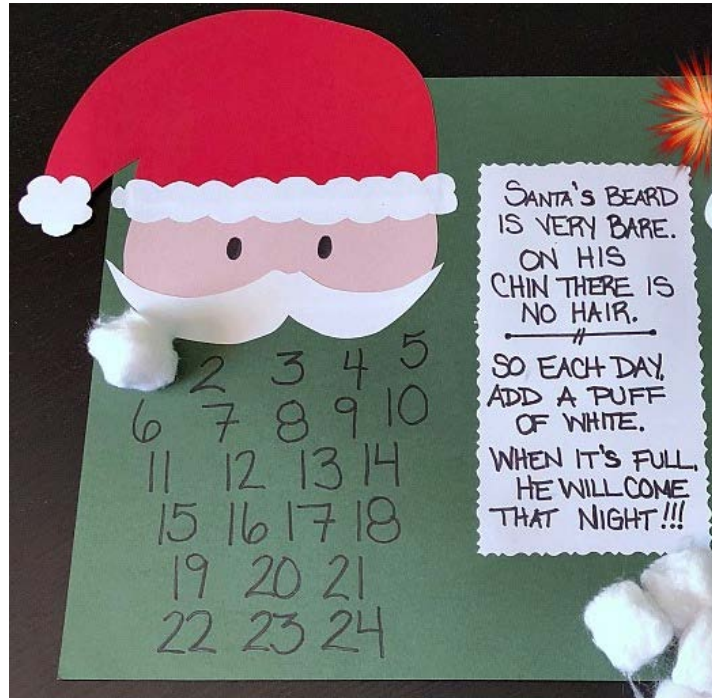


Santa Beard Countdown to Christmas



Supplies Needed:

- 25 Cotton Balls
- Red Construction Paper
- White Construction Paper
- Green Construction Paper
- Skin Toned Construction Paper
- Black Marker
- Glue Stick

Instructions:

1. Use the green construction paper as the backdrop.
2. Take the white construction paper and cut out a mustache, the rim of Santa's hat, the end of Santa's hat, and a rectangle to write on (See picture above).
 - a. Have fun making your Santa unique.
 - i. Idea: Use cotton balls in place of the white construction paper on the Santa hat.
 - ii. For the rectangle, try cutting out fun shapes along the border.
3. Take the red construction paper and cut out a hat shape.
4. Take the skin toned construction paper and cut out a circle for the face.

5. Glue the circle to the top left corner of the green construction paper.
6. Glue the mustache on the bottom portion of the circle.
7. Glue the hat to the top of the circle. It's alright if the hat goes off of the green paper.
8. Glue on the white parts of the hat.
9. Glue on the rectangle to the right of the Santa face.
10. Write the numbers 1-24 below the Santa face in the shape of a beard.
11. Write the following words on the white rectangle:
 - a. Santa's Beard is Very Bare. On his chin, there is no hair. So each day add a puff of white. When it's full he will come that night!!

No Cook Peppermint Playdough

Supplies:

- * 2 cups flour
- * 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- * 1/2 cup salt
- * 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- * 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- * Glitter {I used about 2 tablespoons – add more/less as you feel like}
- * Few drops of peppermint extract
- * Red food coloring

Directions:

- * In a large mixing bowl – combine your flour, salt, cream of tartar, glitter and oil.
- * Measure out your hot water and add a few drops of peppermint extract & red food coloring to it.
- * Then carefully stir in the hot water mixture to the flour mixture. {Should ONLY be done by adults}
- * Now start stirring with a cooking spoon until the dough starts getting sticky/cool down a bit.
- * Once cool enough to handle – knead until it's a smooth playdough consistency.
- * Then play with it and have tons of fun!

Store playdough in air-tight container when not using and of course – although this recipe smells amazing, it's just for playing, no eating allowed.



Clothespin Christmas Crafts

Supplies Needed:

Snowman:

- White, black, red, orange cardstock
- Googly eyes
- Small fine sharpie
- Red glitter paper
- Clothespins – 2 regular
- Dark brown paint

Santa:

- Red glitter paper
- Black cardstock
- White cardstock
- Light beige paint
- Small red pom pom, small white pom pom
- Cotton balls
- Googly eyes
- Clothespins – 2 regular, 2 small
- Gold glitter paper
- Red paint

Elf:

- Green glitter paper
- Red cardstock
- White cardstock
- Light beige paint
- Small red pom pom, small white pom pom
- Cotton balls
- Googly eyes
- Clothespins – 2 regular, 2 small
- Green paint, pink paint
- Small fine point sharpie

What kind of glue should I use? Hot glue is always going to work best when working with pom poms and googly eyes, but for younger kids you can also use an extra-strong glue [like this one](#). Just make sure to let it thoroughly dry and press and hold for the glue to take.

What paint works best? We like to use acrylic paint. You can get a [whole set of our favorite brand here](#).

Steps to Make These Clothespin Christmas Crafts

First paint all of the clothespins their respective colors. Paint red for the Santa, green for the elf and brown for the snowman.

Then assemble the Christmas characters:

Snowman:



Cut out the template elements and trace around colored cardstock.



Make the face:

Add a strip of red glitter paper to the hat and trim to size. Add googly eyes. Cut out a nose and glue down. Draw on the mouth with a black fine sharpie.



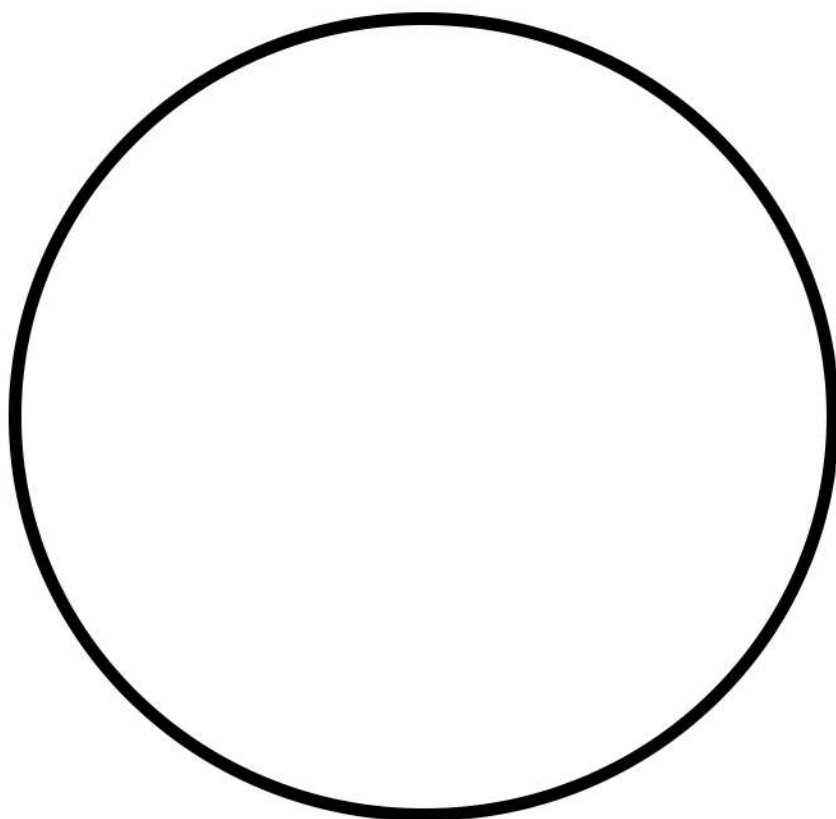
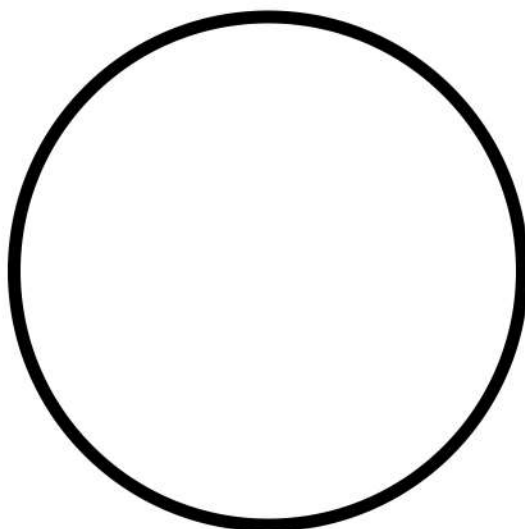
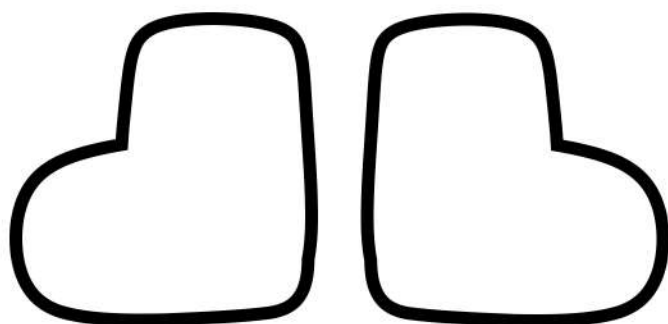
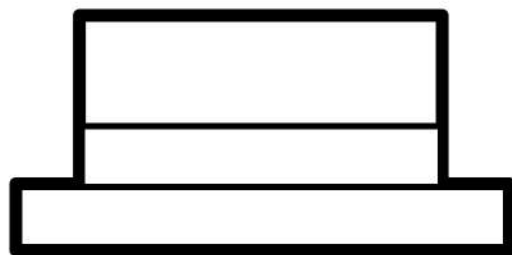
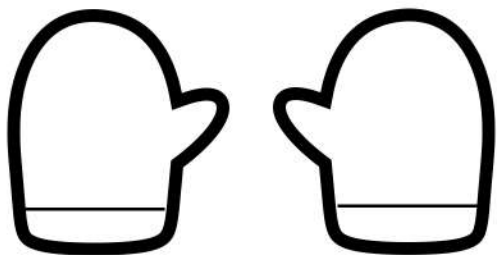
Glue the mittens to the end of the clothespins (leave some space at the bottom so it can stand up). There needs to be a little bit of space at the bottom of the clothespin or the paper will stop the character from standing up straight.

Glue the boots to the body.



Glue the head to the body.
Add the clothespins.





Santa:



Cut out the template elements and trace around colored cardstock.



Make the face:

Paint the face with a light beige paint. Add a pom pom nose and googly eyes. Glue a pom pom to the top of the hat then glue on cotton balls for the brim of the hat.

Glue the hat to the head. Then add cotton balls around the face for the beard.

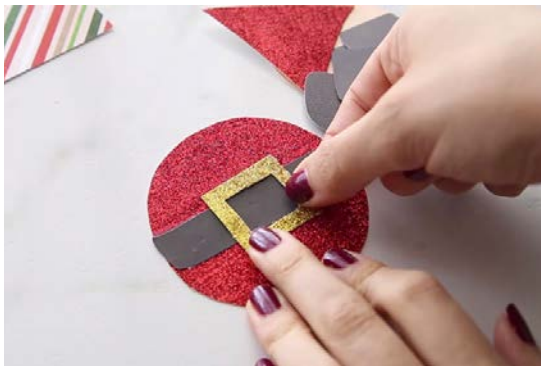


Make the body:

Color the template as is with the belt. Or create your own!

To create your own: glue a strip of black to the body. Add a gold glitter belt on top.

You can make the belt by cutting out a square of the gold glitter paper. Fold the square over slightly to make a slit in the middle and then cut around the inside.



Glue the head to the body.

Add the mittens and boots to the clothespins. Glue cotton ball pieces to the end of the mitts. There needs to be a little bit of space at the bottom of the clothespin (below the boot) or the paper will stop the character from standing up straight.

Add the clothespins to the body.

Elf:



Cut out the template elements and trace around colored cardstock.

First use the circle template to trace around the green glitter cardstock for the body. Then cut out the shirt detail and use that to trace around red cardstock.



Make the face:

Paint the face with the light beige paint. Add a pom pom nose and googly eyes. Add a pom pom to the top of the hat. Glue on cotton balls for the brim of the hat.

Glue the hat to the head.

Add cheeks with pink paint.

Make a smirk face with the fine point sharpie and make ear marks.



Make the body:

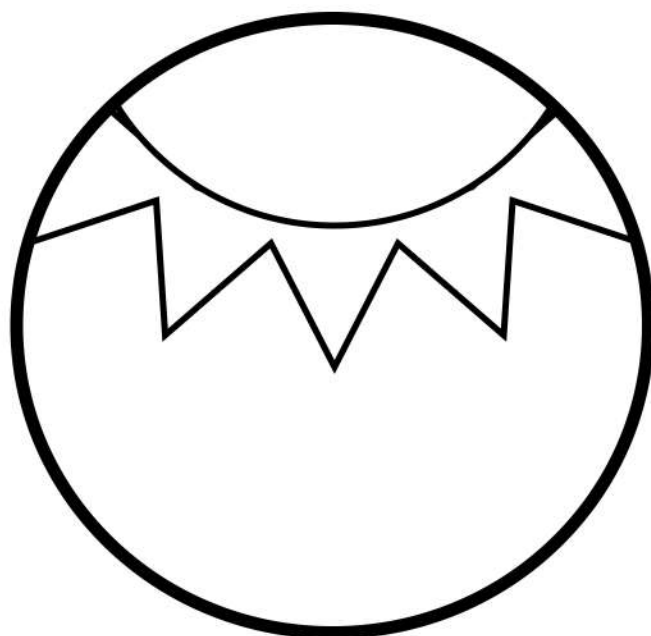
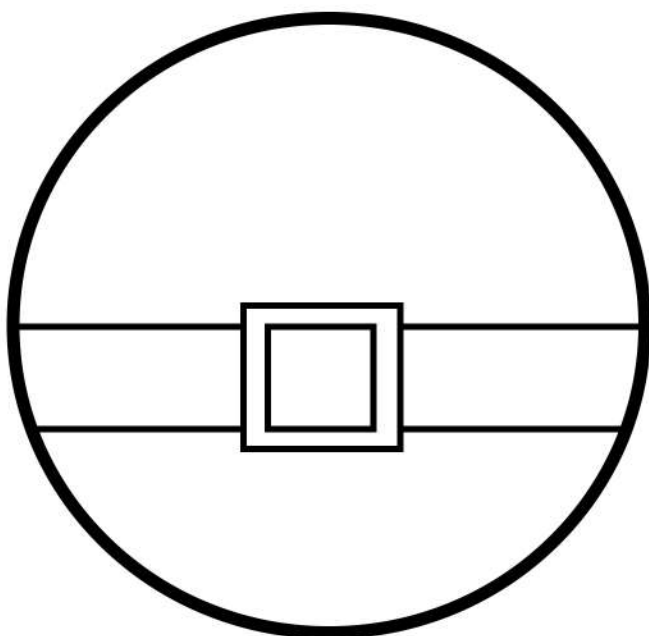
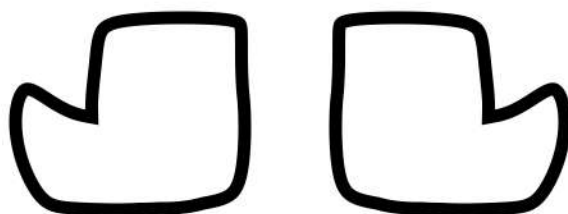
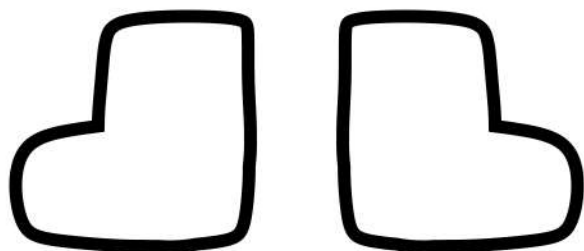
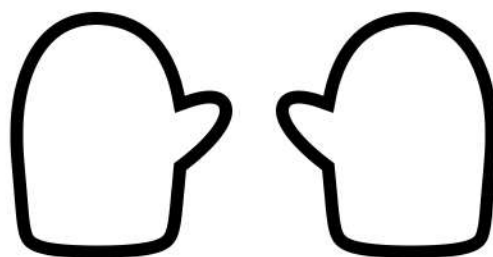
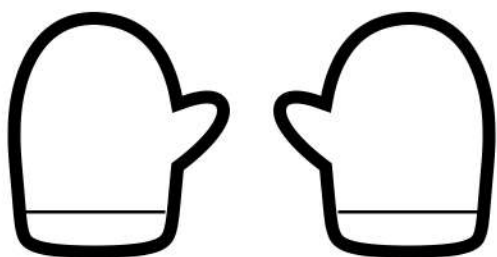
Using the shirt template, cut out a red trim for the shirt and glue on top of the body piece.

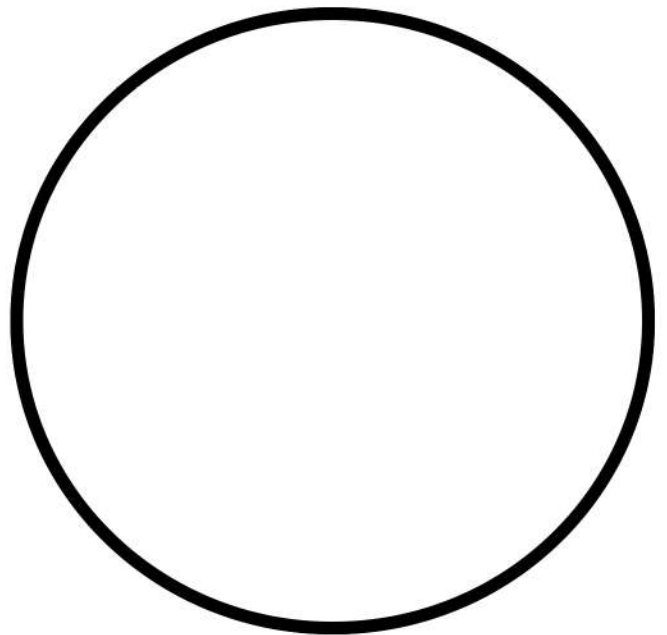
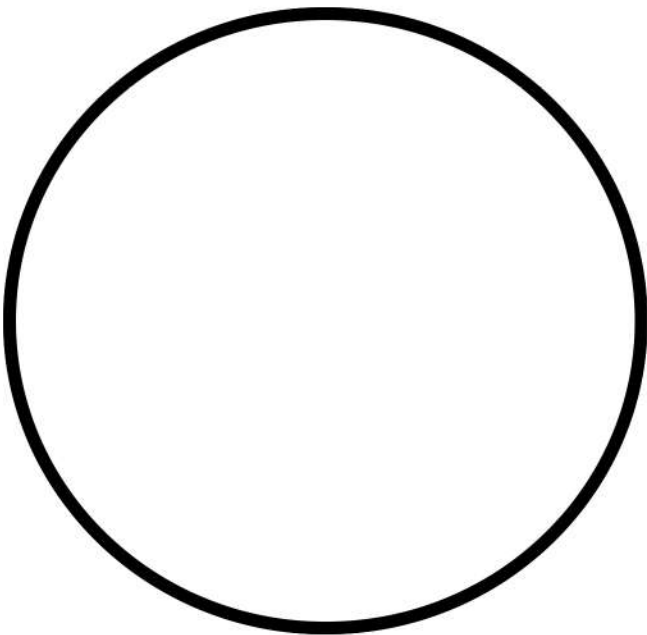
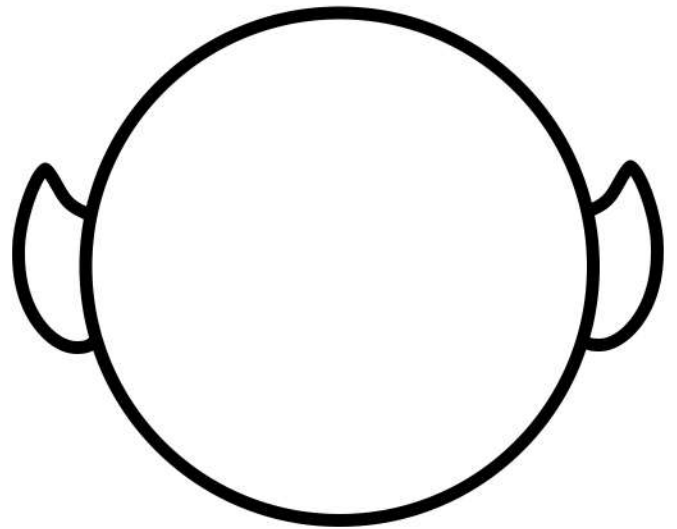
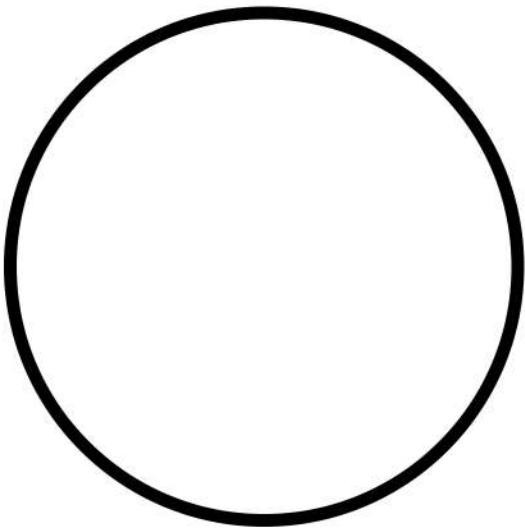
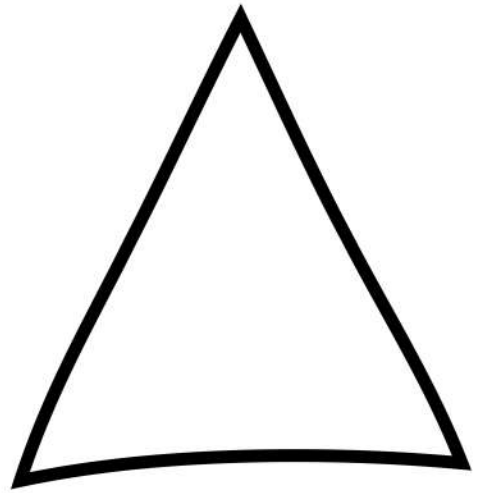
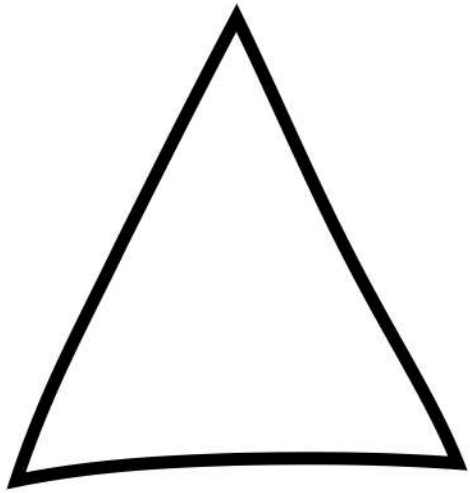
Glue the head to the body.



Add the mittens and boots to the clothespins. There needs to be a little bit of space at the bottom of the clothespin (below the boot) or the paper will stop the character from standing up straight.

Add the clothespins to the body.





The Holiday Hat Game

The Idea



At your next family gathering, ask everyone to write down a favorite holiday memory on a slip of paper and then put the slips in a hat. Pass the hat around and each person pull out a memory slip and try to guess who wrote it.

Prep

All you need is paper and pencils or pens!

A silly prize is optional.

Variation

Write down a series of questions on separate slips of paper. These could range from the silly to the serious. For example:

- What was your favorite present of all time?
- How many candy canes could a reindeer eat?
- What's your least favorite holiday food?

Then write the answers to the questions on another set of slips of paper. Mix up the pieces of paper and have everyone try to match the right answers to the questions. Give a silly prize to the person who matches the most right answers.

Why?

Collectively recalling memories brings people closer together and reminds them of happy and meaningful shared experiences and feelings. It also puts the focus of the holidays back on what's important – people, not presents.

Working together to match holiday memories to the people who wrote them down (or matching questions to answers) helps boost communication and teamwork.

Friendly Sock Snowman



What you need

1. White ankle sock
2. Set of measuring cups
3. Plastic pellets
4. Polyester fiberfill
5. Rubber bands
6. Needle and matching threads
7. Red or blue infant sock
8. Pom-poms: medium white for the hat and small red for the nose
9. Scissors
10. Buttons: 2-1/4-inch for the eyes, 4-1/4-inch for the mouth, and 3-5/8-inch for the body
11. Ruler
12. 1/2 yard of 1-inch-wide ribbon

Instructions

1. Turn the white sock inside out. Pour 1 cup of plastic pellets into the toe of the sock for the snowman base.
2. Use polyester fiberfill to stuff the sock up to the heel for the snowman's body. For the neck, wrap a rubber band several times around the sock at the top of the fiberfill.

3. 3. Pour 1/3 cup of plastic pellets into the sock for the bottom of the snowman head. Add enough fiberfill to the sock to stuff the rest of the head. Wrap a second rubber band around the sock at the top of the fiberfill.
4. 4. For the hat, thread the needle with a double strand of thread that matches the color of the infant sock. Pinch the toe of the sock around the white pom-pom; then insert the needle through the pinched portion and the pom-pom. Take the needle back through, and pull tightly on the thread ends. Tie the thread ends into a knot, and clip the thread.
5. 5. Pull the cuff end of the hat over the top of the snowman's head to cover the rubber band. Use a matching color of thread to sew the hat in place.
6. 6. Thread the needle with a double strand of white thread. For the nose, sew the small red pom-pom at the center of the face. Sew on two buttons for the eyes and four buttons for the mouth. Sew three buttons down the center front of the body, and tie the ribbon around the neck.

Hot Chocolate Jar Snowmen



Ingredients

- Hot chocolate powder
- Miniature marshmallows
- Peppermint candies
- Baby food jars
- Tiny scarf or cloth piece
- Black marker and orange marker

Instructions

1. Fill one jar with miniature marshmallows, one with hot chocolate powder, and one with peppermints.
2. Use glue to stack the baby food jars.
3. Set the mint jar on a table, stack the hot cocoa jar on top of it, and glue the bottom of the cocoa jar to the top of the mints jar.
4. Then, stack the marshmallow jar on top, gluing the bottom of it to the lid of the cocoa jar.
5. With the jars stacked, you then add accents to make the arrangement look like a snowman.
6. Draw on the faces and buttons and hot glue the jars together.
7. Cover the edge of the lid with black duct tape and cut a bunch of circles out of black construction paper for the hat.
8. Cut out the centers to tape on top of the lid and slip the ring over the lid. (Tie a tiny scarf on, between the marshmallow and cocoa jars using fabric).
9. Use a marker to make black-dot eyes, and a dotted smile.
10. Use an orange marker to make a carrot-type nose.
11. Glue tiny buttons onto the cocoa jar or just draw them on with a marker.

Christmas Toilet Paper Roll Crafts



Supplies Needed:

- 4 Paper Rolls
- Paint – white, light pink and beige for the Santa and elf.
- Red Glitter Paper
- Green Glitter Paper
- Small Black Buttons
- Small Red Buttons
- Small Red Pom Poms
- Medium Red Pom Pom
- Orange Cardstock
- Small Googly Eyes
- Cotton Balls
- Medium White Pom Poms
- Red Pipe Cleaner
- Black Sharpie

Directions

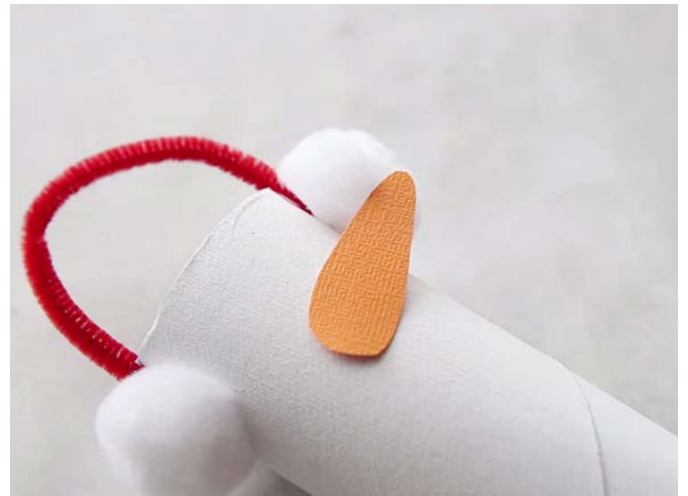
Here are the 4 different toilet paper rolls we made with step-by-step instructions on how to make them.

Snowman:



1. Paint the toilet paper roll white.
2. Make the earmuffs by gluing the pipe cleaner over the top. Glue two medium sized white pom poms to the side.

3. Cut out a carrot nose from orange cardstock and glue down.



4. Cut out a strip for the scarf and then wrap around the paper roll and glue down.

5. Glue on two black buttons.



6. Draw on the mouth and eyes with a black sharpie.

Santa:



1. Paint the paper roll with red glitter paint.

2. Make the hat by cutting out a small circle (approx 3.5 inches wide) from red glitter paper. Cut one slit into the circle so that you can form the hat. Cut off any extra paper when you roll around to form the hat.



3. Glue the hat to the top of the paper roll.

4. Stretch out some cotton balls and glue to the brim of the hat. Glue the white pom pom to the top.

5. Glue on the googly eyes and pom pom nose.



6. Glue a strip of red glitter paper to the bottom of the paper roll.

7. Glue cotton balls all around for the beard and add two to the side of the nose for a mustache.

8. Glue on 2 black buttons on top of the red glitter paper.

Reindeer:



1. Using a plain toilet paper roll (or you can paint it brown), cut out the top center on the front and back.



2. For the pieces sticking up still, make 4 slits on each side and then pull these apart to make them look like antlers.

3. Glue on two googly eyes and a pom pom nose.

Elf:



1. Paint the paper roll with a glittery green.
2. Similar to the Santa, make the hat by cutting out a small circle (approx 3.5 inches wide) from green glitter paper. Cut one slit into the circle so that you can form the hat. Cut off any extra paper when you roll around to form the hat.
3. Glue the hat to the top of the paper roll.
4. Stretch out some cotton balls and glue to the brim of the hat. Glue a white pom pom to the top.
5. Glue on the googly eyes and pom pom nose.
6. Draw on the mouth. Add two small light pink paint circles to the cheeks.
7. Add a strip of green glitter paper to the bottom.
8. Glue two red buttons on top.
9. Cut out 2 elf ears from another paper roll, paint them the same color as the face then slightly fold back the end to glue to the sides of the paper roll.

Wine Cork Reindeer Ornament

The materials you'll need:

1. Wine corks
2. Brown pipe cleaners (2 - 3" pieces for each)
3. Wiggly eyes
4. Red pom poms
5. Baker's twine (5" for each)
6. Pine cone scales for ears
7. Hot glue gun
8. Awl tool or stick (not pictured)

Instructions:

1. Using an awl tool or a stick, punch three holes on the top of the cork, as seen in the picture below. Two little lines were also marked for ears placement.



2. Insert the folded piece of baker's twine, again, use the awl tool to help push it down into the hole. Add a little dab of hot glue to set in in place.



3. Put a small amount of glue on the holes for the antlers and immediately insert them into the holes.



4. Hot glue the wiggly eyes, pom pom nose and ears.



Style the antlers the way you like them and enjoy your new little friends.

Pine Cone Wreath

Items Needed:

- 38-45 Small to Medium Pine Cones; approx. 2.5 inches long (clean)
- Paint: 3 different colors of green acrylic paint, Evergreen, regular green, and lime green.
 - Note: If you want to hang your wreath outside use outdoor paint or an outdoor sealer, you'll also need to use a wire wreath base instead of cardboard.
- Cardboard or Wire Wreath Base
- Small Red Pom Poms
- Red Ribbon
- Burlap Ribbon for hanging
- Hot Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Start by painting the pine cones. Paint the same number of pine cones in all 3 green colors. Let them dry.
2. Create your wreath base from cardboard. Use a paper plate in the center to trace around for the center of the wreath. Then trace around another circle object you may have to create the outside circle.
 - a. If you choose to use a wire wreath for the outdoors, try wrapping ribbon to the base first, as it is difficult to glue the pinecones directly to the wire.
3. Paint the cardboard base the dark green color and let it dry.
4. Start hot gluing the pine cones on. Alternate colors as you go so that the same 2 colors are not side by side.
5. Glue 2 beside each other on the base and work your way around the wreath until the base is filled with pine cones.
6. Glue small red pom poms around the wreath
7. Glue a red ribbon to the bottom.



Paper Roll Snowflakes

Equipment

- Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Disposable Plates
- Ruler
- Pencil

Materials

- 3 White Toilet Paper Rolls
- White Glue
- Glitter **SILVER + IRIDESCENT**
- Rhinestones **CLEAR**
- Thin Ribbon **SILVER**

Instructions

1. Press down on the toilet paper rolls to flatten them.
2. Using a ruler, measure out and mark 1/2 inch sections on each paper roll.
3. Using the pencil marks as a guide, cut your strips. There should be at least 8 strips per roll.
4. Use 6 strips to form the center of your snowflake and then build your design around it. (Don't glue it yet).



5. Take the remaining 12 paper roll strips and fold them in half creating small V's or "bunny ears."
6. Design and layout your snowflake on a flat surface. If the snowflake is bigger than your disposable plate, you'll have to separate it into several smaller groups of pieces that actually fit into the plate.

7. Glue together the pieces in each section using a hot glue gun. Make sure each section of the snowflake still lies flat after you've glued it. *Note: Glitter each section prior to gluing all sections together, this will make it easier in the long run.*
8. Pour a generous amount of white glue onto a disposable plate. Tilt the plate from side to side to stretch the glue puddle so that it's bigger than your snowflake sections. Take one snowflake section at a time and dip it into the glue, pressing down to make sure the entire surface is covered.
9. Pour a generous amount of glitter into another disposable plate. Immediately after dipping your small snowflake sections in glue, dip them in the glitter! Press down on each piece, to ensure even and consistent glitter coverage.
10. Once all of your smaller sections are glittered, allow them to dry completely.
11. When the glue and glitter is completely dry, glue together the larger sections using the hot glue gun until you've formed the complete snowflake shape.
12. Thread some silver ribbon through one of the pieces at the top of the snowflake and tie it into a knot.
13. Finish by adding a clear rhinestone to the center of the snowflake for a little extra bling!



Wrap Race

The Idea



Divide your kids (and other family members) into teams. Give each team a roll of toilet paper (Bonus idea: add other decorating items). Now, give them three minutes to wrap Mom and Dad or another pair of adults in the paper. When time's up, take pictures of each team's creations and judge which team did the best job of "wrapping."

Prep

1-2 Rolls of toilet paper per team or gift-wrapping paper ahead of time.

Bring out household items that the family could use to decorate their snowman with, hats, scarves, silly glasses, you name it.

Variation

Have teams or individuals use holiday wrapping paper to secretly wrap up everyday household item. Then have the teams or individuals take turns guessing what's in their competitors' packages by just holding or shaking them.

Why?

Playing fun games can relieve stress and ease tensions. Working together helps build relationships. Friendly competition spurs creativity and teamwork and an extra element of fun!

Miniature Candy Topiary Directions



Ingredients

1. Scissors with pointed tips
2. 1 ball shape (1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter) green or white floral foam
3. 1 package (125-count) toothpicks
4. Assorted soft fruit snacks and candies (spearment leaves, red and green nonpareil buttons, fruit shapes, gumdrops or gummies)
5. 1 plain or striped candy cane stick, 5 to 7 1/2 inches long
6. 1 large apple or orange
7. Decorative cup or small bowl

Instructions

1. Using one point of scissors, carefully make a hole in bottom of foam ball about two-thirds of the way into the center of the ball so the candy cane stick can be inserted for the topiary trunk.
2. Break toothpicks in half as needed. Insert toothpicks in random order on ball to cover surface without covering hole for candy cane stick. Push each piece of candy onto the toothpick half. Number of candies needed will depend on size of foam ball and type of candies being used. Insert candy cane stick into opening.
3. Cut about 1/4-inch slice from bottom of apple so it stands flat. Using one point of scissors, carefully make a hole in the top of the apple about two-thirds of the way into the center of the apple so the candy cane stick can be inserted for the topiary trunk.
4. Place candy cane stick into opening in apple; place on plate.

Epsom Salt Melted Snowman Ornament



Ingredients

1. DIY Clear Round Ornaments
2. Orange Felt Sheet
3. Epsom Salts
4. Whole Cloves

Instructions

1. Remove the top of a clear round ornament and set aside. Carefully fill the clear ornament half way with Epsom salts.
2. Cut the stems off of the whole cloves and insert them into the clear ornament.
3. Cut a small carrot nose shape from orange felt. Insert the felt nose into the clear ornament. Replace the clear ornament top.

Cinnamon Applesauce Ornaments

A simple recipe to make cinnamon applesauce ornaments. No baking required!

Prep Time 30 mins

Total Time 30 mins

Drying Time 2-3 Days

(Drying time stated is without baking. If you'd like to bake them to decrease the wait time, bake at a low temperature around 200 for an hour **it may make the edges curl**)

Items Needed

- 1 cup cinnamon
- 1 cup applesauce
- Twine
- Christmas Themed Cookie Cutters
- Straw
- Mod Podge
- Christmas Fabric

Ingredients to Make the Cookie Portion

- 1 cup cinnamon
- 1 cup applesauce

Instructions

1. Mix 1 cup of cinnamon with 1 cup of applesauce.



2. Continue mixing until it starts to form a dough. If you find it too sticky to roll out, sprinkle some cinnamon onto the counter or onto the rolling pin. Take a

small amount and use your hands to flatten the dough so that it's soft without bumps or cracks. You'll want the dough to be about 1/4 inch in thickness.



3. Press a cookie cutter into the dough and remove the remaining dough around it. Continue this method for each ornament you want to make. Taking only a small amount at a time to make one ornament.



4. Add a hole at the top of the ornament with a straw, so that you can tie twine onto the ornament for hanging. Then let air dry for 2-3 days. First, let dry

on a baking tray on wax paper then transfer to a cookie drying rack the next day so the bottoms will dry out.



5. After drying, if the edges of the ornament are a little rough, take your finger or a cloth and rub around the edge to smooth out the outside.
6. Once fully dry, you can add the fabric ribbon. Take your cookie cutter and trace around it with a fine point sharpie for the size. Then cut out the fabric shape and glue onto the ornament with mod podge. For the ornaments that are fully covered, use a hand hole punch on the ribbon to make a hole for where the twine will go through.



7. For the bow, hot glue this onto the gingerbread man ornament.



8. Tie twine to each ornament for hanging.



Felt Olaf Ornament



Kids love *Frozen*, and this ornament will surely get them dancing around the tree signing "Let It Go" again and again (sorry parents!).

Prepare

- White Felt
- Popsicle Stick/Tongue Depressor
- Hot Glue Gun and Hot glue
- Google Eyes
- Black felt
- Orange Felt or Orange Marker
- Twigs for arms
- Twine

To make: Cut body shapes from white felt; attach to a tongue depressor with hot glue. Cut buttons, mouth and eyebrows from black felt; attach to body with hot glue. Glue mini googly eyes below the eyebrows. Cut a carrot nose from orange felt; attach below the eyes with hot glue. Glue mini twig arms and a piece of twine for hanging to the tongue depressor.

Snowman Cotton Ball Card

Items Needed:

- Template
- Heavy White/Cardstock Paper or Construction Paper
- Photo of your child or family member
- Coloring supplies
- Scissors
- Glue
- Cotton Balls or Tissue Paper

Directions:

1. Print out snowman template and color in the buttons, the scarf and the nose.
2. Cut out the snowman template and accessories.
3. Cut out your photo to match the inner circle on the top of the snowman.
 - a. Glue the photo in the designated area.
4. Fold the snowman along the dotted line, to create the back of the card.
5. If you're working with large cotton balls tear them into smaller pieces and roll them between your hands to make smaller cotton balls.
6. Apply glue on the card. Start around the face of the photo. Stick cotton balls on the glue. Then apply glue to the body and cover the body with cotton balls.
7. Now it's time to add the details. Glue the scarf, buttons, and the nose on.

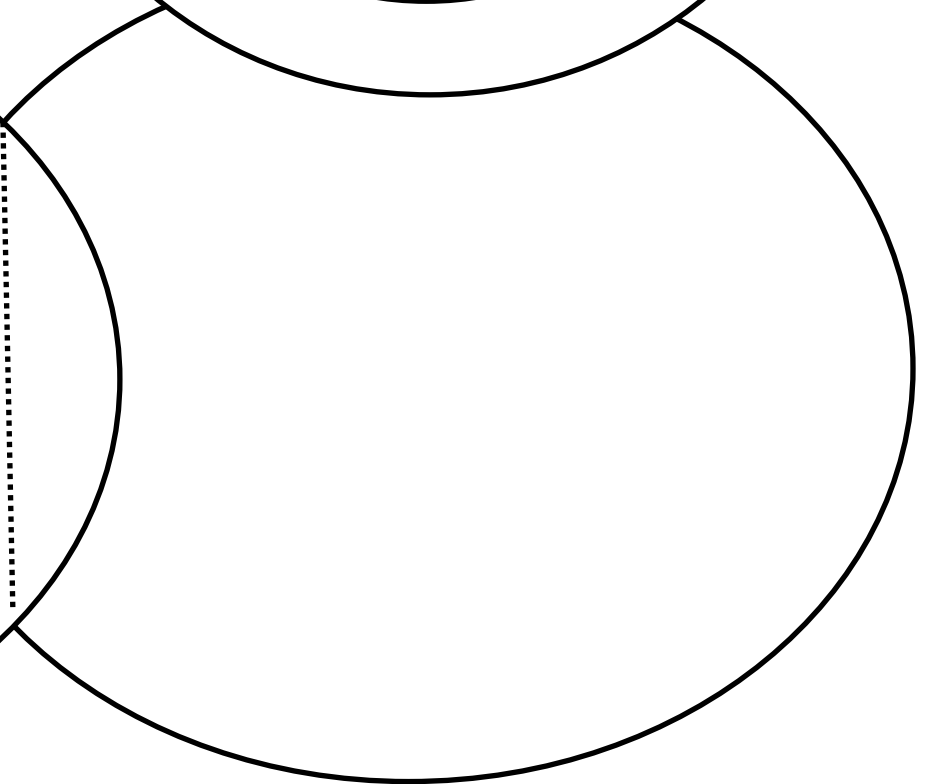
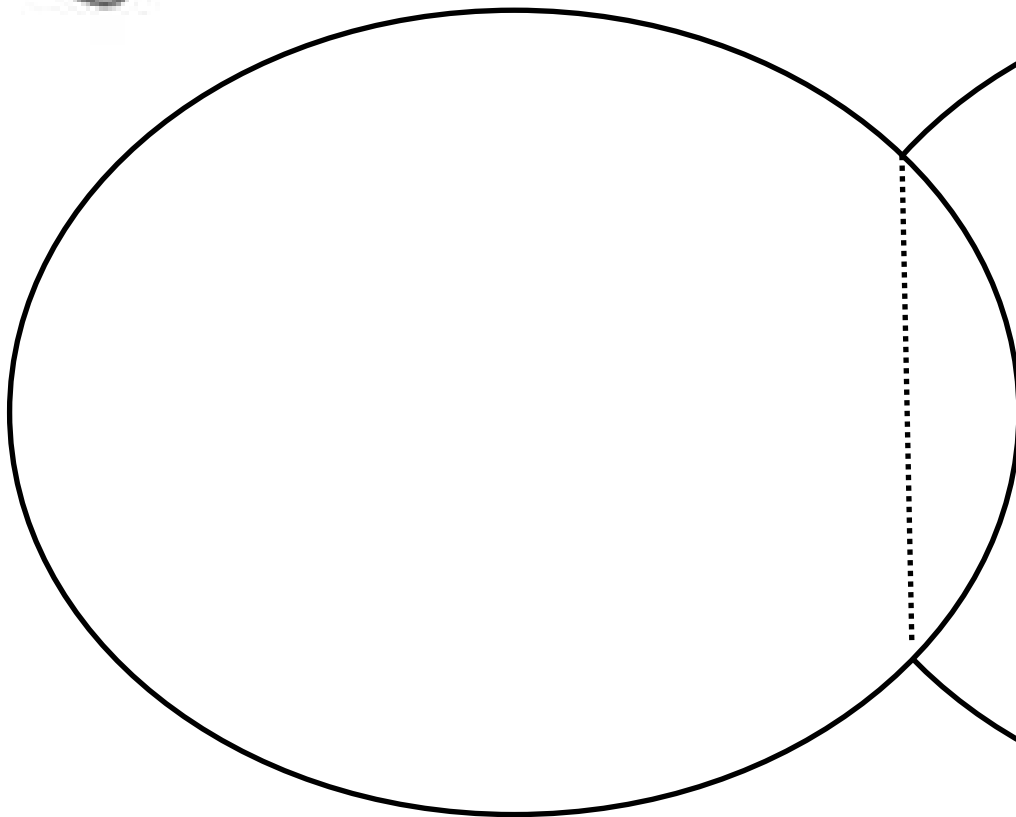
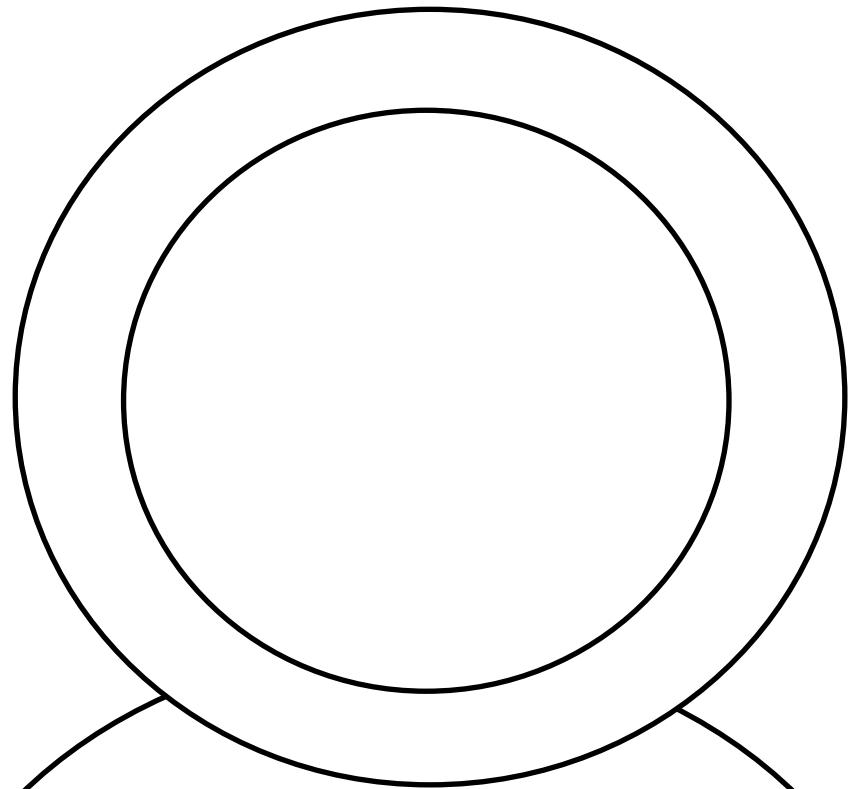
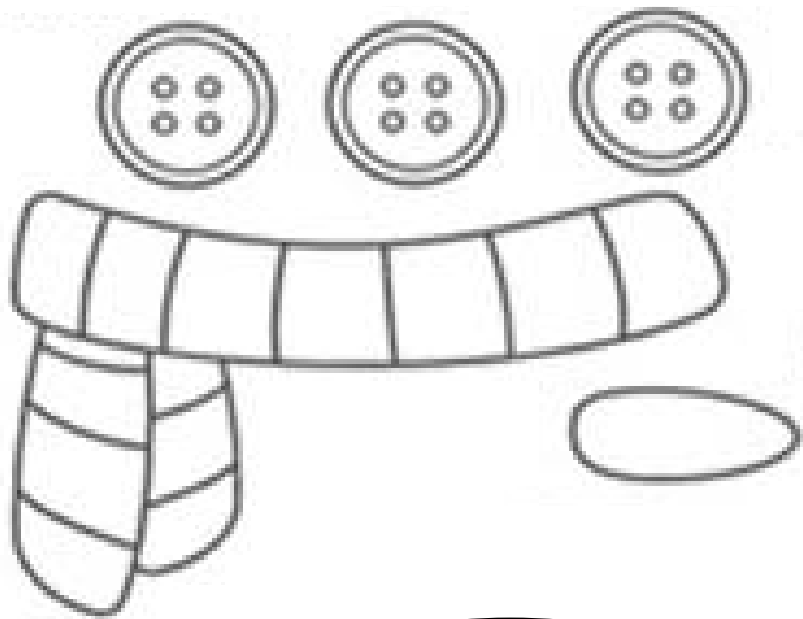


8. All that's left is to personalize the inside of the card.





**Snowman Card
craft template**



Popsicle Stick Christmas Trees

Here's what you'll need to make these ornaments:

- 3 popsicle sticks (one with about 1" cut from the end of it)
- 1" x 1" square of brown card stock
- A star cut from glittery card stock
- A piece of twine, approximately 6" long
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors and a craft/utility knife

And to decorate them, you can use whatever you have on hand!

- Tiny pom poms
- Sparkly pipe cleaners
- Jingle Bells
- Rhinestones
- Buttons
- Glitter
- Paint



Popsicle Sticks:

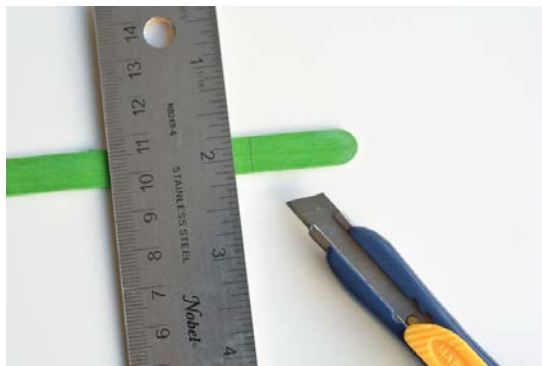
If you'd like them colored, painting them is the first step. Choose whichever color suits you best, and have fun!

For the stars: I cut out a template for the stars from a square piece of black construction paper. Trim it down until it is the right size for you.

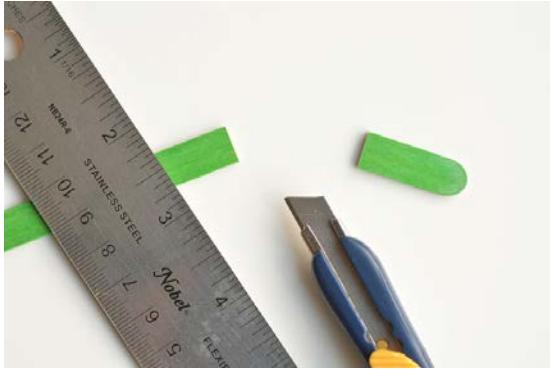
Once you have the proper star shape and size cut out, trace the outline of it onto the back of some thick, sparkly, yellow card stock and cut out a bunch of them using scissors.



This step is completely optional, but the author found it made the triangles look more “tree” like.



Trim off about 3/4" to 1" of the popsicle stick by cutting it with a craft (or utility) knife. **The knife won't cut all the way through** – which is fine – all you need to do is score it deep enough on both sides, so that when you bend it, it breaks cleanly.



Add two dabs of hot glue to both ends of the trimmed popsicle stick piece:



Then position the two full length popsicle sticks to make a triangle:



Use 6" of twine for each of the hangers. Using hot glue, glue them to the top of the triangle so they are sandwiched between the popsicle sticks



Then use a small dab of hot glue to attach the star to the top and the 1" x 1" tree trunk to the bottom. Now they are all set to decorate!



We used small dabs of hot glue to attach the tiny pom poms:



Once you make the tree, the sky is pretty much the limit in terms of how you decorate them! You can use buttons, ribbon, pipe cleaners, pom poms, even rhinestones to dress them up! It's a simple holiday craft that's great for kids of all ages!

CHRISTMAS CHARADES

4+ Players

First, print out this list of Christmas terms to act out. Separate everyone into teams, the get one person from each team to do the acting. Like regular charades, the actors are not allowed to talk or make signals of any letters. Every time a team guesses correctly within the time limit, they get one point. The first team to get twenty points wins the game.

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| 1. Santa Climbing
Down the
Chimney | 13. Grandma Got
Runover by a
Reindeer | 26. Wrapping
Paper |
| 2. Reindeer Flying | 14. I Saw Mama
Kissing Santa
Claus | 27. Yule Tide |
| 3. Jingle Bells | 15. Gingerbread
House | 28. Wintertime |
| 4. Chestnuts
Roasting Over an
Open Fire | 16. Frosty the
Snowman | 29. Wreath |
| 5. Jack Frost
Nipping at your
nose | 17. Nativity Scene | 30. Ornament |
| 6. Carolers Singing | 18. North Pole | 31. Stocking
Stuffer |
| 7. Rudolph the Red
Nose Reindeer | 19. Plum Pudding | 32. Angel Gets
Their Wings |
| 8. Christmas Tree
Stand | 20. Presents | 33. Poinsetta |
| 9. Candy Cane | 21. Ugly Sweater
Contest | 34. Opening
Presents |
| 10. Hot Cocoa with
marshmallows | 22. Scrooge | 35. 12 Days of
Christmas |
| 11. Gingerbread
Man | 23. Sugarplum
Fairy | 36. Nutcracker |
| 12. Mistletoe | 24. Horse Drawn
Sleigh | 37. Icicle |
| | 25. Santa
Checking his list
twice | 38. Goodwill
toward Men |
| | | 39. Fruitcake |
| | | 40. Frosty the
Snowman |

Mickey String Ornament



Ingredients

1. What you'll need
2. 3 small balloons
3. Liquid starch
4. Ball of cotton string – any color
5. Glitter – any color
6. Safety pin
7. Dowel or hanger
8. Hot melt glue
9. Glue gun

Instructions

1. How to make it
2. Blow up a balloon until it is slightly smaller than the size of your fist to use for Mickey's head. Blow up two more balloons to about the size of golf balls to use for Mickey's ears.
3. Tie a piece of string around the end of each balloon. You will use this string to hang your balloons to dry in step 8.
4. Cut several pieces of cotton string, long enough to wrap around the balloon several times. We recommend about 18 to 24 inches for each piece to make it easier to work with and less likely to tangle. You can cut more string depending on how full you want your ornament to be.

5. Fill a small bowl with liquid starch and dip your first piece of string into the bowl to coat it with starch.
6. Gently wrap the string horizontally around your balloon. You can then switch directions when you wrap the second string around your balloon. Continue wrapping your balloon until it's covered to your satisfaction.
7. Working over a trash can or bowl, sprinkle glitter onto the balloon.
8. Repeat steps 3-6 for the other two balloons.
9. Hang the balloons from a dowel or hanger so they can dry overnight. Place napkins or newspaper under the hanging balloons in case they drip.
10. Once they are dry, pop the balloons with a safety pin and carefully remove them with tweezers.
11. To assemble your Mickey ornament, attach the two smaller balloons to each side of the larger balloon to create the shape of Mickey's head. You can either use string or a *hot glue gun to attach the balloons together. *This tool is only intended for use by a grownup.
12. Thread a hook or ribbon through your ornament and hang it on your tree.

Snowman Wreath



Ingredients

1. 4 Rolls of White tulle
2. Wreath form
3. Floral pins
4. Hot Glue
5. Top Hat
6. Table tennis balls
7. Black paint
8. Red, orange, green felt

Instructions

1. Begin cutting lengths of white tulle, at least 12" long. The length you cut reflects how 'fluffy' or textured you want your wreath.
2. Wrap a strand of tulle around the wreath and knot into place. Repeat this step all the way around the wreath. For a denser wreath, squeeze each knot closer together. If you don't want it as 'fluffy', space your knots further apart. To complete the project shown, 4 tulle rolls were used.
3. Using black floral pins and/or hot glue, adhere the top hat to the wreath.
4. Paint two table tennis balls black. Once dry, glue to the bottom inside of the wreath.
5. Cut a triangle shape from orange felt, and glue to the front of the wreath - on top of the tulle - below the eyes.

6. Cut two strips of red and/or green felt, and glue to the bottom back of the wreath.

Snowman Milk Jugs



Ingredients

- Milk Jugs
- Chenille Stems
- Pom-poms
- Cardstock
- Adhesive

Instructions

1. Instructions
2. From black cardstock, randomly cut eyes and mouth shapes; eyes should be larger than mouth pieces.
3. From orange cardstock, randomly cut triangles for nose.
4. Glue pieces to clean milk jug.
5. Glue chenille stems to both sides of milk carton creating an arch above eyes.
6. Glue pom-poms, jingle bells, etc. on the end of each chenille stem to create earmuffs.

Holiday Candy Cups Craft



Ingredients

1. 6 oz or smaller plastic cups
2. Black or gold glitter pipe cleaners or chenille stems
3. Red, orange, and brown craft foam
4. Green felt
5. Scissors
6. Low temperature hot glue gun and glue sticks
7. Wire cutters
8. Pink pony beads
9. Wiggle eyes
10. Assorted pom poms
11. White cotton balls
12. Black marker
13. Brown, peach, and white acrylic paint
14. Paint brush
15. Assorted HERSHEY'S holiday chocolates

Instructions

1. Reindeer
 1. Paint the outside of the cup with brown acrylic paint and let dry.
 2. Using the wire cutters, cut a black or gold glitter pipe cleaner (chenille stem) in half, this is the antler base. Then cut another pipe cleaner into two addition pieces about 2" in length. Take the two smaller pipe cleaners and twist them around the antler base. You should have two identical antlers.

4. 3. Once the cup is completely dry, set the cup upright. Glue a red pom pom on the cup for the nose.
5. 4. Cut two small triangle shapes out of the brown craft foam for the ears and glue the ears to the sides of the cup. (Another option would be make a small slit in the sides of the cup and poke the ears through.)
6. 5. Glue the antlers to inside of the cup, make sure they are lined up with the ears.
7. 6. Glue the wiggle eyes above the nose.
8. 7. Using the black marker, under the nose, draw a mouth onto the cup.
9. 8. Let it dry completely.
10. Fill with Assorted HERSHEY'S holiday chocolates. Makes a great gift, or sit out for the kids at your next holiday party!
11. Sweet Santa
12. 1. Paint the cup with peach acrylic paint and let dry.
13. 2. Cut a single triangle out of the red craft foam and, using the glue gun, glue the triangle to the inside of the front of the cup. Let dry.
14. 3. Glue two wiggle eyes to the front of the cup near center.
15. 4. Glue one pink pony bead under the eyes as the nose.
16. 5. For Santa's beard, glue white cotton balls or white pom poms to the cup. Make sure to also add the cotton balls or pom poms to the top of the cup as the trim for Santa's hat, and add one at the top of the triangle.
17. 6. Let it dry completely.
18. Fill with Assorted HERSHEY'S holiday chocolates. Makes a great gift, or sit out for the kids at your next holiday party!
19. Little Snowmen
20. 1. Paint the cup with white acrylic paint and let dry.
21. 2. Glue two wiggle eyes close together.
22. 3. For the carrot nose, cut a small triangle out of the orange craft foam and, using the glue gun, attach the triangle to the front of the cup, under the eyes. (Another option would be make a small slit in the front of the cup and poke the nose through.)
23. 4. For the arms, use the wire cutters to cut a black pipe cleaner (chenille stem) in half, this is the arm base. Then cut another pipe cleaner into two additional pieces about 2" in length. Take the two smaller pipe cleaners and twist them around the arm base. You should have two identical arms.
24. 5. Next, cut a small strip out of the felt. Using the glue gun, attach the felt strip around the base of the cup and then attach the arms to either side of the cup.
25. 6. To make the mouth, glue four pom poms to the front of the cup, under the nose.
26. 7. Let it dry completely.
27. Fill with Assorted HERSHEY'S holiday chocolates. Makes a great gift, or sit out for the kids at your next holiday party!

Elf Headband Craft



Items Needed:

- Elf Headband Template
- Colored Card Stock (red, white, green, yellow)
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Tape or Stapler

Directions:

1. Download the elf headband template, print and cut out the pieces.
2. Start by placing any of the decorative accents to the elf hat. In the below example, contrasting stripes of paper are glued into place.



a.

3. Place the elf hat trim on top of the main hat piece and glue in place.
4. Glue the bell or hat fluff to the end of the elf's hat.

5. Take the completed hat and secure (with tape or a stapler) onto the headband extender pieces.



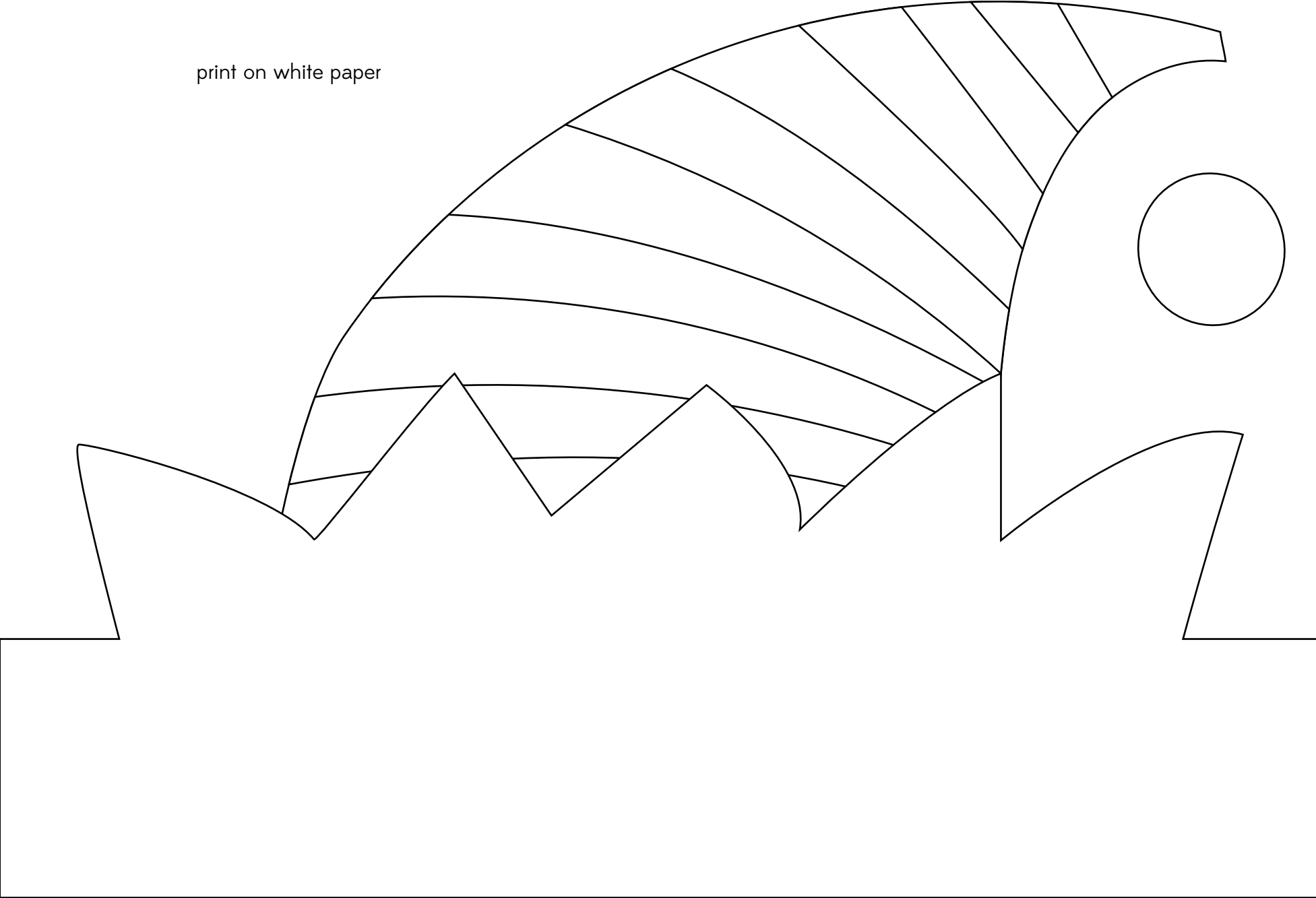
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- b. Add as many extenders as necessary to fit you or your child's head.
6. That's It! Feel free to customize your elf hat any way you'd like to. Instead of stripes, try circles, stars, cotton balls, stickers, or glitter.

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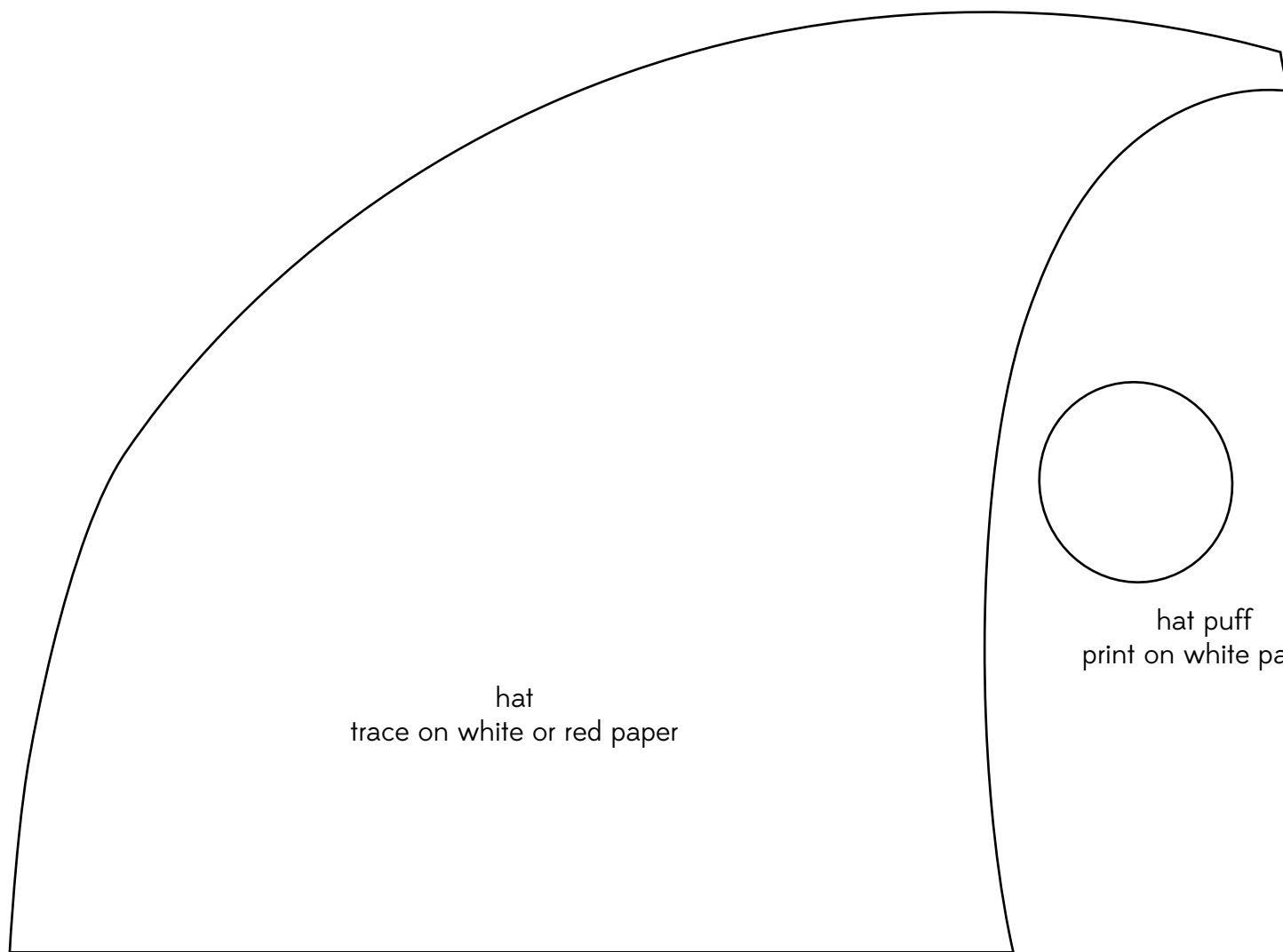




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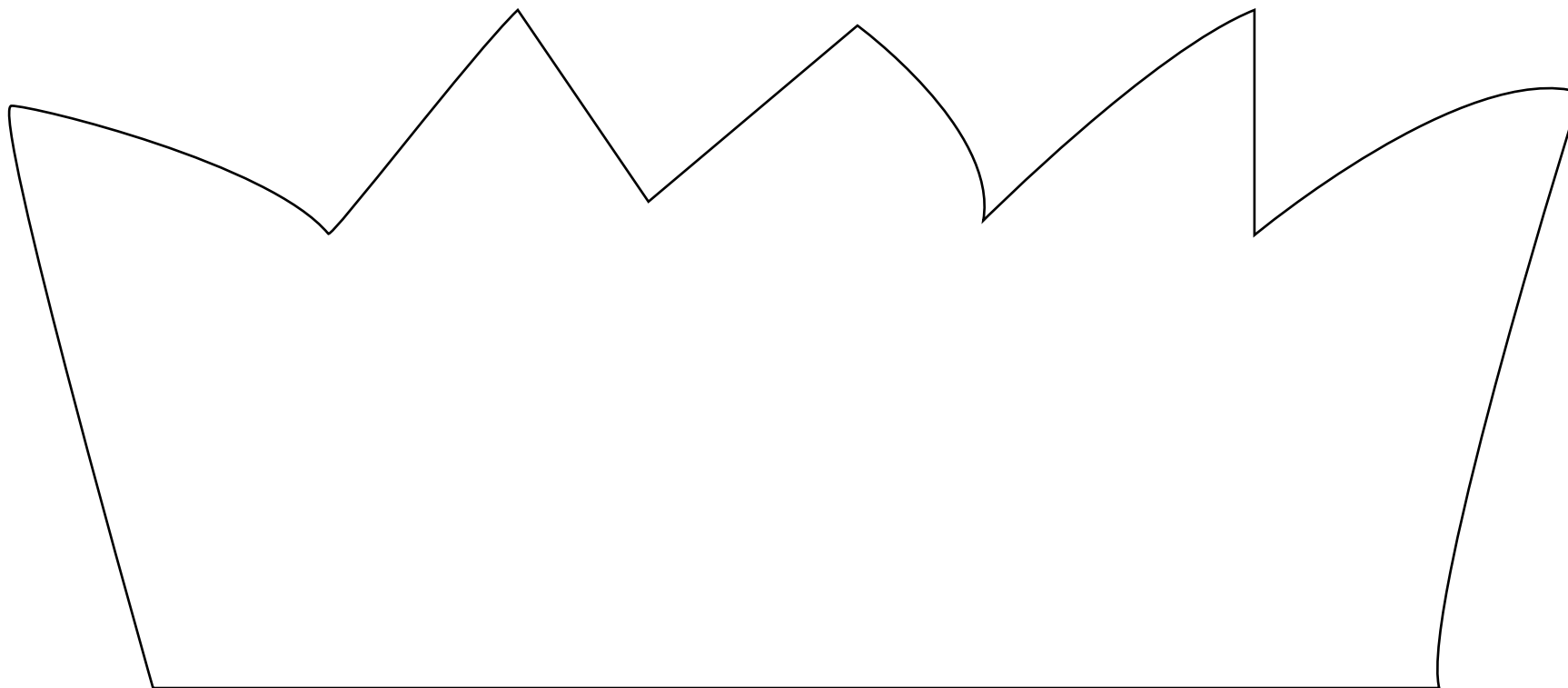




hat
trace on white or red paper

hat puff
print on white paper





hat trim
trace on red or green paper





STOCKING FILL-UP

4+ Players

You will need:

- Stockings
- Candy or Cotton Balls or anything else that can balance on a spoon
- A spoon for each team

Directions:

Form two teams based on how many players there are. Place a Christmas stocking for each team on the other end of the room. The players will then race to their team's stocking with a spoonful of candy, deposit the candy and return to their team. The next player then takes their turn. This relay continues until one team fills up their stocking to win the game.

Cinnamon Stick Reindeer Ornament

Supplies needed:

- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 2 googly eyes
- 1 small red pom pom
- Red ribbon
- Hot glue gun

The above supplies will make one reindeer ornament.



Directions:

1. To form the reindeer, place two of the cinnamon sticks in the shape of a “v”. Place the third cinnamon stick horizontally on top of the “v”, towards the top. Hot glue all of the cinnamon sticks together.
2. Glue on the google eyes and pom pom for the nose. Cut a piece of ribbon for the hanger and glue it on the back of the reindeer. I also wrote the year on the back of the ornament with a Sharpie marker.
3. These ornaments go together quickly. They are super cute, and the cinnamon sticks make them smell great. They would be great on top of a Christmas present to give as a gift for the holidays as well.

Cut Out Christmas Tree Cards



You Will Need

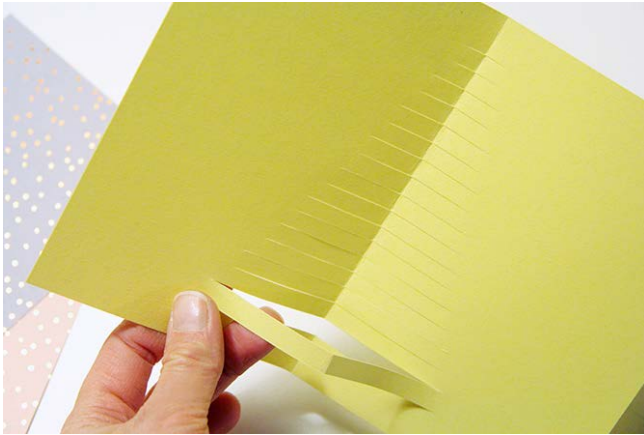
1. Construction Paper
2. Scissors
3. Colored pens to decorate card

Directions:

1. First cut a good size card that you can fold in half.
2. Cut the folded side of the card always with two similar sized cuts and count that you will start with just few millimeters until the bottom where the longest cut is not more than half of the card (so that the "tree branch" fits inside the folded card).



3. After cutting, fold in every second piece between the cuts and your tree will appear inside the card!



4. Now it's time for the fun part. Take out your pens and decorate the card.

