

New Year's Eve Crafts

Glitter Crown

Materials:

Glitter or confetti
Craft wire
Wire cutters
Hot glue

**Directions:**

Cut off a piece of wire approximately 24" long. Bend the wire into a circle, overlapping some of the wire and twisting it to secure. Using your hot glue gun and working in small sections, run a little glue around the edge of the wire and then quickly "dip" that section in confetti. Repeat until the whole crown is covered.

Easy Noisemakers

Materials:

Paper plates
Beans or rice
Large craft stick
Spray paint
Glue
Optional: Markers, glitter, sequins



Directions:

Spray paint the bottom of the paper plates and the craft sticks. Let dry. Staple the craft stick to one of the paper plates. Set the plate on a table right side up and fill with beans or rice. Put glue around the edge of the plate and top with the other plate right side down. Let the glue dry. Decorate if desired.

Confetti Poppers**Materials:**

Toilet paper tube
Colorful tape
Balloon
Confetti

**Directions:**

Cut the tip of the balloon. Tie the other end of the balloon. Place the balloon on one end of the paper tube and secure with tape. Fill your confetti poppers with a scoop or two of confetti. Pull down on the balloon end and let it pop!

Bowtie Pasta Garland**Materials:**

Bowtie pasta
Glue
Paintbrush
Glitter
Twine

**Directions:**

Brush the pasta with glue. Cover the pasta with glitter. Allow to dry and repeat on the backside. After the glittered bows have dried completely, tie them onto twine. Repeat with as many bows as you'd like, making sure to secure each one with a double knot.

Paper Fortune Cookies

Materials:

Scrapbook paper

Glue

Scissors

3.5" - 4" lid for tracing

Pen

0.5" x 3" strips of paper (for the fortunes)



Directions:

Trace the circles on the back side of the scrapbooking paper and carefully cut them out. Choose one of the cut circles and gently fold it in half, but don't crease it just yet. Form a crease on the fold but not across the entire circle. Crease only the center inch or so of the circle. Open the circle back up and fold it in half again, this time in the opposite direction from the crease you just made. Gently push the fold inward with your index finger while using your thumb and middle finger to bring both ends together. Slip one of the fortunes in the opening on the side before bringing both ends completely together, and use glue near the fold to hold the fortune cookie's shape.

Confetti Garland

Materials:

String or yarn

Felt (a variety of colors)

Glue



Directions:

Cut circle shapes in various sizes and colors from felt. Lay string or yarn out on the work surface. Glue matching circles back to back along the string. This is a great group project for a spectacular decoration.

Ombre Glitter Coasters

Materials:

Cork
Large glitter
Mod Podge

Directions:

Use a coaster or jar lid to trace coaster shapes on cork. Cut out the traced shapes. With a paint brush, cover one side of the coaster with mod podge. Add 1 color glitter to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the coaster, and then 3 other sequential colors to create the Ombre effect. Let this dry completely. Once it's dry, cover glitter side with a generous amount of mod podge. Allow this to completely dry.

Confetti Eggs (Cascarones)

Materials:

12 eggs
Egg dye kit
Confetti
Glue Tissue
paper



Directions:

Gently tap the top of an egg. Peel away just a small $\frac{1}{2}$ " hole. Empty the contents of the egg into a bowl. Thoroughly rinse the egg and shake out excess water. Let the egg dry. Dye the eggs using the egg dyeing kit. When the eggs are dry, fill with confetti. Glue the hole in the egg with tissue paper.

Happy New Year Garland

Materials:

Felt in various colors
Scissors
Felt glue
Sequins
Glitter glue
2- 48" (each) long pieces of white yarn



Directions:

Cut felt into 8" x 2.5" rectangles. You will need a total of 11 rectangles. Lay 1 of the pieces of yarn on the work surface. Find the center of the yarn and mark with a pencil. Fold a piece of felt lengthwise, sandwiching it over the center of the piece of yarn. Use a generous amount of glue to secure the felt closed.

Move about 1" to the left of that felt piece, and repeat step 3 above. For the next one, move 1" to the right of the first felt rectangle. Repeat again on the left and right.

Repeat the process above for the second piece of yarn, this time the fourth piece of felt should be in the center of the yarn. This will represent the letter "Y" in YEAR. Be sure to leave an extra couple of inches to the left of "Y" so that the word "NEW" appears as a separate word. Once all your felt pieces are in place, use glitter glue to write the letters on the felt. Gently press sequins into the glitter glue, covering the entire letter. Allow to dry.

New Year's Favors

Materials:

Bathroom paper tubes
Scissors
Ruler
Wrapping paper
Tape



Directions:

Cut a piece of wrapping paper to 11" x 6". Center pieces of tube side by side on paper, leaving a 1" space between the tubes. Wrap paper around tubes and secure with tape. Tie one end of the paper with curling ribbon. Fill the tube through the open end with candy. Tie the remaining end shut. Use scissors to curl the ends of the ribbon.

Water Bottle Noise Maker**Materials:**

Empty, plastic water bottle
Beans or other items to place inside
1 sheet white tissue paper
Scraps of tissue paper, cut into small squares
2 (24" long) strips of any color paper streamers
White craft glue
Water
Scissors

**Directions:**

Place a handful of beads inside the clean, dry water bottle. Run some glue around the mouth of the bottle and replace the cap. Make a mixture of ½ white craft glue and ½ water that will be enough to cover the bottle a few times over.

Tear white tissue paper into large chunks, approximately 4" x 2". Paint a small section of the outside of the water bottle with the glue mixture. Place a torn piece of white tissue paper onto the glue mixture and paint over it with the glue mixture. Repeat this process, covering the entire bottle with 2- 3 coats of white. Apply small colorful squares of tissue paper randomly over the white tissue paper to resemble confetti.

Cut each strip of crepe paper streamer in half. Carefully tie one of the pieces around the neck of the bottle. Repeat with other lengths of crepe paper. Use scissors to cut each length to about 4" hanging length, and then cut upwards into thin strips.

New Year's Pot Bangers

Materials:

Wooden spoon
Silver paint and paintbrush
Blue curling ribbon
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " jingle bells
Scissors
Glue



Directions:

Paint spoon silver and let dry. Tie a piece of curling ribbon around the handle of the spoon, gluing in place. String 3 jingle bells on the curling ribbon. Tie with a double knot. Curl ribbon with scissors, tying on additional pieces if desired.

Times Square Ball

Materials:

2½" Styrofoam ball
10 silver pipe cleaners
Crystal beads
Silver glitter paint
Toothpicks
Hair pin



Directions:

Push 8 toothpicks into Styrofoam ball. Paint ball with glitter paint using the toothpicks to keep the ball from sticking to your work surface. Let dry.

Cut pipe cleaners into 1½" pieces. Push a clear, faceted bead to the middle of a piece of pipe cleaner. Twist the ends together and push it into the Styrofoam ball. Continue until there are beads around the whole ball. Push a hair pin into the ball to make a loop to attach a string.