

23rd Annual

**HOLIDAY
GIFT IDEA
EXCHANGE**

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**MONDAY,
NOV. 13TH,
2017**

Snowman Candles

MATERIALS

- White candles in glass jars
- Glass-friendly paint
- Small paintbrushes
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun and hot glue
- Buttons
- Twist ties

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Paint on the snowman's face. We gave ours coal-black eyes, a mouth and plus an orange carrot for a nose. Handle delicately until dry, or if you have time, wait a day for the next step to allow paint to full set.
2. Tie your ribbon to make a scarf, securing each side with hot glue.
Optional: Cut fringe into the ends with sharp scissors.
3. Use the hot glue gun to attach a neat row of buttons. These will be secure and dry within seconds.
4. Fold a twist tie in half and twist the ends to look like branches/arms. Add a dab of hot glue and attach to your snowman underneath his scarf. Repeat for the other side.



Jett Vaculin

Giant Christmas Ornaments

By: Luke Holcombe and Grady Ranspot

Large Plastic Ball
Pint Size Deli Container
Coat Hanger
Waterproof Silicone Glue
Spray Paint
Art Knife
Wire cutters



1. Take Deli Container and make a tiny hole on each side.
2. Take wire and put in holes and bend so it will not come out.
3. Spray Paint the wire and container (24 hours if possible)
4. Glue bottom of container with silicone glue
5. Cover up label and code with glued container
6. Let it stand 24 hours

CHRISTMAS WINE GLASS VOTIVES

Materials:

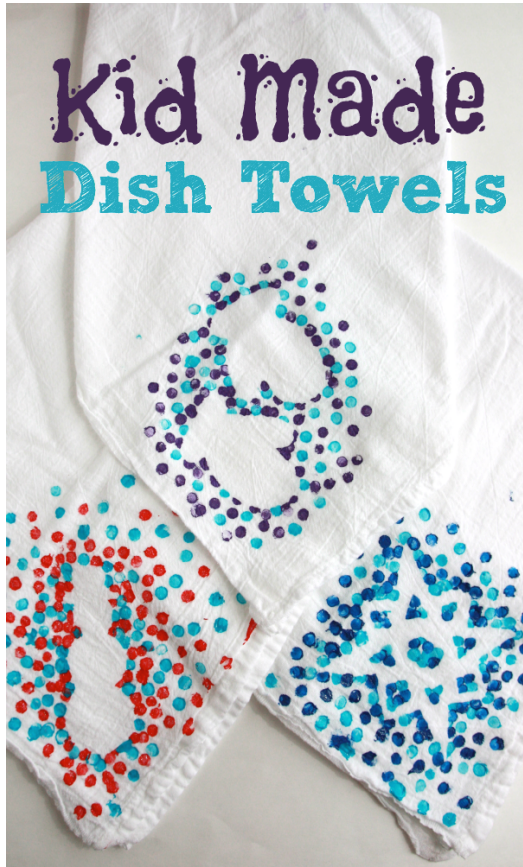
- wine glass
- spray paint
- votive candles
- ribbon
- garland
- tinsel
- buttons
- hot glue gun

Directions:

1. Spray paint wine glasses upside down
2. Set aside to dry
3. Glue three black button and belt to the upside down glass (for Santa Claus votive) or other decorations based on choice
4. Add candle to the top



Tessa Vaculin



By: Bailey and Cash Anderle

Materials Needed:

- White dish towels
- New pencils
- Fabric paint
- Pen
- Scissors
- Cookie cutters of your choice
- Contact paper
- Masking Tape and extra paper or cardboard to put under the towel while stamping are not pictured, but very handy!

Steps to making the Hand Towels

1. Choose your cookie cutter and trace onto the back of the contact paper. For the snowflake, I cut a square of contact paper, then folded and cut like you would a paper snowflake. Cut out, and peel off the backing.
2. Place your shape on the dish towel and chose paint. You could do as many colors as you'd like, but two worked the best for us since we each stamped a color. On our second towel, my daughter suggested taping the towel to the table and it worked really well to keep it steady for her when stamping. Be *sure* to spread out the towel and put paper under the towel as paint will bleed through!
3. Using either end of an unsharpened pencil, dip it in the paint and stamp around the shape on the towel. I did one color while my daughter (age 4) did the other. We switched pencils and colors whenever she wanted and talked about how much their great-grandparents would love the gift. It was a good time to chat with her and she sure had a lot to say!
4. When the majority of edges are covered, you are ready to pull off the contact paper shapes for the big reveal!

Camryn Green
Cameron 4-H

Gumball Machine Ornament

Materials:

- Small flower pot
- Glass or Clear plastic ball ornament
- Red paint
- Candy sprinkles
- Ribbon or twine

Instructions:

1. Paint flower pot and ornament topper and let dry
2. Glue bottom of ornament to bottom of flower pot
3. Fill ornament with sprinkles
4. Place topper on ornament
5. Add ribbon to hang on tree



Peppermint Serving Tray – by Wylie Barrett

Supplies:

- Lots of unwrapped peppermints
- Parchment paper
- Cake Pan

Directions:

Line the bottom and sides of a cake pan with parchment paper.

Lay unwrapped mints side by side. You can choose all of one color, or alternate red and green.

Then, bake 350 degrees for about 8 minutes.

Watch them carefully and remove from oven whenever they have melted and joined together.

Allow mints to cool for a few minutes, and then lift parchment paper out by the edges.

Let the plate cool completely, and then use to hold a lovely Christmas dessert.

Popsicle Stick Ornaments

By: Brayden Youree

Popsicle Sticks String or ribbon

Paint Red pom poms

Googly craft eyes Glue gun

Christmas Trees

1. Glue popsicle sticks in the shape of Christmas tree with a glue gun. Cut a small piece of a separate popsicle stick and glue at bottom for the tree trunk.
2. Paint the popsicle sticks, after paint is dry decorate.
3. Glue a string on back to hang on tree.

Reindeer

1. Glue popsicle sticks in the shape of V and then glue a stick about 1/2 way up the V. Cut 2 small pieces and glue on each side of the middle piece for the ears.
2. Paint the popsicle sticks, and let them dry.
3. Glue a red pom pom for a nose and glue two eyes.
4. Glue a string to hang on the tree.

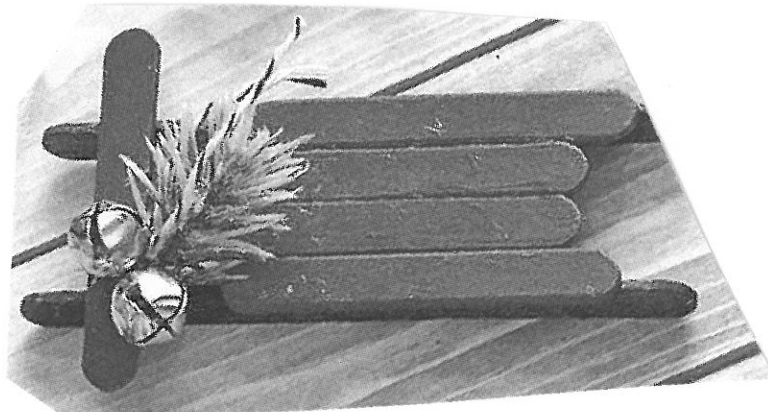
Popsicle Stick Sled Ornament

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks (2 regular sized and 5 small per sled)
- Wood glue
- Wood stain
- Paint
- Twine
- Glue dots
- Embellishments if desired (I used jingle bells, some faux greenery, and ribbon)

Instructions:

1. Glue 4 of the small craft sticks together staggering the end stick on each side slightly lower. I found the easiest way to apply glue was to squirt some glue out onto a paper plate and use a large toothpick or skewer to apply glue along the edges. Allow the dry.
2. Stain the regular size craft sticks using a rag.
3. Glue on the stained sled runners to the smaller popsicle sticks. Again this is much easier to do if you use a skewer or large toothpick to apply the glue.
4. Glue the cross stick to the front of the sled.
5. Add whatever embellishments you would like.
6. Cut some ribbon to your desired length and attach to the underside of the cross bar using glue dots. If you don't have glue dots, you can use regular craft glue.



Scrap Ribbon Tree Ornament – by Harleigh Barrett

Supplies:

- Straight twig about 6" in length
- Assorted green ribbons
- Hot Glue
- Twine
- Scissors
- Yellow star button

Directions:

Cut ribbons about 8" long and tie each ribbon in a knot on the twig.

Bunch the ribbons close together.

Gently tug them into place until you are satisfied with their placement.

Use sharp scissors (under adult supervision) to trim the ribbon scraps into the shape of a Christmas tree.

Tie a loop of twine at the top of the tree, and hot glue (under adult supervision) a yellow star button on the top.

Bird Seed Wreath

Bundt pan

Flour

Gelatin

Bird seed

Light corn syrup

Cooking Spray

Ribbon

1. Get a bundt pan and spray with cooking spray.
2. Take the 2 packets of gelatin and pour a cup of hot water over the gelatin and stir.
3. Add 6 Tablespoons of lite corn syrup and stir.
4. Add 1 1/2 cup of flour, stir
5. Add 8 cups of bird seed, but add 2 cups at a time because it gets hard to stir.
6. Spray hands with cooking spray then pour and press mixture into pan.
7. Let dry for 24 hours.
8. Turn pan over and place ribbon around wreath and hang in your tree.

Railyn Youree