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Demonstrations by
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Plaid Christmas Tree Ornament

Demonstrated by Gause 4-H Member Robert Miller



Materials:

Styrofoam Ball
Paperclip
Twine
Square of Festive Material
Festive Ribbon
Embellishments
Hot Glue Gun
Hot Glue Sticks

Directions:

1. Cut a 6 inch piece of twine and tie it in a loop. Use a paperclip to secure it to the top of the styrofoam ball. Then hot glue it in place for extra security.
2. Cut the fabric square smaller so it wraps around your styrofoam ball and has about 1-3 inches of material left hanging out at the top. The amount you leave on top will depend on the size of styrofoam you choose to use. The larger the ball, the more overhang you will need.
3. Take a piece of twine and tie the material together at the top of the styrofoam ball.
4. Tie the ribbon into a bow.
5. Attach the embellishment to the bow by tying or hot gluing it on.
6. Pull a piece of twine through the back of the bow and attach it to the ornament by tying it around the top of the styrofoam ball.
7. Hot glue anywhere you think needs to be reinforced or secured.

Wood Slice Christmas Ornament

Demonstrated by Gause 4-H Member Abbigail Miller



This Christmas craft is great because you can grab some wood slices and create something unusual and personalized! There are many ways to make such ornaments – paint or stain them, attach fabric or strings and nails and much more! Think of what you want to show and then consider the best way to do that – wood slices inspire creativity!

Materials:

3 Wood Slices
Black Chalk Paint
White Vinyl words “Peace,” “Love,” “Joy”
OR White Chalk Paint Pen
Eyehole Screw
String
Festive Ribbon
Finishing Spray

Directions:

1. Slightly sand the top of the 3 wood slices on the side you will be painting.
2. Using the chalk paint, paint a circle on the top of the wood slice and let it dry.
3. Scrape the vinyl words onto each of the wood slices OR use a stencil and paint the words.
4. Spray the top of the wood slice with finishing spray to seal it.
5. Attach an eyehole screw at the top of each wood slice.
6. Cut three 6 inch pieces of string and place them through each eyehole. You'll use this string to hang the ornaments from the tree.
7. Using festive ribbon, tie a cute bow around each eyehole to hide the metal.

Mason Jar Christmas Lighting

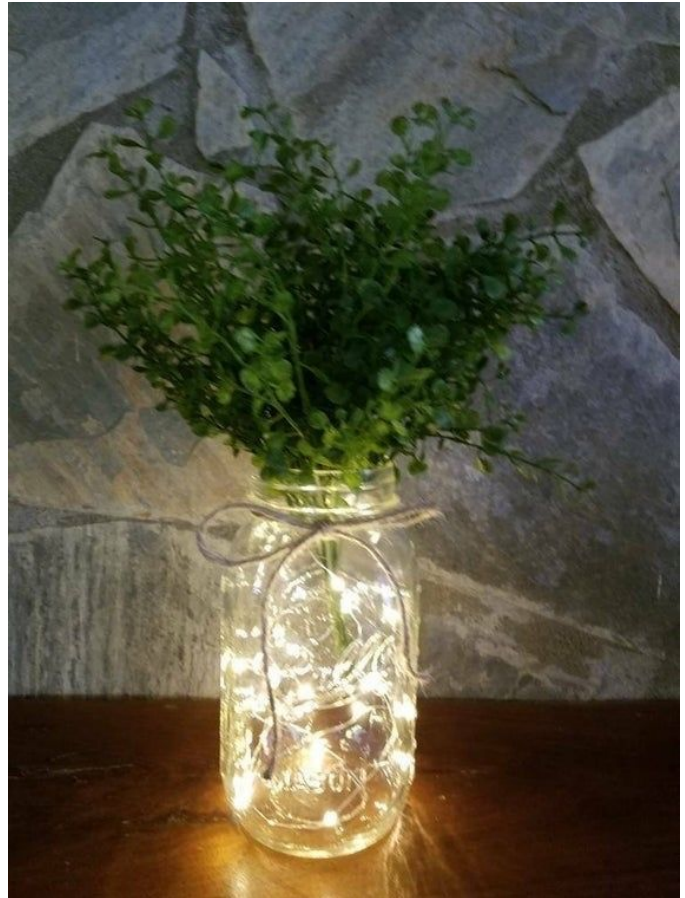
By: Karsyn and Kenan Mingus, Cameron 4-H Club

Supplies Needed:

- 1- Mason Jar*
- 1- string of white lights, battery operated*
- 1- Christmas ribbon & Twine*
- 1-Christmas spray*

Instructions:

- Place lights in Mason Jar*
- Place Christmas Spray in Jar*
- Tie Christmas Ribbon & Twine in a bow around the jar*
- Display on Fireplace, Island or Table*



Rustic Christmas Table Topper

By: Kenan & Karsyn
Mingus
Cameron 4-H Club

Supplies Needed:
1 rectangular box,
15"-18"
1- small Christmas
garland
2-3 Candles
Twine (bows on
candles, additional)



Instructions:

- Place candles in box
- Cut and lay garland all around the candles
- Tie twine ribbon on the candles
- Display on fireplace, island or table.

Oreo Brownie Trifles

By Danielle Mathis

Cameron 4-H Club



Ingredients

- 2 Boxes of Chocolate Pudding prepared according to box (I swapped half and half for the milk to make it richer)
- 4 Cups of Heavy Cream
- 4 TS Cream Cheese
- ½ Cup Powdered Sugar
- 1 Batch of brownies cut into squares (I use already made mini brownies from Walmart bakery)
- 26 Oreos (save some for top garnish)
- Hershey Syrup

Instructions

1. Make cream by whipping the heavy cream. Once soft peaks are reached, add the sugar and cream cheese and beat until smooth and thick.
2. Line bottom of trifle bowl with half pieces of the brownies.
3. Top with ½ of the pudding.
4. Top with whipped cream.
5. Top with 13 crushed Oreos
6. Repeat this layering to the top of your bowl. (My bowl allowed 2 complete layers.)
7. Add a drizzle of Hersey's syrup
8. Pipe the rest of the cream on top and garnish a few Oreos.
9. Keep Chilled. Best if served after a few hours or the next day.

Christmas Plate

Presented by: Carlie Eason, Cameron 4-H



- 1) I took a glass plate (I got mine from Dollar Tree for \$1.00) and some Christmas fabric.
- 2) Then I cut out the fabric about 1 inch bigger than the glass plate.
- 3) I then covered the plate with mod podge. I later learned that the mod podge dries quickly, so just cover the area you are working on for the letters.
- 4) Place the letters onto the plate. Put another layer of mod podge over the plate. I cut the letters out of card stock using a Cricut, or you could use pre-cut letters or stickers.
- 5) Cover the plate with the fabric. Make sure to press firmly and get all of the air bubbles out.
- 6) Now it is time to trim the fabric
- 7) Now put some mod podge around the edge of the plate and push down the fabric, to make sure that no water
- 8) get underneath the fabric.
- 9) Put on last layer of mod podge over the fabric.

****This plate can be washed, but it has to be hand washed and try not to get the back too wet****

DIY MASON JAR HOLIDAY LUMINARIA

Made by: Taylor Faske Grade:4



Supplies Needed:

- Smooth sided glass mason jars
- Frosted glass spray paint
- Clear matte sealer, or glitter spray paint
- Stick on letters to spell your word
- Spray paint for the lids (optional)
- LED votive candles
- Ribbon and mini ornaments



Step One: MASON JAR LETTERS

Place the letter sticker on each mason jar, centered as much as possible. I used a piece of painters tape along the bottom of each jar to give me a guideline of how far up to place the sticker... so they would all be the same distance from the bottom when lined up next to each other. Rub the sticker on well so no paint leaks underneath. Remove lids and rings.



Step Two: HOW TO FROST GLASS MASON JARS

Spray paint the jars with the frosted glass paint. I did mine in three light coats, letting it dry at least 15 minutes between coats. Let dry at least one hour after last coat, then lightly spray with clear glitter spray paint to seal. (you can use glitter or clear sealer) Let dry overnight. Note: Please check your spray sealer in an inconspicuous spot if you choose to use it. Some sealers can remove the frosted look of the glass paint on the luminaria.

Step Three: PAINT MASON JAR LIDS AND RINGS

If desired, spray paint the rings and lids on your frosted glass mason jars. Use any color you love; I think silver, red or green are great for Christmas. You can leave them gold if you like.

Step Four: REMOVE MASON JAR STICKERS

Remove the stickers. Warm them up with a hair dryer first so they will peel off easily. I was concerned about scratching off the frosted paint if they were too hard to get off.

Step Five: DECORATE YOUR MASON JAR DIY

Tie some mini ornaments onto some wire ribbon, wrap it twice around the top of the mason jar luminaries, then tie it.

Step Six: ADD CANDLES TO YOUR FROSTED MASON JAR

Add your LED votive to the bottom of the mason jar, with or without a little craft snow. When snow is used it boosts the height of the candles in the mason jars. If using snow make sure to place your letters high enough on the jar so the letters "sit" on top of the snow.

Use some cooking tongs to grab the votives to pull them up for turning on and off if you use snow. The words show up best against a dark background, so keep that in mind when you are placing these DIY mason jar holiday luminaria come the holidays!

Wishing you "Joy" for your holidays!

Christmas Tree Wall Hanging

By: Luke Holcombe,
Cameron 4-H Club

1. Board
2. Christmas ornaments – different sizes
3. Tree Topper
4. Bottom piece (small) – any box or letter for trunk
5. Glue gun and sticks



Polish or sand board ahead. Place “trunk” on board and glue. Add each first level of tree making an outline of ornaments.

DIY Personalized "Fish-eye" Magnets

By: Garner Chapman

Gause 4-H Club

You will need:

- Clear Decorative Stones
- Pencil
- Photo prints or decorative paper
- Scissors
- Mod-podge
- Paint brush
- Self-adhesive magnets (same size as stones) OR magnets and super glue



1. Trace the shape of your stone onto your photo or desired design on decorative paper
2. Cut out shape
3. Generously coat the bottom of your stone with mod podge using the paint brush (not so much it's drippy!)
4. Carefully place your paper shape onto the stone
5. Gently press/rub to remove any bubbles
6. Coat the back of the paper lightly with mod podge (Use a damp towel to wipe off any excess mod podge on the stone before it dries)
7. Allow it to dry slightly
8. Stick on or glue on magnet
9. Dry completely before using on magnetic surface

Fishbowl Snowman

By: Bailey Anderle
Cameron 4-H Club

You Will Need:

- 3 different sized fish bowls that stack. I got these at Michael's, but I've seen smaller versions at the dollar store!
- Snow village pieces. You can use anything! Pick a theme and run with it. The craft store, dollar store, etc are all great places, or you can always pick them out online.
- 1 bag of fake snow. Have no fear, any craft store will have this too. One bag goes a long way!
- Small snowman hat
- Scissors
- Christmas ribbon for around the snowman's top hat
- Glue gun

Directions:

1. Put a little fake snow at the bottom of each bowl.
2. Arrange your various snow village pieces or whatever Christmas trinkets you choose to make a special scene!
3. Add your top hat to the top bowl
4. Finally, embellish the top hat with some Christmas ribbon!



Baseball Snowman Ornament

Materials:

Baseball

Paints or Markers

String

Other Décor of your choice



Directions:

1. Find an old baseball or softball
2. Hot glue a piece of twine to hang your ornament.....drill a hole in the ball (first locate the place on the ball that you want to make your face, then move up from there to mark the place for your twine hanger). Tie a piece of twine in a small knot. Put a dab of hot glue in the hole, then insert the knotted end in the hole.
3. With permanent markers draw on the snowman's eyes, nose and mouth. I start with the nose. This gives me a better idea of how to place the eyes and mouth. I always think eyes look better close together just above the nose.
4. Find an old piece of greenery and a red berry or two and hot glue them onto the snowman's head like a little halo wreath. You can also add any other décor of your choice.



Pine Cone Christmas Tree

By: Wylie Barrett

Supplies:

- Pine Cone
- Spray Paint
- Glass or Plastic Bowl, for base
- Tree Topper
- Hot Glue Gun



Directions:

1. Select a glass or plastic bowl that the pine cone will fit in.
2. Spray paint the base a color of your choice.
3. Spray paint the Pine Cone green.
4. Once completely dry, then hot glue to the bottom of the pine cone to the inside of the bowl (under adult supervision).
5. Then, hot glue pom poms randomly as ornaments.
6. Last, hot glue a tree topper to complete the decoration.

Pom Pom Christmas Tree

By: Harleigh Barrett

Supplies:

- Foam Cone
- Assorted Pom Poms
- Hot Glue Gun
- Star Ornament
- Toothpick
- Spray Paint
- Glass or Plastic Bowl, for base



Directions:

1. Select the size of foam cone you want to use (I used 9"x4"), then find a glass or plastic bowl for the base.
2. Spray paint the base a color of your choice.
3. Once completely dry, then hot glue to the bottom of the foam cone.
4. Under adult supervision, hot glue the pom poms starting at the base. Continue until the whole cone is covered.
5. Hot Glue a star ornament (or a different type of tree topper) to the toothpick; and push toothpick into the top of the foam cone.

DIY Scrabble Letter Country Christmas Ornaments

Presented by: The Leifeste Family, Cameron 4-H

You Will Need the Following Items:

- * scrabble letters
- * hot glue or wood glue
- * ribbon
- * popsicle sticks
- * burlap material or scrapbook burlap pages



Step 1: First off, you need to assemble words with your scrabble letters. We chose to build Christmas themed words. You can also personalize with initials or names like we did here or do anything you want with them. The opportunities are endless! Lay them out and you are ready to glue.

Step 2: Next, you will take a popsicle stick and start gluing letters on it. If you are dealing with young children, wood glue is a great option instead of hot glue. Gluing on the stick gives them more support.

Step 3: We then take the stick and glue it on to a piece of burlap or cardstock or a piece of material whatever you choose. We chose to use an old piece of burlap my mom had laying around. We also did one on a piece of thick burlap faux scrapbook papers. Once it's securely glued on, you can fray the edges like we did here.

Step 4: You can then take and accent as you wish or leave them simple and country themed. Then glue twine, raffia or ribbon to the back so you can hang on the tree.

These are super easy and so affordable to make. Aside from ordering the scrabble letters, we made these with craft items my mom had in storage. Kids of all ages can help with this...adults too! It makes for a fun family activity. They top off the most perfect country themed Christmas tree. Or how about giving them to loved ones as homemade Christmas gifts? Everyone loves a special homemade gift!

Christmas Napkin Decoupage Candles

By: Hadley Wagner, Cameron 4-H Club

Materials

- Red Truck Napkins
- Snowman Napkins
- Mod Podge
- Glitter Glue
- Battery Operated Candles with a flat rim on top
- Scissors
- Plastic Wrap
- Paintbrush



Instructions

1. Start by opening up the napkin and measuring the height of the candle. You will want to factor in the extra rim around the tops too. Cut and set aside. (Optional: take off the second layer of the napkin, I did it the first time and it ripped easily though)
2. Apply mod podge around the entire candle and top rim.
3. Put a piece of plastic wrap down on the table and place the napkin upside down on top of it.
4. Line up the bottom of the candle to the napkin in the middle. Smooth the napkin sides up over the candle and use the plastic wrap to get some texture/ press down the rim.
5. Carefully unwrap the plastic wrap and let it sit on it until it dries (2-3 hours at least).
6. Squirt glitter glue on a plate and use a paintbrush to dab it on the places you'd like. Let dry.
7. Turn on the switch and enjoy!

Notes

You can seal the candles with mod podge or use a blow dryer and melt the wax a bit to make the napkin adhere to the candle.



Sock Gnomes

Jadyn Parker & Adyson Parker

Supplies Needed:

- 1 tube sock
- 2 Colored sock (mix and match)
- Uncooked Rice
- Black elastic bands
- Floral wire
- Faux fur
- Optional Decorations (pom-poms, jute, holly, bells...)

Instructions:

Step 1: Fill tube sock with Rice

- We placed rice from 2 large drinking glasses into sock. Shake and tap rice down into desired shape.
- Use elastic band to close sock. (This is the body)
- Add an additional scoop of rice (1/2 cup) into sock to create second section. Use elastic band to close sock. (This is the head)
- Wrap the floral wire around the top lump, and leave sticking up
- Cut sock about an inch from the band, hot glue to secure top.



Step 2: Make a Nose

- Pinch a section of the body portion of the gnome to form a nose. The bigger the lump, the cuter!
- Use elastic band to secure.
- (Optional) Paint nose with flesh tone paint

Step 3: Dress the Gnome

- Cut the 2 colored socks at the heel.
- Use the top portion of the sock as the shirt for the gnome.
- Cut faux fur into a triangle and add semi-circle at the top for nose. Hot glue fur in place around the nose.
- Use the foot portion of the sock as the hat.



Step 4: Secure & Decorate!

- Hot Glue shirt, hat, and beard as needed to secure in place.
- Add embellishments such as pom-poms, twine, or holly decorations....
- (Optional) essential oils or scents to rice

Lighted Mason Jar Potpourri Warmer

By: Noah Bradley

Supplies:

- ☐ Quart Mason Jar with ring (lid not needed)
- ☐ 20 Battery –Operated LED Multicolor Mini Lights
- ☐ 3 AA batteries
- ☐ Phillips head screwdriver
- ☐ Potpourri scented pine cones
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tulle
- ☐ Craft Ribbon



Step one:

Use the phillips head screwdriver to open the battery box holder and put batteries in the LED mini lights. Then close and screw the battery box closed, so the batteries won't fall out. Turn on lights to test and make sure they are all working before going any further.

Step two:

Fill quart mason jar evenly with scented glitter pine cones and LED mini lights.

Step three:

Cut two squares of tulle to put over the top. It is ok if they are big because you will trim them up at the end. You will then need to overlap the tulle on top and put one slit in each piece, so the cord can go through.

Step four:

You then put the mason jar ring on top over the tulle. Then you can trim any extra tulle that is not needed.

Step five:

Tie craft ribbon around the mouth of the jar to decorate.

Step six:

Turn on lights and display. You can have the battery pack on the back side of the jar, to make it easier to turn on or off, or you can stuff it in the jar and always leave it on or disassemble it each time.