CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Handmade ornaments to make your tree
a keepsake of memories made

BEADED WREATHS

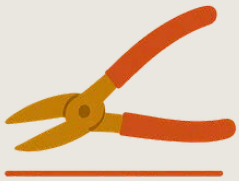
MATERIALS:

- Florist wire
- Scissors/cutters
- Assorted beads
- Festive ribbon



STEP ONE

Cut the floral wire into a 15cm length.



STEP TWO

Thread beads onto the wire in the design/colors you wish. Use approximately 20 small beads.



STEP THREE

Bend into a circle wreath shape and tie off the wire by wrapping it around itself and threading the loose ends back through the beaded wreath.



STEP FOUR

Tie a festive bow with the ribbon to the top, creating an extra loop for hanging on the tree.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Put a variety of beads on a small saucer for your little ones to use for their wreath. Don't have all the beads out as this tends to overwhelm them. If they can, let them thread the beads onto the wire themselves, otherwise get them to choose the order of the beads as you do the threading.







POPSICLE RUDOLPH

MATERIALS:

- Popsicle sticks (plain and small)
- Brown pipe cleaners
- Red pom poms
- Googly eyes
- Hessian string
- Festive string (for hanging)
- Hot glue gun or PVA glue



STEP ONE

Glue 3 x popsicle sticks into a triangle shape.



STEP TWO

Fashion small antlers out of the brown pipe cleaners by attaching a small length of pipe cleaner to the top third of a longer length of pipe cleaner.



STEP THREE

Glue the antlers to the back corners of the popsicle triangle, to make the reindeer antlers.



STEP FOUR

Wrap the hessian string around the popsicle stick triangle so that it is fully wrapped.



STEP FIVE

Complete Rudolph's features by gluing on a red pom pom for the nose, googly eyes and a loop of string (for hanging).



STEP SIX

You can use other ribbon and string to wrap the triangle too. Have fun experimenting!



LITTLE HELPERS:

Let your little helpers glue on Rudolph's red nose and eyes. You may end up with funny looking Rudolphs, but they will love it!



DRIED FLOWER BAUBLES

MATERIALS:

- Clear DIY plastic baubles (available from craft stores)
- White organza-style ribbon (60–80 cm per bauble)
- Dried flower petals (hydrangeas work well)
- Small, soft white feathers
- Scissors



STEP ONE

Open the plastic bauble top opening. Place 1-2 fluffy white feathers in the bottom half to create a soft base.



STEP TWO

Gently pick off dried flower petals and place them into the bauble on top of the feathers. Mix and match colours or keep to a theme.



STEP THREE

When the bauble is half full, add another feather to layer the texture.



STEP FOUR

Top up the bauble with more petals until it's almost full, then finish with a final feather at the top to cushion the petals. Securely close the bauble.



STEP FIVE

To make the hanging ribbon: fold your ribbon in half and tie a small knot about 3–5 cm from the fold to form a hanging loop.



STEP SIX

Thread the loose ends through the bauble's metal hoop and tie securely. Finish with a neat bow at the top, trimming the ends to your desired length.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Invite your Little Helpers to choose their favourite flower colours and gently fill the baubles with petals and feathers. They'll love watching the colours swirl inside! You can finish it off with the ribbon and bow for them.



PAPER ANGELS

MATERIALS:

- Colorful paper (origami paper works well)
- Wooden round beads
- Glue
- A circle stencil (e.g., tape roll) & pencil
- Scissors
- Festive string



STEP ONE

Draw 3 circles onto a piece of paper using the stencil size of choice and cut them out.



STEP TWO

Cut a length of string about 15cm.



STEP THREE

Fold the length of string in half and thread both ends through the bead. This will make the angel's head and the loop for hanging.



STEP FOUR

Fold one of the circles in half. Open up, place the ends of the string along the folded edge, then fold down again and glue shut.



STEP FIVE

Fold the second circle in half, add glue to the inside, then glue it onto the first half circle so that it fashions the dress of the angel.



STEP SIX

Fold the third circle in half and glue it shut, then glue it to the back of the angel body, with the flat edge up, to create the wings.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Your little ones are going to love making these sweet angels with you. Once you have threaded the bead, let them choose the color paper and do all the sticking.



PINE CONE ANGELS

MATERIALS:

- Small pine cones
- Medium wooden beads (with or without faces)
- White paint
- Organza ribbon
- Gold ribbon or thin tinsel
- String or twine
- Hot glue gun or strong craft glue
- Scissors



STEP ONE

Paint pine cones white and leave to dry completely.



STEP TWO

Cut a 10 cm length of string. Fold in half, thread through the bead, and tie a knot under the bead to make the head and hanging loop.



STEP THREE

Cut a few short pieces of string and tie them around the top of the bead to make the angel's hair.



STEP FOUR

Glue the bead to the flat base of the pine cone (upside down so it forms the body). Let it set firmly.



STEP FIVE

Shape a small circle of gold ribbon or tinsel for the halo and glue it to the back of the bead, looping it over the head.



STEP SIX

Tie a bow from organza ribbon for wings and glue it to the back of the pine cone. Add a thin ribbon strip around the neck as a "scarf" to finish.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Pre-paint pine cones ahead of time, then let your Little Helpers choose the colours for wings and halos. They'll love designing their own angel while you handle the gluing.



SPIRAL TREES

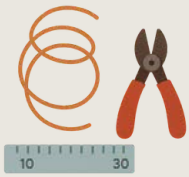
MATERIALS:

- Flexible craft wire
- Wooden beads (festive colours)
- Gold star beads
- Card paper (150–300 GSM)
- Wire cutters or scissors
- Hot glue gun or craft glue



STEP ONE

Cut a length of wire (10–30 cm depending on tree size).



STEP TWO

Thread one bead onto the end and wrap the wire around it to secure, this becomes the base.



STEP THREE

Roll the card into a cone and use it as a guide to wrap the wire around in a spiral shape.



STEP FOUR

Thread beads along the wire spiral, mixing colours or patterns for a festive look.



STEP FIVE

Add the star bead to the top, trim any extra wire, and glue it securely in place.



STEP SIX

Gently adjust the wire spiral to shape your tree. It should stand freely with a beautiful beaded swirl.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Little ones can help choose and thread the beads, decide the colours, and place the star on top — the best part!



PERSONALISED PENDANTS

MATERIALS:

- Air-dry clay
- String or twine
- White wooden beads
- Star beads
- Gold paint (optional)
- Mod Podge or sealer (optional)
- Rolling pin
- Skewer or toothpick



STEP ONE

Warm the air-dry clay in your hands until soft and easy to shape.



STEP TWO

Roll the clay flat until it's about 0.5–1 cm thick.



STEP THREE

Cut out your chosen letter (for example, the first initial of a child's name). You can cut it by hand for a rustic look, or use a stencil for precision.



STEP FOUR

Before the clay dries, poke a small hole at the top of each letter using a skewer. Let the clay dry completely for at least 24 hours, or bake at a very low heat to speed things up.



STEP FIVE

Once dry, paint the letters with gold paint if desired, then brush with Mod Podge or clear sealer for shine and protection.



STEP SIX

Thread string through the hole, add two white beads, one star bead, and two more white beads. Or make your own creative design. Tie a loop at the top for hanging.



LITTLE HELPERS:

Kids can help roll and shape the clay, choose their letter, and pick the bead colours. They'll love seeing their initial turn into a sparkly ornament for the tree!



SNOWMEN GARLAND

MATERIALS:

- A4 white paper
- 1 mid-size and 1 small-size circle stencil (e.g., a coin and a tape roll)
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils/markers



STEP ONE

Fold a piece of paper in half lengthways, then cut down the folded line so you have two long strips of paper.



STEP TWO

Fold one of the strips in half (short edge to short edge), then in half again, and in half for a third time.

STEP THREE

Place your two circle stencils vertically along the double folded edge, and draw two half circles (i.e., half a snowman).



STEP FOUR

Draw half a hat on top of the snowman's head and a thick arm outwards.



STEP FIVE

Cut around the half snowman, keeping any folded edge in tact.

STEP SIX

Open out the garland. You should have 4 snowmen figures. Decorate your snowmen with eyes, a carrot nose, a mouth, a scarf and a hat.



LITTLE HELPERS:

These snowmen are super cute and loved by littles. Draw the facial features for your little ones (depending on their age), then let them have fun coloring the snowmen and decorating as they please!

