



27th Annual

Holiday

Gift Idea Exchange

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Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall

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Holiday Craft and Food Demonstrations

by

Milam County 4-H members

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PIE GARLAND

By Adyson Parker

(Cameron 4-H)

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Pie Shaped Template (cardstock or paper)

1/2 yard Burlap

Orange, Red, and Brown Felt

4 ft. piece of Twine or Rope

4 cotton balls

Assorted Ribbon

Hot Glue, Scissors, and Pen for tracing



STEPS:

- 1) Trace out pie pieces on materials. We used 6 burlap, 4 orange, 2 red, and 1 brown piece for our garland.
- 2) Cut out Felt and Burlap Pie Pieces and several 1 inch strips of burlap out of remaining fabric.
- 3) Glue Felt pieces on top of Burlap pieces.
- 4) Glue strips of burlap to create Pie Crust, Weave strips on top of Red and Brown, and Add cotton ball to Orange
- 5) Glue Pie Pieces on twine and add ribbon.



Jingle Bell Ball Ornament

Bohn Towery
2nd Grade
Cameron 4-H Club

Materials

- 3 pipe cleaners
- 36 jingle bells
- Ribbon

Instructions

- Lay the pipe cleaners so that each cross in the middle. Give the stems a twist together for a 6 stemmed snowflake shape.
- Thread 6 jingle bells on to each of the 6 empty stems.
- Bring opposing ends together at the ends, pushing the jingle bells all the way down the pipe cleaner to where the stems are twisted together. Twist the open ends of the pipe cleaners together. Then, blend the twisted ends to create a small loop for hanging.
- Cut a length of decorative ribbon and tie into a bow between the hanging loop and the top of the ball.



Tin Cookie Sheet Christmas Trees

Bv: Brady Barton, Cameron 4-H Club

Supplies Needed:

1. Tin cookie sheets from the Dollar Tree
2. Glue gun
3. Scissors
4. Tape measure
5. Wooden kabob stick
6. Sheet of styrofoam or cutting mat
7. Battery operated string of white lights
8. 3- round pieces of wood to set the trees on(found at Hobby Lobby)



You will need at least 3 tin cookie sheets to make 3 trees in different sizes. The first step is to cut the edge of the cookie sheet off. This will give you a flat piece of tin.

You will use the tape measure across the bottom of your cookie tins which should be about 13.5 inches wide. Then hold one end of the tape measure in the corner and then bring the other end up and over to form the dome of the tree. I used a marker as I moved the tape measure up and over. You will then cut your dome and glue it together. I used the scrap piece of time from the larger tree to make a smaller tree. I used a separate sheet of tin to create my middle tree. I used the width of the cookie tin to create the middle sized tree. Before you glue the trees together, poke holes in the tin using the kabob. Place the tin over the foam before poking holes to protect your surface. Glue the tin and set on the wooden round and add lights. The three trees will look nice around any space in your home.

Paper Bag Snowflake

by: Hampton Barton

Materials needed:

- Scissors
- 8 brown paper lunch bags(will make one snowflake
- Hot glue gun
- Twine to hang



Directions:

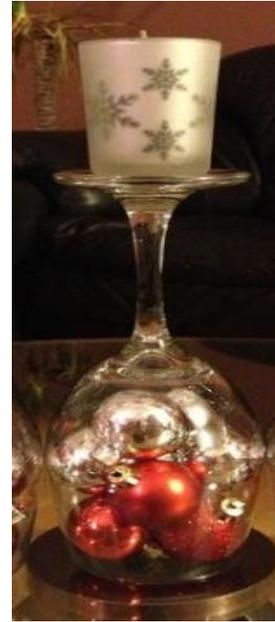
1. Take the bags and stack them with the flap up and facing you.
2. Take the first bag and make a "T" using the glue stick and then place the second bag on top and repeat until 8 bags are glued together.
3. Begin to cut shapes from the sides of the bag. I like to keep it symmetrical when cutting the sides. I'll repeat on the other side. To make stars, cut the top of the bags into a rounded or pointed tip.
4. To make the snowflake, take hold of the two inside bags and pull around creating a large circle or snowflake! Cool, right?
5. You can glue one side of the last two sides so that the snowflake stays together and then cut a small slit or hole into the two pieces that you are holding to create the snowflake. Put twine through to hang on a wall or window.

Wine Glass Christmas Candle

By: Harleigh Barrett of Thorndale 4-H Club

Supplies:

- Wine glass
- Round Mirror (larger than wine glass rim)
- Small candle
- Small Christmas ornaments
- Vase filler balls
- Decorative flowers or bows
- Christmas hanging decoration
- Contact adhesive(E6000 or Gorilla Glue)
- Glue gun
- Tape



Instructions:

- Fill the cup part of the wine glass with ornaments and vase filler balls
- Apply the contact adhesive to the rim of the wine glass
- Flip the round mirror and center it on top of the contact adhesive on the wine glass rim
- Tape the Christmas hanging decoration to the bottom of the wine glass
- ***Under Adult Supervision*** Hot glue the decorative flowers around the edge of the base of the wine glass
- Place the candle on top

This Christmas wine glass candle gives an elegant look and works great as a centerpiece, since it's small and doesn't take up too much space. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Hayes Berry
1st Grade
Rockdale 4-H

Popsicle Stick Sled Ornament

Materials:

6 popsicle sticks
Scissors
Hot glue
Thin red silk ribbon
2 plastic candy canes

Instructions:

1. Arrange 5 popsicle sticks next to each other;
2. Cut a popsicle stick in half, round off the edges, then glue it across the popsicle sticks in 2 places;
3. Glue the candy canes to each side of the popsicle sticks; and
4. Tie a red ribbon to the hook of each candy cane.



Glitter Ornaments

By: Luke, James, and Mackenzie Holcombe, Cameron 4-H Club

- Clear plastic ornaments – find these at crafts stores during the holiday season or right here year-round.
- Fine glitter or fine/chunky glitter mix
- Clear polyurethane (Anderle Lumber Co) or polyacrylic
- Funnel or rolled up piece of cardstock
- Syringe
- Mini plastic cups
- Vinyl in choice colors. I recommend white for most of the wording or black if you are making white glitter ornaments. I also love to use glitter vinyl for the details!
- Transfer tape
- Vinyl Scrapper
- Cutting machine (or any cutting machine that works with SVG files)
- Ribbon (optional)
- Christmas SVG word designs



Instructions:

- Fill a 30 ml syringe with polyacrylic or polyurethane.
- Push the syringe into the top of your ornament.
- Swirl the polyurethane around till fully coated and tip the plastic ornament upside down on a cup to drain the excess.
- After about 2 minutes of draining, pour glitter into the ornament with a small funnel.
- Swirl the glitter around until fully covered with glitter. For the inside, take a paper towel and cover the top and shake to coat the top thoroughly. See video for details.
- Place your glitter Christmas ornament upside down again on a cup to dry for about 30 minutes before adding the ornament top back on.
- Hang your ornament!





Embroidery Hoop Holiday Wreath

By : Jady Parker

Cameron 4-H

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

10in Embroidery Hoop

¼ yd of Material

Decorative floral pick

Burlap ribbon

Optional vinyl lettering



STEPS:

1. Add Heat Transfer Vinyl Lettering to center of material (or ribbon)
2. Center material on top of the bottom hoop, add top hoop and tighten to secure.
3. Trim excess material (glue edges to back of hoop if needed)
4. Glue Burlap Ribbon to hoop
5. Add Decorative Floral Pick to center of bow or on sides of hoop
6. Add twine or ribbon to back of hoop to hang wreath)



Christmas Tabletop Decorations

By: Kenan & Karsyn Mingus

1. Wood Box
2. Greenery w/red berries
3. Pine Cones
4. 3 white candles

We had K. Rachelle Creations make our box. We purchased faux greenery w/ berries, pinecones and candles.

Place your wooden box on table or counter-top.

Place candles in wooden box, a few inches apart.

Cut greenery in pieces (different lengths work best) and place around candles.

Sit pinecones in box on top of greenery.

Light your candles.

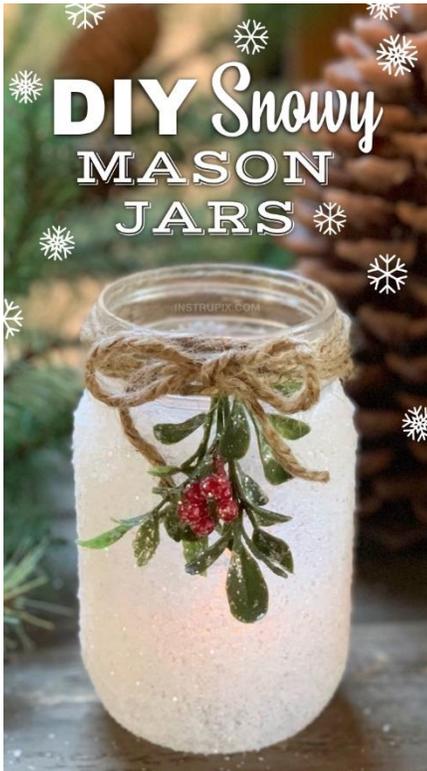
This is a super simple Christmas decoration and inexpensive. We hope you all enjoy!



DIY SNOWY MASON JARS

BY THE LEIFESTE KIDS, CAMERON 4-H

These DIY Christmas Tea Light Holders are incredibly easy to make using unexpected items: epsom salt and glitter. They are a beautiful holiday display for flameless tea lights or could even be used as a vase for holiday garland or flowers.



Supplies Needed:

- * mason jar (or any glass jar)
- * 1 cup of Epsom
- * 1 tbsp glitter (preferably white or translucent)
- * mod podge (or tacky glue)
- * sponge brush for applying glue
- * twine or ribbon
- * small piece of greenery
- * hot glue gun
- * flameless tea lights (optional)

Instructions:

1. Start off by mixing the Epsom salt and glitter together in a bowl so that it's ready to be poured over your jar once the glue has been applied. This can get kind of messy so have newspaper or something ready to catch the extra "snow".

2. Use a sponge brush to apply a thin, even layer of Mod Podge onto the outside of the jar. You don't want too much, or you'll end up with lines and possibly drips.



3. Once the glue has been applied, immediately pour or spoon over the Epsom salt mixture until all the glue has been fully covered; set aside to dry for about an hour.



4. Hot glue a small piece of greenery onto the top of the jar, and then wrap and tie twine around until you have your desired look.

That's it! These look magical at night with a flameless tea light or even those small fairy LED string lights. I'm afraid to try using a real tea light with these jars only because I'm not sure if it would affect the glue (probably not), but I'm also worried about the twine catching a flame.



** Mason jars probably work best for this project because of the smaller mouth opening. The lines in the glass top (where the lid would screw on) also help the twine stay in place. I made a third luminary out of an old glass vase but wasn't nearly as happy with the result.*

** To decorate the jars I cut off small pieces of fake garland that I happened to already have, but you could also use real greenery from your yard, like a piece of evergreen.*

** If you plan on making more than one, a variety of sizes look nice bunched up together to display on your mantel, dining room table, or any corner of the house for the holidays.*

How to make a Tea Light Holder

You will need:

- Mason Jar of your choice
- Paint (your choice of colors)
- Ribbon (your choice of design and color)
- Hot glue gun
- Blow dryer (optional)
- Paint brush
- Scissors
- Tea Light (battery operated)

Method:

1. Take 2 colors of your paint and put polka dots inside of the jar.
2. Blow dry the polka dots with the blow dryer (or air dry), make sure they are completely dry.
3. Take white (or color of your choice) and paint the inside of the jar. Making a background for the polka dots.
4. Blow dry the paint again or let it air dry.
5. Take your ribbon and wrap it around the top of your jar, cut excess ribbon off. Tie a bow
6. Take the hot glue gun and put one small dot on the back of the ribbon just to make sure it stays in place.
7. Place the tea light in the jar and turn on.
8. Enjoy your gift

Santa's Cookie Mix in a Jar

Macelyn Furmage, age 9

Cameron 4-H Club

- A Mason jar filled with pre-measured dry ingredients for M&M cookies. Give the jar as a gift, and all the recipient has to do is add the wet ingredients and bake.

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup Holiday M&M's or chocolate chips, see note
- ½ cup light brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1-quart Mason jar



Instructions

Assembling jars:

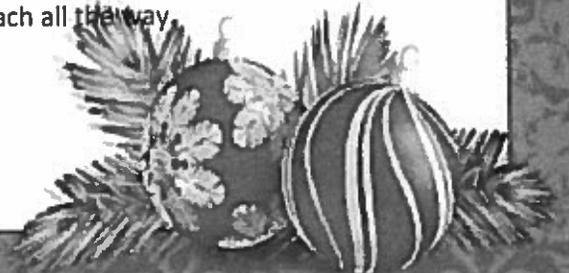
Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a small bowl. Pour into the bottom of a 1-quart mason jar (I rolled up a paper plate to use as a funnel). Top the flour mixture with M&M's, dropping them in lightly, so that they don't sink into the flour. Top the M&M's with brown sugar, and then granulated sugar (use a spoon to carefully scoop the sugars into the jar).

Recipe to include with the jar:

In a large bowl, whisk ½ cup of melted and *cooled* unsalted butter, 1 large egg, and 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Add the contents of the jar and gently stir with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until combined (dough will be crumbly). Chill for 30 minutes. Form golf ball sized portions of dough, pressing firmly as you form the ball. Place the dough balls onto lined baking sheets. Bake at 350°F for 8-10 minutes, until the edges are set and the centers of the cookies are still slightly underdone. Place baking sheets on a rack to cool.

Tips for Making Cookie Mix in a Jar:

- It is important that your ingredients are layered into the jars carefully so that the layers don't mix too much; this makes for a prettier presentation.
- Roll up a paper plate to use as a funnel to cleanly add the bottom layer into the jar.
- Use a spoon to carefully place the M&M's on top of the flour. Don't dump them in too quickly or they'll sink into the flour.
- Make sure you have a nice even base of brown sugar (lightly packed in) so that the granulated sugar doesn't sink down into it.
- The cookie mix will be a couple inches shy of the top of the jar. You can increase the M&M's by ¼ cup or add some tissue paper to the very top if you want the mix to reach all the way.



Paintbrush Santa Ornament

Rhylee Sumrall-5th Grade
Easton Sumrall-2nd Grade
Cameron 4H



Materials:

- Chip brush
- Red and white craft paint and brush
- String
- Wiggle eyes
- White fabric or ribbon
- Hot glue or super glue
- Small red pom pom
- Embellishments (optional)

Directions:

1. Paint the handle of your brush red (optional-add white dots)
2. Use a piece of fabric or ribbon and glue it between the metal and the wood handle of your brush
3. Glue on 2 wiggle eyes under the fabric
4. Glue on 1 red pom pom under the wiggle eyes
5. Add a string to the handle and some embellishments to your Santa hat if you desire

Pour Painting Ornament Instructions

By: Jenny K

Demonstrated By: Robert Miller



STEP 1: MAKE THE POUR PAINTING ORNAMENT STAND

Put two popsicle sticks in one piece of styrofoam so the ornament will be steady while you are working on it.

STEP 2: PORTION OUT THE POUR PAINT

Pour out small portions of the pour paint into small disposable plastic cups (included). Combine different colors in a single cup—when you pour it out, it makes a cool effect. **Just don't mix the colors** up in the cup—just layer them.

STEP 3: POUR PAINT OVER ORNAMENT

Carefully and SLOWLY, pour the paint from the little cups over the ornament. This is the fun part—don't rush it!! Use a variety of colors to get the best effect. If you pour too fast, the colors sort of run together and get too mixed up.

STEP 4: SET ASIDE TO DRY

When you are happy with what you have, carefully move your ornament aside and start another one! Be careful not to touch the paint until it is completely dry—this can take several hours to a day... be patient!

When the ornaments are completely dry, you can lift them off their stand, and put the small metal cap back on the top. They are now ready for your tree!



Pour Painting Ornament Stand 1



Pour Paint Into Cups 2



Pour Paint Over Ornaments 3



Pour Painting Ornaments 4





Taylor Faske Thorndale 4H

Supply List:

4 Clear Ornament Balls

Fine Glitter: Red, White, Green, Brown

Liquid Hairspray

Construction Paper: Orange, Black, Yellow, Red, Green, White, Silver

Craft Glue

Silver sequins (2)

Small Christmas Ribbon (tie in 2 bows)

Instructions:

Step 1: Pour liquid hairspray inside ornament and roll it around. Pour out any excess. Pour in your glitter and roll it around-pour out excess glitter. (The hairspray gives the glitter a surface to stick to)

Step 2: Cut out construction paper according to the picture.

Step 3: Glue construction paper according to picture.

Step 4: Glue ribbon bows and sequins on elf ornament.

Mini Red Solo Cup Gumball Ornament

Rhylee Sumrall-5th Grade
Easton Sumrall-2nd Grade
Cameron 4H



Materials:

- Small round glass or plastic ornament
- Mini red solo cup
- Soda can tab
- Small multi colored pom poms
- Black sharpie
- Hot glue gun or super glue
- String/Ribbon

Directions:

1. Remove the metal lid from the ornament and fill it with the pom poms.
2. Once your ornament is filled to your desired level, place the lid back on.
3. Attach your piece of string/ribbon to the hanging mount.
4. Using your hot glue gun (or super glue), glue the soda can tab to your mini red solo cup.
5. Now, take your black sharpie and draw inside the gumball chute.
6. With your hot glue gun (or super glue), attach the clear Christmas ornament to the bottom of the mini solo cup. Let the hot glue sit for a minute or 2.

Reindeer Noses

By: Wyatt Furmage, age 6
Cameron 4H Cloverbuds

Items needed:

- 1 bag of red gum balls or any round red candies.
- 1 mason jar in the size of your choice. We found some holiday themed one with red/green lids with white snowflakes.
- super glue or hot glue gun for adhesive
- brown foam sheet/brown construction paper for reindeer antlers
- Googly eyes for reindeer eyes
- Red Pom Pon for reindeer nose

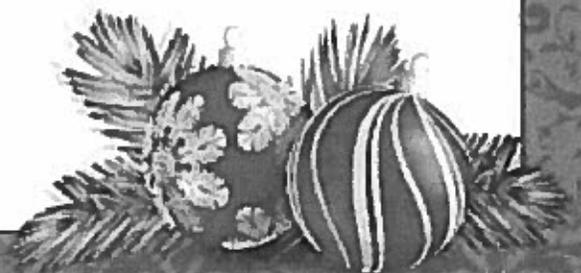


Precautions:

Super glue is extremely sticky. Be careful not to get it on your skin, clothes, or any unwanted surface when attaching reindeer pieces to the jar. Hot glue guns are hot to touch. Be careful not to burn your skin on the gun or hot glue.

Instructions:

1. Wash your mason jar.
2. Add your reindeer nose candies of choice
3. Screw on the lid hand tight
4. Glue on antler cut out, googly eyes, and red pom pon nose to make your reindeer's face on the front of the jar. Allow time to dry.



Plastic Hanger Snowflake

By: Wylie Barrett of Thorndale 4-H Club

Supplies:

- 16 plastic hangers
- Scissors
- Zip ties
- Garland or lights(optional)
- Glue gun(optional)



Instructions:

1. Take 8 hangers and start placing 2 hangers at a time with 3 or more zip ties. Cut off the excess ends of the zip ties. *Make sure the hook of the hanger faces the same direction for each set.
2. Take the other 8 hangers and repeat Step 1
3. Now place one set on top of the other to form the snowflake
4. Zip tie the layers together and cut off excess ends. Make sure the hangers are secured and the whole snowflake can be picked up.
5. Optional – you can add lights or garland with zip ties or glue gun

MERRY
christmas

Spiced Pecans

Presented By: Carlie Eason

4 Cups of Pecan Halves

1 Egg White

1 Tablespoon Water

1 Cup Sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ Teaspoon Salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ Teaspoon Cinnamon

- In a bowl, mix the sugar, salt, and cinnamon.
- In a separate bowl, whip the egg white and water until frothy.
- Stir in the Pecan Halves until coated well.
- Pour the sugar mixture over the pecans and stir until coated well.
- Spread on a well greased cookie sheet.
- Bake at 250 Degrees for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.
- Let cool on cookie sheet.

