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Letter from the Editors

Hi Holiday Crafters,

Christmas is all about spending time together as a family. But that can get pretty boring if all you're doing is sitting around talking, especially if you have little ones at home. If you want to keep your kids occupied during the holidays while doing something that's fun for everyone, why not make some Christmas craft projects? We've put together this collection of eight of our favorite kid-friendly Christmas crafts in the hopes that you'll gather the family and make some of these DIY decorations together. From tree ornaments to snowmen to homemade gifts, there are plenty of easy craft ideas that are sure to get everyone in the holiday spirit!

We hope that you enjoy and have a very merry Christmas with your family!

Happy Crafting,

The Editors of AllFreeHolidayCrafts

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Recycled Bottle Top Xmas Decoration

By: Lisa for The Craft-Arty Kid

Isn't it amazing how easily you can turn recycled materials into festive Christmas decorations? All you really need to create this cute craft are some milk bottle tops, glue and whatever sparkly supplies you can get your hands on! These trees can be turned into cards or ornaments, so take your pick!



Materials:

- 6 recycled milk bottle tops
- PVA glue
- Buttons, gems, sequins, glitter, etc.
- Tinsel pipe cleaner
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- String (if making ornaments)
- Hole punch (if making ornaments)

Instructions:

1) Cover the inside of the bottle tops with a thin layer of PVA glue.

2) Add buttons, sequins, gems, glitter, etc. to the inside of each bottle top, covering the surface completely.



3) If making a card, glue the bottle tops onto a folded piece of cardstock in a tree-shaped arrangement.

4) Bend your tinsel pipe cleaner into a star shape and glue to the top of the tree formation. Add a rectangle piece of cardstock or cardboard to the base of the tree for a trunk.

5) To make an ornament, trace a tree shape onto a piece of cardstock or recycled cardboard. Cut out your tree.

6) Glue the bottle tops to your tree. Punch a hole in the top of the tree and thread the string through to create a hanging ornament.



Snowflake Cookie Cutter Ornaments

By: Jill for Meet the Dubiens

If you want to make Christmas ornaments with your kids but still have them look nice for your tree, this is the perfect project! Since the cookie cutter provides the shape, each ornament will look the same. Kids will love working with the Crayola Model Magic since it's a lot like playdoh.



Materials:

- White Crayola Model Magic
- Snowflake cookie cutter
- Rolling pin
- Straw
- Ribbon



Instructions:

1) Roll out your Model Magic so it's about 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch thick.



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



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

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.



Sock it to Me Snowman Ornament

By: Sheri for Childmade

Socks are a great crafting material, especially when it comes to making projects with kids. Find out how to create this quirky Christmas ornament by following this easy tutorial.



Materials:

- 1 small white sock
- 1 small piece of orange felt
- Two 7mm black poms
- 1 six inch thin strip of black felt, cut on one side with pinking shears
- 1 six inch length of 1/8" red satin ribbon.
- 1 small embellishment, such as a star or snowflake
- 2 small rubber bands
- Fiberfil
- Sharp scissors
- Fabric glue
- Pinking shears (optional)

Instructions:

1) Begin by cutting the cuff from the sock, cutting across at the heel.



2) Loosely stuff the toes with Fiberfil.



3) Secure the stuffed sock with a small rubber band.



4) Fold the red ribbon in half and tie the ends together with a large knot.



5) Insert the knotted end of the ribbon into the cut end of the sock cuff.



6) Secure the cut end of the cuff around the knotted end of the ribbon with a small rubber band. Tug the exposed loop of the ribbon to form a hanger.



7) Place the uncut end of the cuff over the rubber banded end of the stuffed toe section.



8) Roll back the edge of the cuff and secure with fabric glue.



9) Your sock should look something like this.



10) Next, cut the orange felt to make a nose. Pinking shears add a nice decorative edge.



11) Apply a thin line of glue outlining the mouth.



12) Apply the strip of black felt onto the glue line for the mouth.



13) Add a spot of glue in the position of the eyes.



14) Place the two poms onto the spot of glue.



15) Add a spot of blush to the cheeks.



16) Glue the embellishment to the snowman hat.



16) You're done!



Vintage Whimsy Candy Canes

By: Jerusalem for Jolly Goode Gal

Pipe cleaner crafts are a go-to idea when it comes to crafting with kids, especially since they make really cute candy canes. This Vintage Whimsy Candy Canes project is especially fun because the pipe cleaners are soaked in hot tea to give them a vintage look, which also makes them fun and fuzzy! Learn how to make your own whimsical candy canes with this tutorial.



Materials:

- Pipe cleaners (red and white)
- Several family size tea bags
- Large stew pot
- Strainer
- Fabric softener dryer sheet
- Small paint brush
- Glue
- Silver glitter
- Small piece of ribbon

Instructions:

1) Soak your pipe cleaners in a hot tea bath to achieve a vintage look. Use several family size tea bags in a big stew pot of boiling water. To keep your pipe cleaners from rising to the top, you can place a regular dinner plate in the pot to hold them down.



2) Leave for 1-2 hours.

3) Drain all the tea off your pipe cleaners. Then gently squeeze out some of the excess liquid, but not too much.

4) Place pipe cleaners in clothes dryer and dry for 10-15 minutes on high heat. Make sure to include a fabric softener sheet. This will seal in the tea stain and fluff your pipe cleaners back up.

5) Twist pipe cleaners together and bend into a candy cane shape. Note: If you want to make smaller candy canes like the ones pictured, simply cut each pipe cleaner in half before twisting.



6) Using a small paint brush, brush your candy cane lightly with glue and then dust with silver glitter.



7) Shake off excess glitter and re-fluff your candy cane by running it between your fingers, allowing some of the glitter to fall off. You don't want there to be huge clumps of glitter, just a light dusting.

8) Let dry. Tie bundle of candy canes together with ribbon, if desired.



Suggestion: You can use these cute little accent pieces as embellishments for gift wrapping or as ornaments on your tree!

Traditional Salt Dough Ornaments

By: Jennifer for meremade

Gather the family and make these Traditional Salt Dough Ornaments to hang on your tree! The best part about this craft project is that you can create any shape your heart desires. So let the creativity flow and make festive homemade salt dough ornaments of all shapes and sizes!



Materials:

- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- Cookie cutters in desired shapes
- 1 chopstick (to make hole in dough)
- Tempera paint in many colors
- Brushes
- String or ribbon

Instructions:

1) Mix everything together until the dough is formed. You may need to keep adding flour little by little until it's no longer sticky.

2) Use cookie cutters to mold dough into shapes.

3) Using the chopstick, place a hole at the top of the dough ornament.



4) Place ornaments in microwave and begin zapping on high in 30-second increments until ornaments are hardened. For most ornaments, this takes about a minute and thirty seconds. The really thick ones take about two minutes.



5) Wait for ornaments to cool and then paint.



6) Let dry and add string to hang from tree!



No-Melt Snowmen

By: Helen for Curly Birds

There's nothing sadder than when your snowman melts away, which is why this cotton ball snowman craft is so wonderful. Not only will he stay put all winter long, you can also make these adorable snowmen from the comfort of your home instead of out in the freezing cold!



Materials:

- Plastic juice bottles
- Dry rice
- Large cotton wool balls
- Felt
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paint brush



Instructions:

- 1) Fill bottle with an inch of dry rice and replace cap.
- 2) Paint bottle with a generous amount of glue.
- 3) Unroll cotton balls and cover bottle.



- 4) With the felt, cut out a scarf, a carrot, 2 hats, and 7 stones (per snowman).

- 5) Glue hat shapes together.



- 6) Glue hat, scarf, eyes, nose and mouth onto snowman.



- 6) You're finished!

Snowman Family Handprint Ornaments

By: Jill for Meet the Dubiens

These cute ornaments are great for two reasons. 1) They let kids get a bit messy, and we all know they love that! 2) You'll have a keepsake of your children's handprints that you can treasure for years to come. It's a win-win Christmas craft!



Materials:

- Tree ornaments
- White paint
- Paint brush
- Paint pens

Instructions:

- 1) Paint your child's hand white.
- 2) Have them grasp the ornament from the bottom, kind of holding it in their palms and press their fingers against the side of the ornament.
- 3) Allow to dry.
- 4) Using the paint pens, decorate the fingers to look like snowmen and allow to dry.
- 5) You can write your child's name, date and age on the bottom to always remember when they were made.



Root Deer Rudolph

By: Amy for Nap Time Crafters

Looking for that perfect DIY gift that you can make for your neighbors and friends? These reindeer beverages are guaranteed to please, plus your kids can help out with the design! Make a bunch of these dressed-up drinks one evening and your Christmas list will seem much less daunting!



Materials:

- Old fashioned root beer
- Brown pipe cleaners (2 per root deer)
- Googly eyes
- Red pom-poms
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun



Instructions:

1) Twist 1 pipe cleaner around the top of the bottle.



2) Cut a second pipe cleaner into small segments and add to the antlers.



3) Create a small bow out of your ribbon.

4) Hot glue on 2 eyes, a pom-pom nose and a bow (hair bows for the ladies and bow ties for the gents).



5) You're done! Give your gifts to friends and family!

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