

Christmas Crafts

Snowmen Corks

Materials:

Corks

White acrylic paint

A little craft wire

Pipe cleaners in assorted colors

Felt in assorted colors

Black & orange sharpies

Hot glue gun



Directions:

Add the craft wire to the top of the corks to create a loop to hang the snowman. Paint the corks white. Let dry. Make some pipe cleaner earmuffs by twisting one end into a small coil. Decide how much you need to make earmuffs for your snowman and cut. Then twist the other end into another coil. Glue in place with a hot glue gun. Cut a thin strip of felt and wrap around the neck. Cut some tassels into the end. Add the snowman's face, nose and buttons, using the black and orange sharpies.

Glue Snowflake

Materials:

School glue
Wax paper
Paper and pen
Crystal glitter or other colors of your choice
Needle and thread



Directions:

Draw basic snowflake shapes onto the paper using a pen or marker. Lay the wax paper over the snowflake template and tape or hold it in place. Following the lines of the template, draw lines of glue onto the wax paper. Sprinkle generously with glitter and allow the glue to dry overnight. Once dry, peel the snowflakes up and thread a hanger through the top using the needle and thread.

Felt Christmas Tree

Materials:

Green and brown felt
Embroidery thread
Needle
Pinking shears and regular scissors
Batting



Directions:

Cut 2 triangle shapes from the green felt using pinking shears (or regular scissors). Cut one brown rectangle shape for the tree trunk from the brown felt, using regular scissors. Put the 2 green triangles together with the brown felt sticking out from the bottom to form a trunk. Stitch around the triangle leaving a one inch opening. Stuff tree with batting and continue stitching.

Paint Sample Christmas Tree

Materials:

Green and brown paint samples (free from the hardware store)
Scissors
Red ribbon
Button, ribbon, and other
embellishments Glue or glue gun



Directions:

Select several green paint samples and cut a triangle shape to form the tree. Use the brown paint samples to cut a trunk. Glue the trunk to the bottom of the tree. Decorate the trees with buttons, ribbons and embellishments. Form a loop with the red ribbon and attach to the back of the tree to hang.

Felt Mistletoe

Materials:

Pencil
Paper
Scissors
Green felt
Sharpie or fabric pencil
White puffy paint
Hot glue or fabric glue
Red ribbon



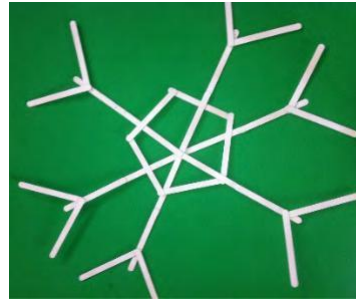
Directions:

Use the pencil and paper to draw several sprigs of mistletoe to create the template. Cut out. Trace the mistletoe shapes onto the green felt. Cut out the felt shapes and arrange the sprigs. Glue the stems and leaves where they overlap. Create clusters of mistletoe berries using the white puffy paint. Tie a ribbon bow around the stems. Cut an additional length of ribbon and loop it to create a hanger. Glue it to the back.

Giant Craft Stick Snowflake

Materials:

Craft sticks
Protractor
Hot glue gun and glue
Fishing line
White spray paint
Rhinestones, glitter or fake snow (optional)



Directions:

Using the protractor, design and create the snowflake. Use the hot glue gun to glue the craft sticks together, starting from the center and working out. Spray paint both sides of the snowflake. Let dry. Decorate with embellishments if desired. Use fishing line to hang in the window.

Cocoa Reindeer

Materials:

Instant chocolate packets
Mini marshmallows
Red pompoms
Googly eyes
Brown pipe cleaner
Glue
Plastic sandwich bag



Directions:

Empty 1 packet of instant chocolate into a sandwich bag. Direct the cocoa toward one corner and add marshmallows. Tie the top with a pipe cleaner. Shape the pipe cleaner to look like antlers. Glue red pompoms to form a nose, and glue eyes to complete the face.

Candy Cane Ornament

Materials:

Green pipe cleaner, cut in half
10 red pony beads
11 white pony beads



Directions:

Place beads on the pipe cleaner in an alternating red/white pattern. Turn the ends to keep the beads in place. Bend the top of the ornament to form a candy cane shape.

Snowman Door Decoration

Materials:

Black and orange construction paper
Christmas wrapping paper
Double-sided tape
Scissors



Directions:

Measure the size of the door you plan to decorate. Cut black paper to form a top hat and tape to the top of the door. Cut 2 black circles to create the eyes. Tape to the door just under the top hat. Cut a triangle shape from the orange paper to create the nose. Tape just under the eyes.

Cut 9 black circles slightly smaller than the eye circles. Tape 5 of the circles to create the mouth. Tape the remaining 4 circles vertically to make buttons. Cut a strip from the wrapping paper to form a scarf shape. Tape the scarf above the buttons. If desired, use wrapping paper to form a hat band. Tape in place.

Christmas Stocking

Materials:

2 sheets red felt
1 sheet white felt
Felt glue
Glitter glue: red & silver or gold
Scissors



Directions:

Layer both red sheets of felt on top of one another. Cut two stocking shapes using the two sheets of felt. Cut 2 (4" x 8") strips from the white felt. Coat about ½" of the top of the stocking with glue and glue the white felt on top of it. Fold the white felt over on top of the glue. Repeat on the other side. Repeat with other stocking and let dry.

When dry, trim off the excess overhang of the white felt.

You will now glue the two stockings together. Pipe a line of felt glue around the edge of the stocking, all the way up the sides, but not across the top of the opening. Place the other stocking on top, line up and gently press together. Let dry.

Use silver or gold glitter glue to write name on the stocking.
Decorate the front of the stocking however you like.

Fleece Scarf

Materials:

7" X 60" rectangle of colored fleece
Scraps of fleece in contrasting colors
Scissors or pinking shears Needle



Embroidery floss in assorted colors

Directions:

Plan a design for the scarf. Cut out the shapes you'll need to create it from the scraps of fleece. Place your cutouts on the scarf.

Use the needle and floss to attach the pieces with single stitches knotted by hand. One stitch should be enough to hold smaller pieces (such as a flower or snowflake). Larger pieces may take 2 or more. Trim the ends above each knot to the length you desire.

For fringe, make a series of 4" snips in the bottom of the scarf. Tie an overhand knot at the top of each strip.

Cinnamon Reindeer Ornament

Materials:

3 cinnamon sticks
2 googly eyes
One red pompom
Green ribbon
Hot glue gun



Directions:

Glue 2 cinnamon sticks together to form a V shape. Glue the third stick across the V about half way down. Glue google eyes on each side of the V under the cross stick. Glue a red pompom at the point of the V. Glue the green ribbon to the cross stick and hang.

Craft Stick Santa

Materials:

8 mini craft sticks

Acrylic paint: red, white, flesh-colored, pink, black

3" x 3" piece of white cardboard or cardstock 6"

piece of green yarn

White craft glue

Paintbrush

Scissors



Directions:

Paint 6 of the craft sticks white and the remaining 2 red. Set aside to dry. Place the craft sticks onto the white cardboard and arrange them as pictured: take a white craft stick and place it in the center, and then stagger the other 4 in a stair formation, with 2 on the left and 2 on the right. The last remaining white craft stick should be laid horizontally across the top of the other white craft sticks. The 2 red sticks should be positioned in a triangle to make a hat. Use a pencil to lightly mark the edges of the triangular opening of the hat and the face opening.

Remove the craft sticks and paint the hat area red and the facial area with the flesh-colored paint. Let dry. Cut out around the painted areas, leaving space so you can glue your craft sticks to it. Glue the craft sticks to the cardboard and to each other. Allow to dry.

Use a paintbrush to dot on 2 pink cheeks and 2 black eyes. Mix a small amount of pink and peach and dot on for nose. Loop the green yarn and tie in a knot. Glue the knotted end to the back of the ornament.

Candy Lei

Materials:

Wrapped starlight mints
Plastic Wrap
Ribbon (red or green)



Directions:

Pull out a length of plastic wrap 2-3 feet long. Lay out on the work space. Place the candies about 3" apart along the edge of the length of plastic. Roll candies in the wrap. Tie ribbon between each of the candies. Tie the ends of the plastic together to form the lei.

Craft Stick Santa Claus

Materials:

Jumbo craft stick
Acrylic paint: peach, red, white, black, pink, and gold
White felt
Scissors
Felt glue
Black marker
Toothpick



Directions:

Paint craft stick white. Paint a 1" peach section at the top of the craft stick for the face. Paint the rest of the craft stick red. Paint the top of the craft stick red for the hat. Use a paintbrush to dab on some pink paint for cheeks. Paint a black strip across the center of the craft stick. Paint the bottom 1" of the craft stick black. After all paint has dried, use a toothpick dipped in gold paint to add a belt buckle. Dip the handle end of a paintbrush into the gold paint and dot on three buttons above the belt. Cut 3 strips from white felt. Glue strips directly above the black boots, below the red hat, and about 1/2" below the black belt. Cut a beard from the white felt and glue it to the face. Dot on 2 eyes with black marker. Glue pompom to the top of the hat.

Peppermint Candy Decoration

Materials:

White paper plate
Red paint
Plastic wrap



Directions:

On the backside of the paper plate, paint 6 red stripes along the edge to look like a peppermint candy. Let dry. Wrap plate in plastic wrap. Twist the end on both sides.

Tissue Paper Wreath

Materials:

5" x 5" piece of white cardstock or poster board
Green tissue paper, cut or torn into 1" squares
1" squares of tissue paper in various colors
White craft glue
Scissors
Pencil with an eraser



Directions:

Trace a circle on the cardstock. Draw a smaller circle in the middle of the larger circle to create a wreath shape. Cut out the center. Place the wreath on the work surface and pipe a line of white craft glue around the outer edge of the circle. Place a pencil eraser in the center of a square of green tissue paper. Twist the tissue paper around the end of the pencil, and then gently press the tissue paper onto the glue with the pencil. The tissue paper should stick. Gently lift the pencil out of the tissue paper. Repeat this process until the entire outer edge of the circle is green.

Repeat this method with the colorful squares (about 8 of them) and place them randomly around the wreath. Fill in the remaining areas with white glue and cover with green tissue paper using the above method. Allow to dry completely.