" seam allowance. Clip your corners and turn the pillowcase inside out! Your pillowcase is ready for the pillow form!



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** NSA: No Seam Allowance. Add 1/2" seam allowance around each of the ear pieces

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