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Angel Clay Pot



What you need:

Clay Pot - 2 1/4 inch tall
Round Wooden Ball - 1 1/2"
Acrylic Paint
fabric for scarf
3" star for wings, 1/2" star for bow
Spanish moss
Flexible wire 7 1/2" long

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Turn the pot upside down. Paint only the outside of the pot. Basecoat the pot in white and the ball in flesh color. As you see here, I got carried away and painted the ball white. Not necessary...just paint the ball a flesh color.

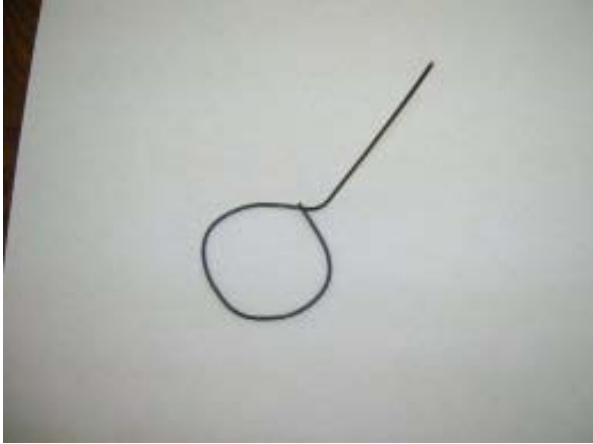
After the paint is dry, hot glue the ball to the bottom of the clay pot. Paint rick rack on the bottom of the pot in a yellowish gold (I used Americana paint in True Ochre). Paint both stars in the same yellow color.

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Form a loop with the wire for the halo. Halo loop is about 1 1/2" across.



Paint the wire gold. I used Metallic Gold paint.

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Tear or cut a piece of fabric 1/2" wide and make a bow. Glue the small star to the bow.



Front

Back

Using hot glue and Spanish moss, add hair wildly to the top, back and sides of head. Then trim it to look like hair.

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Using the wooden end of a paint brush and black paint, give the angel 2 eyes.



Hot glue the bow at her chin. Glue the large star to her back. Hot glue the halo in place.

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Santa - Clay Pot Crafts



What you need:

Clay Pot - 2 1/4 inch tall
Round Wooden Ball - 1 1/2"
Acrylic Paint
flannel for hat
muslin for beard
fuzzy material for hat brim
Greenery and 2 1/4" wooden buttons
Hot Glue

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Basecoat the outside of the pot with maroon acrylic paint. Basecoat the ball with flesh colored acrylic paint. After the paint dries, hot glue the ball to the bottom of the clay pot so the round ball is sitting on top.

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Santa's Beard

Cut four 4" squares of unbleached muslin material. Sew close to the top by hand or machine. Cut strips in the muslin, stopping about 1/2" from your sewing line.



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Tea-dye the Beard

Boil a couple cups of water and add a regular tea bag. Let it sit for about 5 minutes. Remove the tea bag and add the beard. Leave the beard in the water for about 20 minutes. Drain the beard, rinse it under running water, squeeze water out of it and throw it in the dryer. Putting it in the dryer will allow the beard to shrink, curl and distress.



Drain the beard, rinse it under running water, squeeze water out of it and throw it in the dryer. Putting it in the dryer will allow the beard to shrink, curl and distress.

Beard will look like this when it is dry.

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Santa's Hat



Cut a piece of flannel 5" square.

Fold the bottom of the hat over twice. Hot glue one dot in the center to hold it. Cut the sides off the square to form a triangle as shown. (Don't cut any off the folded bottom)

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Fold in half inside out. (Folded edge will be in the inside.) Sew or hot glue the long edge. Turn right side out.

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Glue hat only to the back of the head so it can be adjusted in front.

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Cut 1 1/2" off the side of the beard. Roll the top sewn part over then, then glue the beard on. Use a couple of strips from the part you cut off to create a moustache in front.

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Trim the bottom of the beard.

Add a strip of fuzzy material about 1/2" x 7" around the brim of the hat.

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Add a small piece of fuzzy fabric to the very end of the hat.

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Join 2 pieces of greenery at the bottom of the stems. Paint the 2 wooden buttons maroon and hot glue them to the greenery.

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Add 2 eyes using black paint and the wooden end of a paintbrush. Hot glue the very end of the hat to the brim. Add some of the beard piece that was cut off to the sides of the Santa's face if needed.

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Snowman - Clay Pot Crafts



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What you need:

Clay Pot - 2 1/4 inch tall

Round Wooden Ball - 1 1/2"

Acrylic Paint

fabric for scarf

black felt

2 small black buttons

SnowTex

Hot Glue

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Turn the pot upside down. Paint just the outside of the pot. Basecoat the pot and ball in white. Let dry.

Hot glue the ball to the bottom of the clay pot.

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Using a fine black **permanent** marker, draw the snowman's face on according to the printable template below. (wait to do the freckles)



Add a bit of blush color for red cheeks. (use dry brush technique)
Add the freckles when blush paint is dry. Add white dots to the eyes with the wooden end of a paintbrush

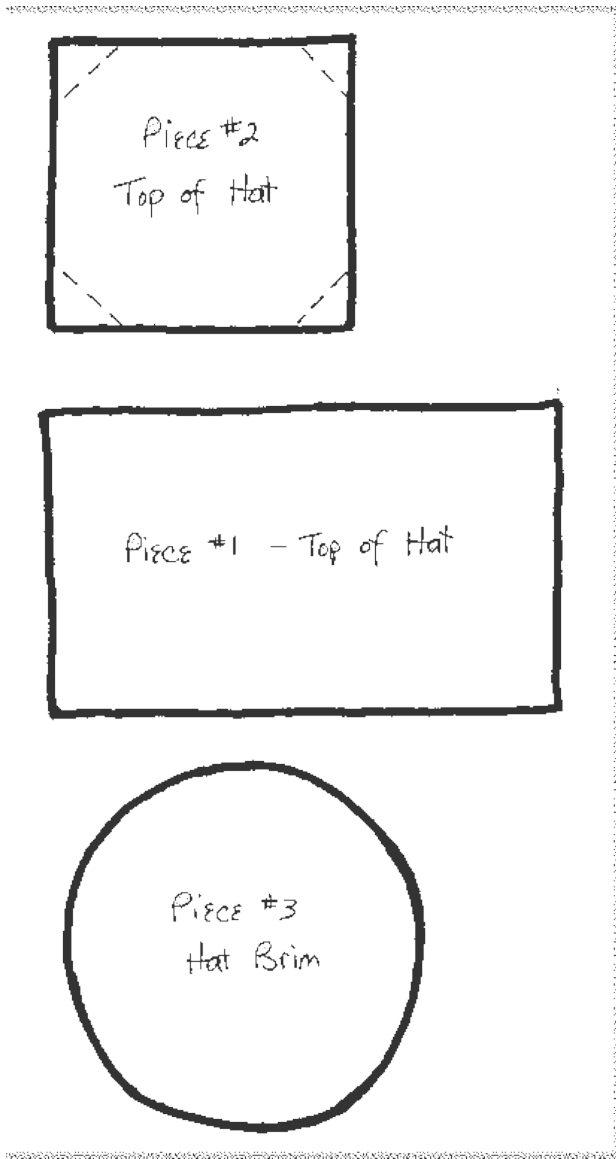
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Printable hat and face pattern:



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Cut the hat pieces out of the felt. To assemble hat:

Fold Piece #1 in half lengthwise. (see first picture) Use a couple small drops of glue inside the piece to keep it folded.



Overlap the back joint and hot glue it together. It will now be a small circle. (see second picture)

Using Piece #2, clip the corners off (see dotted lines on pattern) and push it up inside the Piece #1 you just created. Piece #2 is now the top of the hat.

Hot glue it in a few spots to the inside of Piece #1. Lay this piece centered on top of Piece #3. With needle and thread, whipstitch the top of the hat to Piece #3 (just a few stitches will do).



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Add a bit of SnowTex to top of hat for snow. Hot glue the hat to the head.

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Rip a scarf for the snowman - 11" long by 1 1/2" wide. Tie it around his neck.

Hot glue 2 black buttons on. Cut the ends off 2 toothpicks for noses and paint burnt orange. Small plugs painted orange also work well. Hot glue the nose in the center of the face.

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Snowman Snuggle Babies



What you need:

2 Clay Pots - 2 1/4 inch tall
Round Wooden Balls - 1 1/2"
Acrylic Paint
red and dark green felt
quilted fabric or quilted looking flannel

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Turn the pot upside down. You only need to paint the outside of the pot. Basecoat the pots and balls in white. Let dry.

Hot glue the balls to the side of the bottom of the clay pots - off to one side. When the bottoms of the clay pots are touching, the heads are almost but not quite touching.

After the paint is dry, it's time to start decorating.

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The snuggle blanket is 12" long and 5" wide, then is folded over in half so it is about 2 1/4" wide. (I folded it like an envelope - 2.5" from the bottom meeting the 2.5" from the top that is folded over). Hot glue it just in a couple of places to hold it together.

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Cut dark green and red felt to a square of 5 1/2" x 5 1/2". Roll one side twice for the brim of the hat.

Hot glue the hat onto the head using the hot glue ONLY in back. This way the front of the hat can be adjusted.

Glue the two pots together at the bottom so they don't turn.

Wrap the blanket around the 2 snowmen. Hot glue the blanket to the top of the clay pot in a few places so it looks like the blanket is wrapped around their shoulders and neck. Don't hot glue the blanket in the very front yet.

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Time for the face! Make 2 noses by cutting off the ends of a toothpick. (using small wooden plugs would be cute also). Paint them burnt orange.

Pull the hat down in front so there will just be a little face area left between the hat and the blanket.

Hot glue the noses on. Add eyes by dipping the wooden end of a paintbrush into black paint. Dry brush pink cheeks.

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Pull the blanket up under the head and hot glue in place. Hot glue the very front of the blanket to itself.

Using thin jute, tie hats about halfway up. Cut excess jute off. Cut the end of the hat off.

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Santa Sock Ornament



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What you need:

Baby's off-white sock (about 6" long)
Stuffing
Small Wooden Peg or Button
Acrylic Paint – Flesh-color
Striped cotton fabric (scrap for hat)
Small bell
Scrap of jute
Scrap of batting or beard material for beard

Stuff the sock firmly. The toe part will be the bottom of the ornament.

About 2" down on one side of the sock, paint the face with flesh color acrylic paint. Let it dry. See face photo below.



Use a 6" long piece of fabric for the hat. Fit the hat around the top of the sock as in the picture. The hat should start about $\frac{3}{4}$ " down from the top of the sock. Fold it under $\frac{1}{2}$ " as a seam around the head. Hot glue the fabric hat to the head.

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Fold the excess at the top over the head, down the side of the sock and hot glue it in place. It can just be cut off straight at the bottom – the bell will cover it. Hot glue the bell to the end of the hat.

Add 2 eyes with black paint (the wrong end of a small paintbrush works good). Paint the nose cranberry and hot glue it under the eyes.

Add Santa's beard with hot glue. I used wavy Santa beard that you can purchase.

For a hanger, use a 7" piece of jute and tie it under the top of Santa's hat where it folds down the sock.

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Snowman Head Ornament



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What you need:

Delta Ceramcoat Paint:

Ivory or Old Parchment

Black

Orange

Liquid Stain - Fruitwood

Blush

22 gauge wire (or thinner) for hanging

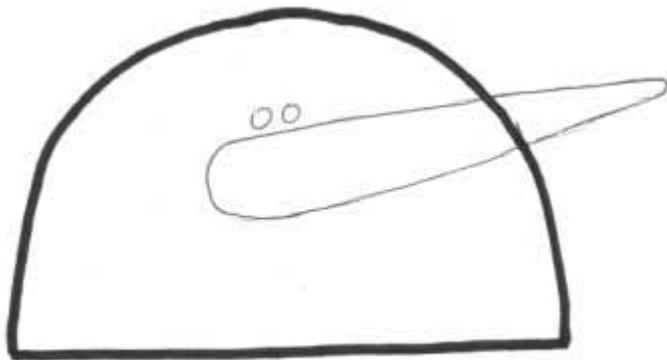
thin piece of wood - 1/2" thick works best

Material scrap 21" x 1.5"

Cut the head and nose out of wood. "Chunk" the top sides of the head and nose with a sander. Paint the nose orange and head with ivory or old parchment paint. When dry, lightly spackle (using old toothbrush) the head with black paint.

Using a stylus or the wooden end of a paintbrush, make dots as shown for the eyes. When dry, rub stain lightly on all surfaces, front and back. Add some blush to the cheeks.

Glue the nose on as shown. Drill a hole in the top of the head. String the wire through it and loop the wire. Wrap the material around the bottom and tie in front. Glue material in a few places.



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Noodle Angel Ornament

Here is a unique Christmas ornament to make. The noodle angel is made up basically of store bought noodles, then spray painted white after assembled.



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What You Need:

Silicone glue
Hot glue gun
White thumb tack
Red and black paint
White spray paint
Ragatoni noodle
Macaroni noodles
Bow tie noodles
Tiny Acini di pepe pasta
3/4" wooden ball head

1. Use a ragatoni noodle for the body of the angel. Take the 3/4" round head ball and glue with hot glue to the body. Let dry.
2. Next take the acini di pepe pasta (or any tiny noodles you can find) for the hair and put them in a small dish. With a toothpick, put silicone glue on the angel's ball head where you want the hair to go. Leave the front side for her face. After the glue is on, hold the body and roll the head in the acini di pepe pasta in the dish. Make sure there are enough noodles on for the hair. Press noodles down firmly with your fingers or the toothpick.
3. If you want to hang the noodle angel on your Christmas tree, cut about a four inch piece of heavy thread. Fold the thread in half and with the toothpick, work the ends of your thread under the small hair noodles. Let everything dry real well before continuing.
4. Use two macaroni noodles for her arms. Use two bow tie noodles for her wings with the silicone glue. Also put the thumb tack, for her candlestick, on her arms. Let all of this dry before continuing.
5. Now you are ready to spray paint the whole angel with white paint.
6. After the paint is dry, use the end of a paint brush or anything that will make a small mouth and eyes. With your paint brush, paint the tip of the thumb tack red.
7. Make a small red bow and glue it under her neck.

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Back of Noodle Angel for placement of wings.

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This picture shows the placement of the eyes and mouth. The mouth can be a very small oval shaped dot or a round dot.



This picture is a close-up of the thumbtack that serves as a candle. The very tip is painted red.

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Board Santa

This Santa wood craft is easy to make and easy to cut out of wood. And inexpensive....Just use any old piece of scrap wood.



What You Need:

Supplies:

Delta Ceramcoat Paint
Light Ivory
Black
Maroon
Medium Flesh
Liquid Stain - Fruitwood

Ivory wavy wool hair
Garland scrap
red and green raffia
Hot Glue
14" long 22 gauge wire for hanging
plywood or other thin wood

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Tape the pattern pieces together to make one long piece. Cut Santa out of plywood or other thin wood.

Drill a couple holes where indicated at the top. Transfer the pattern lines to the wood. Paint Santa's body Maroon, Light Ivory and Medium Flesh where indicated. Paint a black belt.

Using a toothpick or stylus, paint black buttons down the ivory strip when dry. Paint the belt buckle gold. Speckle (using old toothbrush) with watered down Light Ivory paint. Rub stain lightly on all surfaces.

FACE:

Using a toothpick or stylus (or even the handle end of a paintbrush) and black paint, make 2 dots for the eyes. Use a little blush on each cheek.

BEARD:

Using a little piece of the wool hair, make a moustache and glue it right under the eyes. Use a longer piece for the beard (about 7 1/2 or 8 inches long) fold one end under and hot glue the folded under part to the wood about 1/8" under the moustache.

Hot glue sporadically down the painted white beard and attach the wool beard fluffing the wool as you go. The wool hair beard will be sitting on top of the painted white beard.

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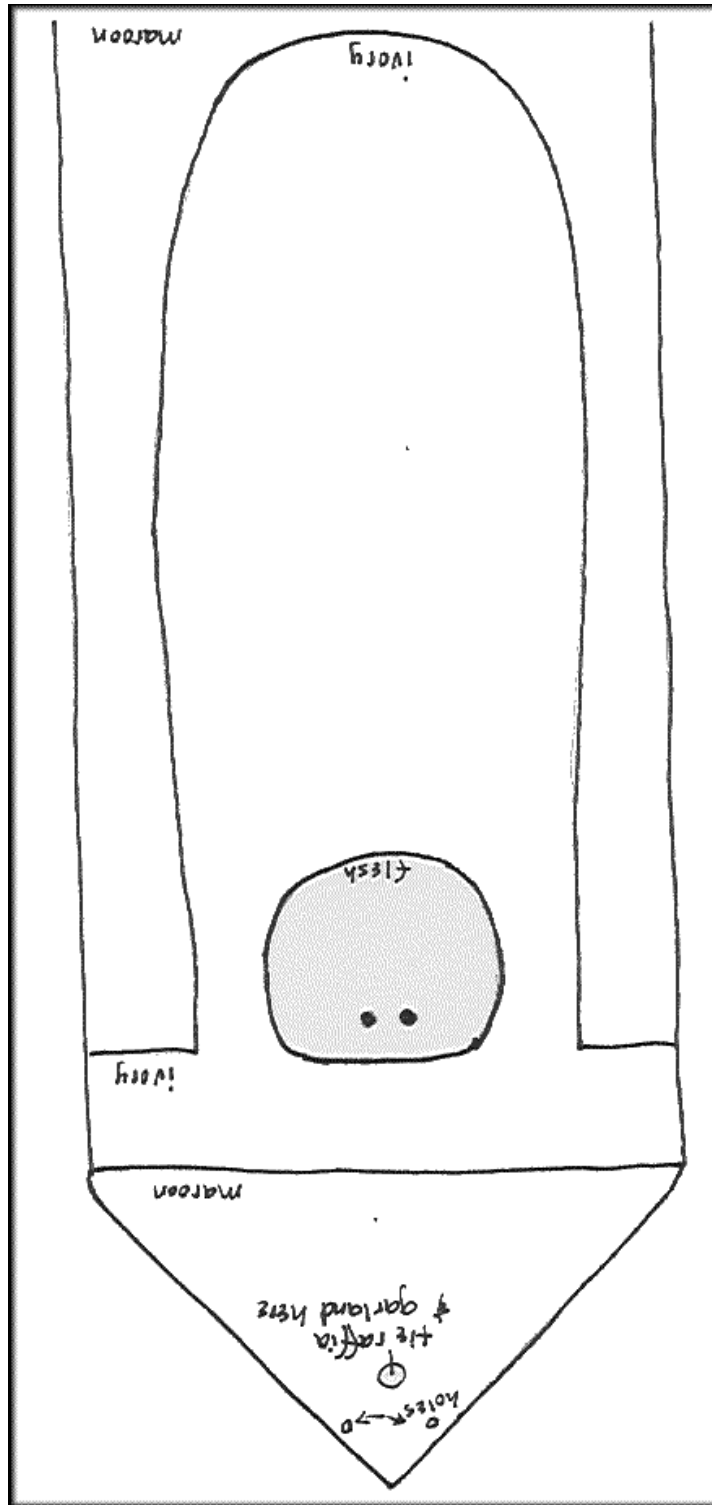
Put the 14" wire through the holes on the very top and either twist or staple the wire onto the back of his hat. Make a bow using long strands of green and red raffia (4 or 5 strands of each). With a small piece of garland, hot glue the bow and garland to the top point where indicated on pattern. Add 2 pieces of garland to the bottom of the Santa (see pattern).

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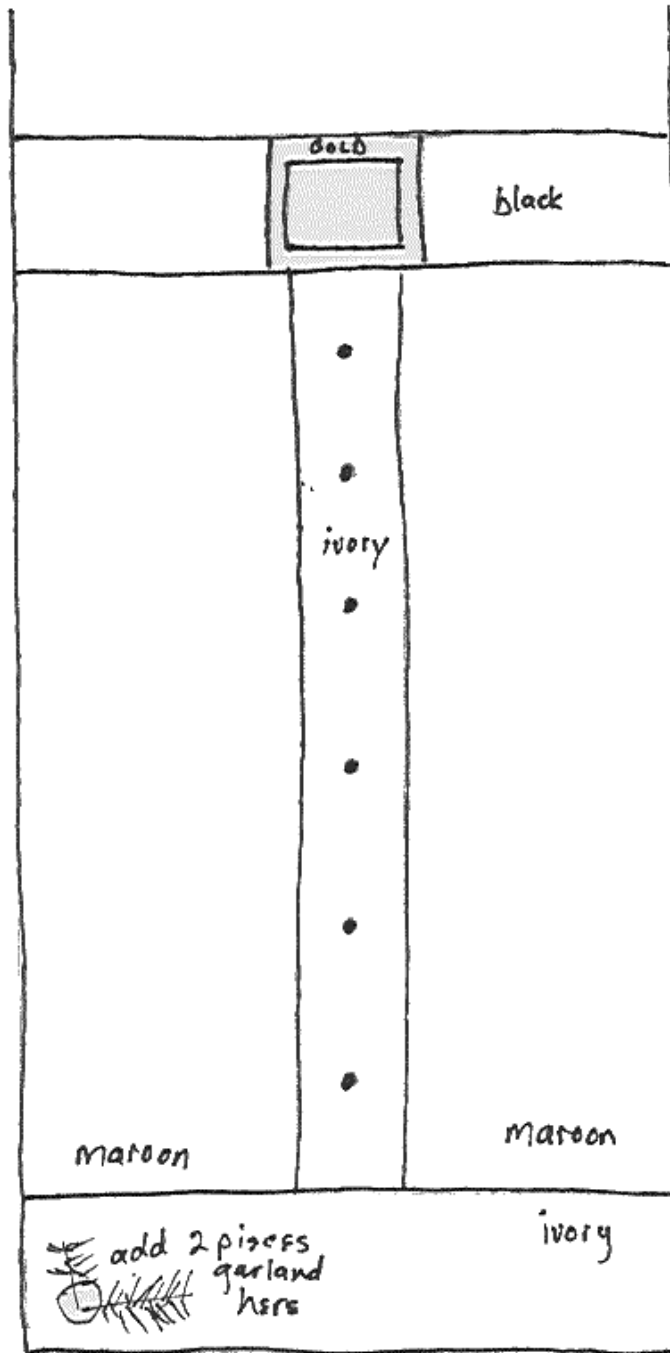


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Men:

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Clyde Snowman – Stuffed Snowman Head



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Supplies:

Garland scrap
button
Couple of material scraps
Hot Glue
20" jute
furniture button for nose
old sweater - arm works best
muslin
orange paint
permanent marker pen
Poly Fiberfil

BEGIN:

Cut 2 snowman head pieces out of muslin following the cut line of the pattern. Sew on the stitch line shown on pattern, leaving about an inch to turn the piece inside out. After stitching, turn inside out and stuff firmly with the Polyfiber Fill. You can just hot glue shut the hole you used to stuff (or sew it if you are ambitious!). I just hot glue and make sure that is the very top of his head so it is covered up when you add the hat.

Hat:

Use about 8" of a sleeve from an old sweater. (If the sweater arm is too large for his head, you can cut it on the seam and make a new seam - either sewn together or lightly hot glued together.)

Place the sleeve on the snowman's head so about 2" of the top of his head is covered by the sleeve, and roll the bottom section up about 1 1/2", forming a cuff. Fasten his hat by hot gluing the sleeve all the way around his head.

Loosely tie a piece of jute around the top of the hat. Using about 10" of another piece of jute, tie it so it is a circle and stick one end into the top of the hat, far enough in so when you tightly tie the top of the hat, it will form a secure loop for hanging. Tightly tie the jute on the top of the hat. Cut the ends off and add a small button to the middle of the jute. (see picture).

Face:

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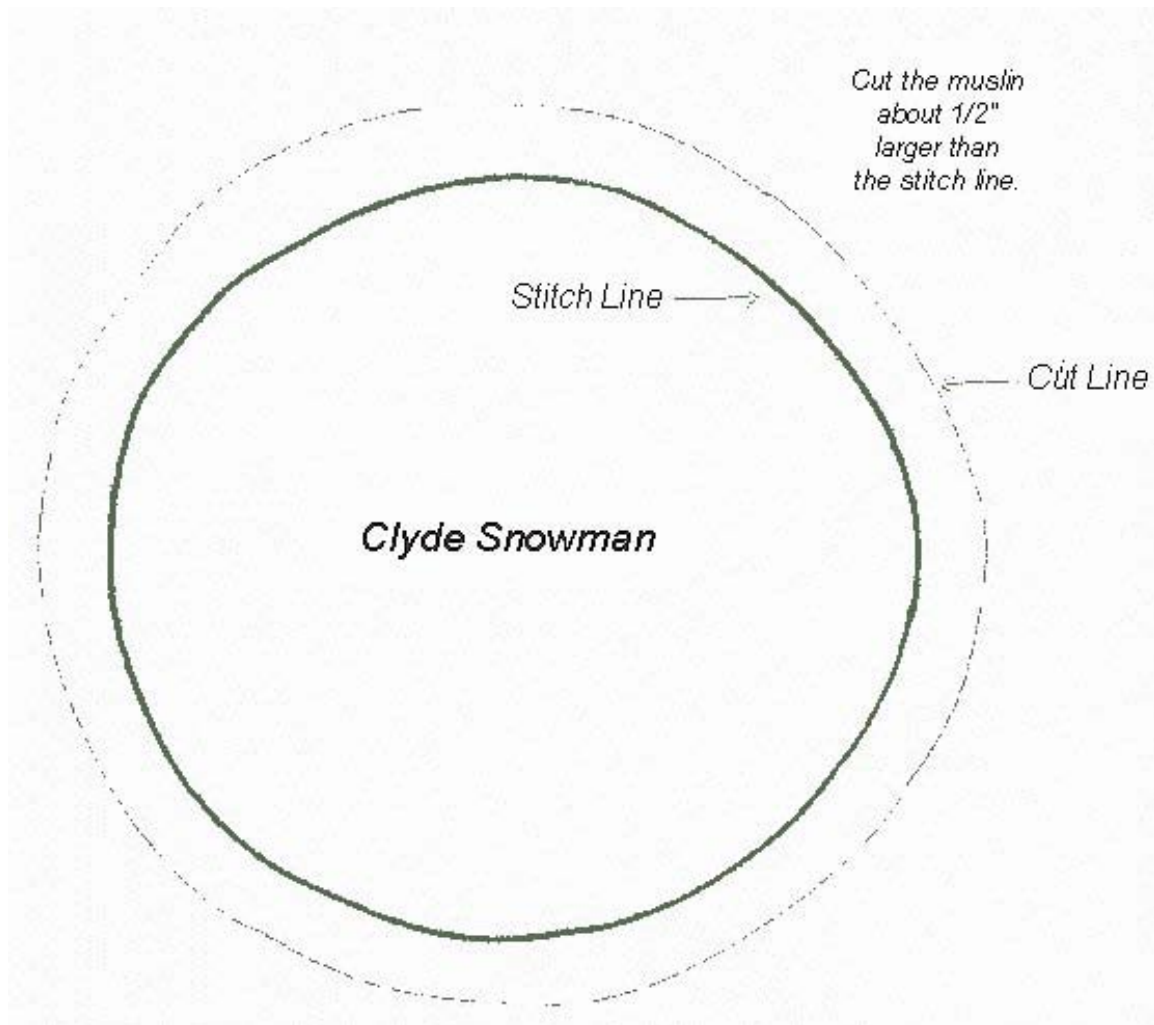
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Using a permanent marker (might want to mark it first with a regular black pen for placement) add the snowman's dots that make up his eyes and mouth (see photo). Paint the wooden button orange and hot glue as picture shows. Make a bow from material scraps and hot glue to the bottom of his face.

Pattern:



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Gingerbread Man Ornament



What you need:

Square of tan felt
Dark brown embroidery thread
(I used a metallic brown embroidery thread)

Material scrap
Candy colored buttons
Embellishments like a candy cane
White Ric-Rac (I used shiny white ric-rac)
6/0 Seed beads black opaque (qty = 2)

I've included a pattern for the gingerbread man shown in this example and one of a more traditional gingerbread man. Either will work with these instructions.

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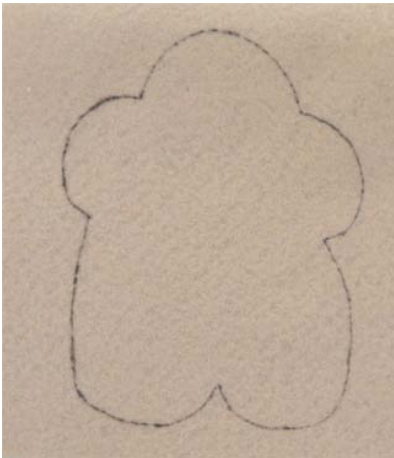
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1. Print and cut out the gingerbread paper pattern. Use a pen or pencil that won't bleed on the felt and lightly trace around the pattern onto the felt. Cut out 2 gingerbread men at the same time.



2. Turn the side with the pen marks to the inside. (You will need to turn both pieces so they match)

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3. Cut the ric-rac to fit his arms, legs and head. Glue the ric-rac on. Use white glue, spread it on the ric-rac and use your finger to spread it around and to remove the excess glue.

4. Trim the ric-rac after the glue has set. (Turn the gingerbread man over and trim off what ric-rac is hanging over.)

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5. Make a small bow out of the fabric scrap. This can be hot glued or glued on using white glue. Using the 2 seed beads, sew them on to the top gingerbread man for eyes. If you are going to sew any of the embellishments on, now is the time to do so. (Note: Hot glue and white glue don't really work very well with felt. You can use glue, but you really have to push until the glue is dry. If you want your ornaments to last for a long time, I would recommend sewing everything on.)

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6. Using embroidery floss, whip stitch around the outer edge of the gingerbread man, leaving a hole for stuffing. Stuff lightly with fiberfill. Add a loop at the top for hanging.



7. Glue the rest of the embellishments on. Hot glue can be carefully used or use white glue. If using hot glue, press hard while it cools.

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This is such an easy process to make great handmade Christmas ornaments that I've included more stencils you could use to make additional felt Christmas ornaments.

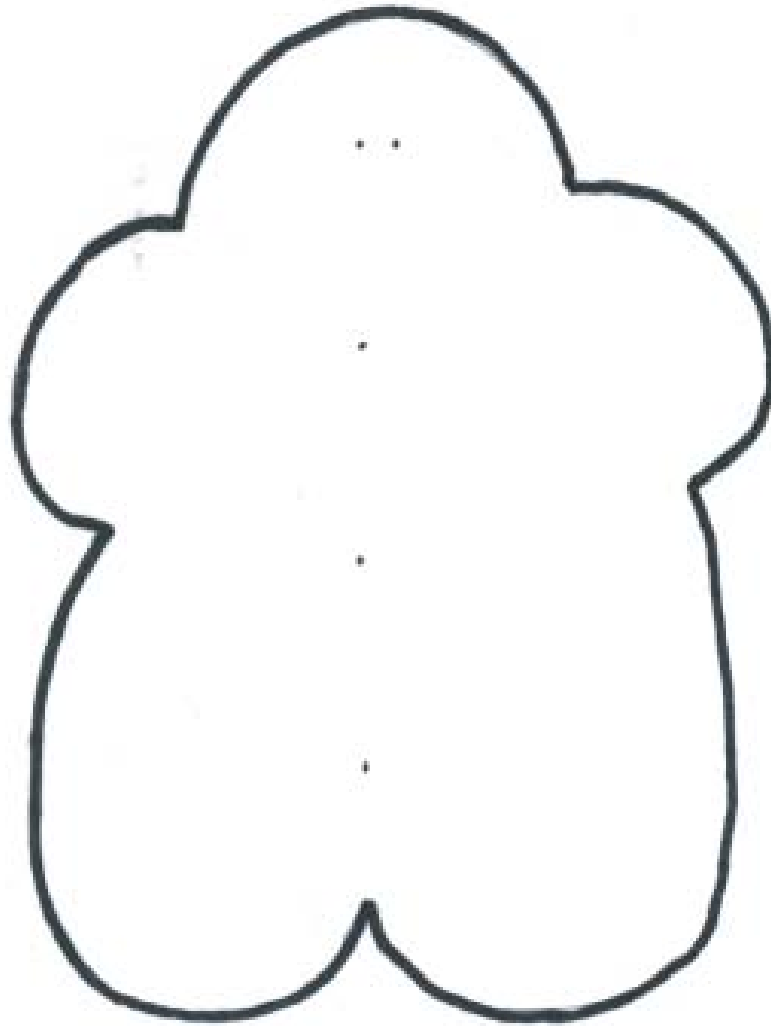


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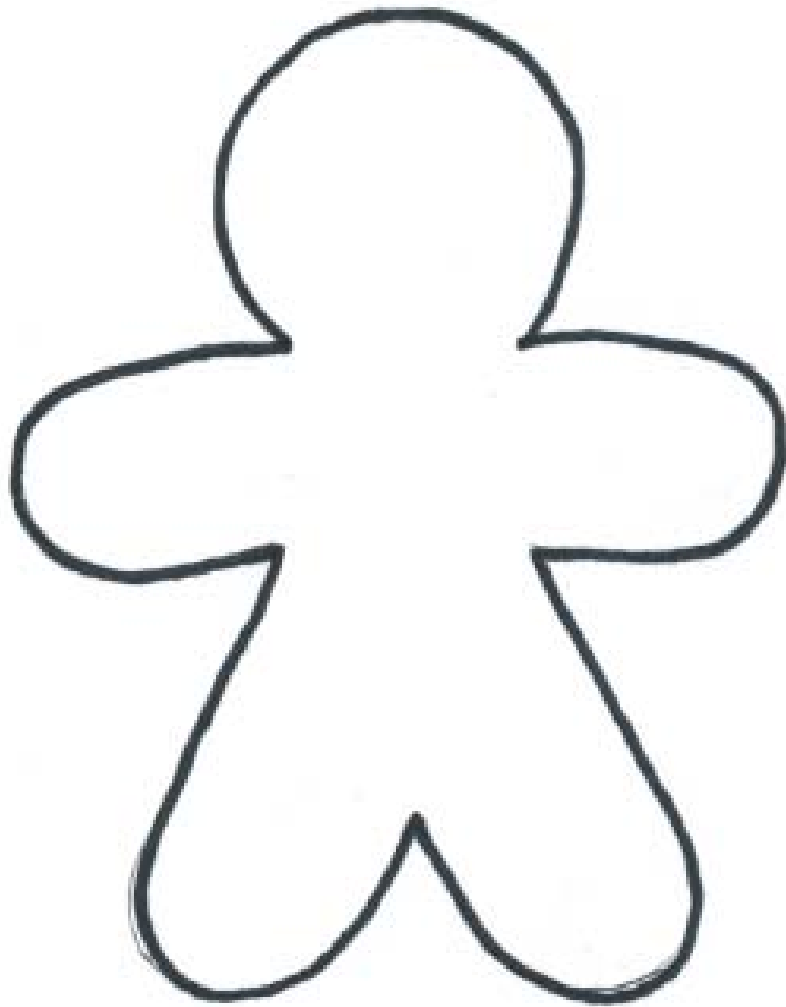
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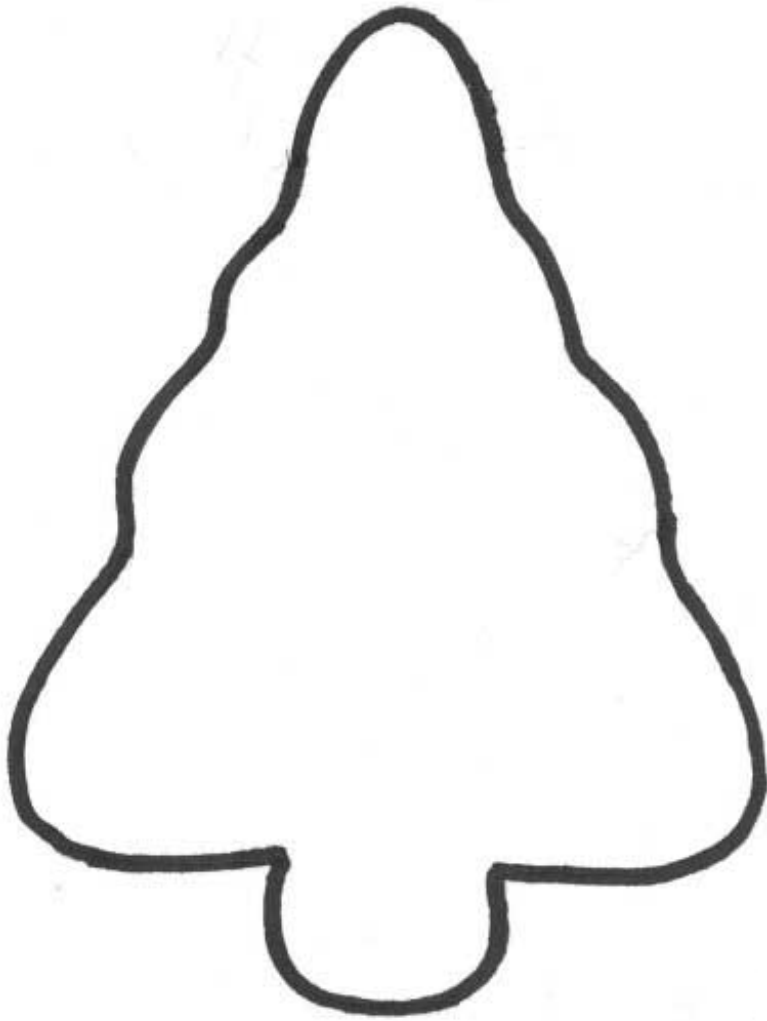
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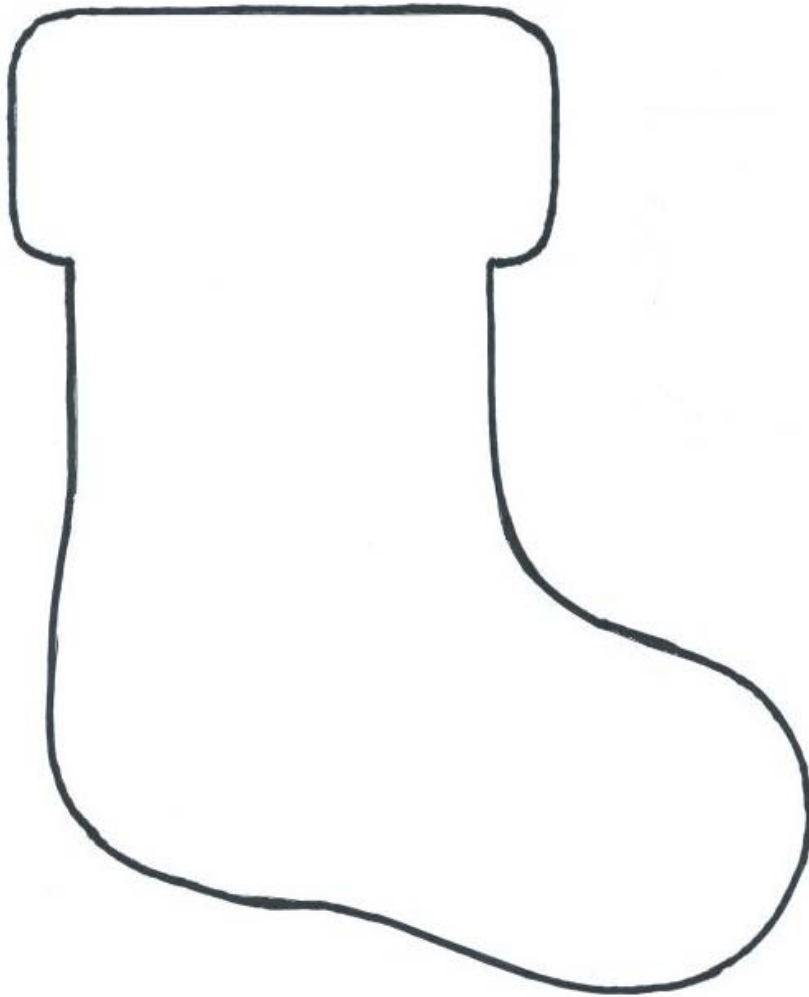
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Doorknob Hanger



What you need:

2 ½" Gold Bell
Christmas greenery pick
Christmas ribbon – 1 ¼" wide
12" length of rope
Green floral wire
Hot glue and gun

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Make a bow with 8 loops from the Christmas ribbon. Each loop should be about 3 ¼” long. (a wooden bow maker helps lots if you are going to make a bunch of these)



Thread the bell onto the rope. Using lots of hot glue, hot glue the rope in a circle with the bell on it.

Using the floral wire, use the wire through the center of the bow and attach it to the rope. Now hot glue the greenery pick to the center of the bow. (use floral wire to help hold the pick to the bow and rope if needed)

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Here are some more suggestions for Christmas Doorknob Hangers:

Simple Holiday Doorknob Hanger: By using a 4” to 6” piece of plywood and dressing it up with Christmas décor, you will have a Christmas doorknob hanger in no time. All you need is a piece of plywood, Christmas colored markers, a holiday stencil, red or green chenille stems, ribbon, glue gun and of course your own imagination. Try a gingerbread man stencil and add the words “Bite Me” to the plywood. Use one of the chenille stems to hang your doorknob hanger around the doorknob once you have finished decorating it.

Doorknob Wreath: Just by purchasing a small grapevine wreath that a doorknob will go through and a few other items you can have a really unique doorknob hanger. Use a glue gun and glue little holiday bows, bells, green

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garland and holiday picks on the grapevine wreath and slip on the doorknob of your choice. Make one or several and get the family involved in this fun and easy project.

Pine Cone Door Knob Hanger: Use a pine cone to create an elegant door knob hanger. Quickly paint craft glue onto a large pinecone, being sure to cover each pine petal. Shake glitter over the entire pine cone and let dry. Place 5 drops of essential oil onto the pine cone. Place a hole for a ribbon to fit through the top of the pine cone and put pretty holiday ribbon through it. Now tie the ribbon around the door knob to create your pine cone door knob hanger.

Recycled Christmas Card Hanger: Use skinny Christmas ribbons in varied lengths and in colors of green, red and white. Simply cut out different pictures from old Christmas cards, such as Santa, Christmas tree, stockings etc. Small jingle bells and small candy canes are great for this project too. Using hot glue or white fabric glue, attach the cutout to the end of one of the skinny Christmas ribbons. If you want to add small jingle bells and candy canes, you will also glue them onto the ribbon. Once all is dry, tie the ribbons around a door knob into pretty bows.

Santa Door Knob Décor: For this project you will need a wooden cutout of Santa or of one of his reindeer or elves that can be found at craft stores. Using ceramic paint, paint Santa and once dried, punch a hole at the top of his head and stick a piece of holiday ribbon through the hole and tie it up around a doorknob into a pretty bow. Hot glue little bells onto the ribbon if desired. These cute little hangers look good on any door and are so easy to create.

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Happy Holly-Days Bracelet



Supplies:

red, green, clear beads (or any other beads you have picked out)

Nylon Coated Stainless Steel Wire .018"

Tube Crimp beads

Cutting Pliers

Crimping Pliers

Necklace Clasps

Any of the above supplies can be bought at your local craft store

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1. Measure around your wrist to get estimated length of bracelet, then add 3 inches. Cut that amount of wire using your cutting pliers.

Ex: My wrist was 6 inches, therefore I cut 9 inches of wire.

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2. Put a crimp bead on the wire, put one of the clasp pieces on the wire. Loop the end of the wire through the crimp bead again, leave about ½ inch and crimp the bead with crimping pliers.



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3. Always put smaller beads on the first ½ inch of wire.



4. Continue putting beads on wire in the pattern you have arranged.

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You want about 1.5 inches left of wire with no beads so make sure before you get to that point you have smaller beads near the end of wire.

Follow step 2 to end the bracelet.



Clip off any excess wire with the wire clippers.

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Christmas Sayings

Use these short Christmas sayings on your stockings, cards and other crafts. These are all short enough to embroider quickly on felt ornaments, felt gift tags, or across the body of a fabric snowman.

Make your card out of felt this year in a Christmas shape and add tiny bells. The saying "Jingle all the Way" would be appropriate for embroidering on the felt card.

Not just for Christmas cards, Christmas sayings can be stitched, printed, embossed, painted on wood crafts, put on a coffee mug, made as a sign, added to ribbon, used on a T-shirt or sweatshirt with fabric pens, made into a magnet, added to a Christmas ornament, used as a gift tag, applied to stickers or buttons, made into a rubber stamp, cross stitched on towels, used on web pages, sewn on a Christmas stocking, used as scrapbook sayings or added to picture frames.

Let your children make their Christmas cards and use these sayings. Help them draw a cat and mouse in a stocking and use the "Meo-wy Christ-mouse" saying inside the card. Or take a picture of your dog wearing a Santa hat and use the saying "Santa Paws". There's so many uses for these short Christmas sayings:

Peace - Joy - Love

Holiday Hugs

Silent Night

Joy - Noel - Angels

Winter Wonderland

Happy Holidays

I Believe

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Think Snow
Making Spirits Bright
Merry Merry Merry
All I Want For Christmas
Snow Happy
Celebrate the Season
Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas
Good Tidings
Beary Merry Christmas
Angels Gather Here
Merry Christmas
Deck the Halls
Christmas Wish
Joys of the Season
We Believe in Santa
Enjoy the Holly Days
Winter Welcome
Tis the Season to be Freezin'
All is Calm, All is Bright
Be Jolly by Golly

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Under the Mistletoe

Yuletide Greetings

Sugar and Spice makes Christmas Nice

Holly Jolly Christmas

Meo-wy Christ-mouse

Joy

The Stockings Were Hung

Let it Snow

Winter Fun

Noel

Rejoice

Seasons Greetings

All Hearts Come Home for Christmas

ho ho ho

Baby's First Christmas

Oh, Christmas Tree

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Peace on Earth

Jingle All the Way

Dashing Through the Snow

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Have a Jolly Christmas

Reindeer Crossing

'Tis the Season

Jolly Kriss Kringle

Christmas Blessings

Christmas Joy

Peace and Goodwill

Very Merry Christmas

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Christmas Stocking



You will need red and white felt to make this stocking. Print out and tape the pattern pieces together. Cut out the pieces - you will need 2 of the red stocking part and just one of the cuff. If you want to put any decorations on the stocking, you need to do it before you put the pieces together.

1. Sew Christmas stocking together, around the outside edges using a 1/2 inch seam. Turn stocking inside out then.
2. Sew the white piece together on the ends with a 1/2 inch seam and now you have a circle.

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3. Fold loop in half and pin it to the inside of the stocking over the back seam. Then pin the white felt circle inside the stocking. You will be able to fit it in as you can stretch the red felt. Sew a 1/2 inch seam.

4. Turn the white felt to the outside. Now you have a Christmas stocking!

Patterns for the Christmas stocking follow. You will need to print out and tape the patterns together to make a whole stocking. Enlarge the patterns if you want a larger stocking.

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**top stocking cuff
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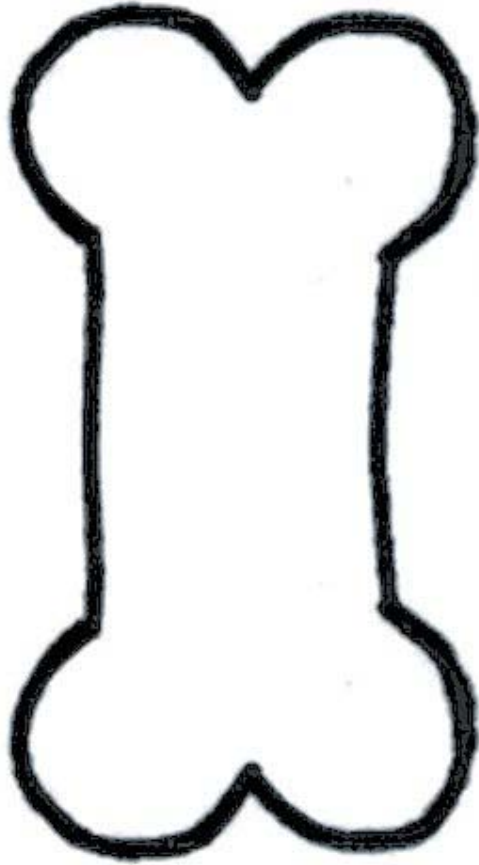


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