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HOMEMADE

Christmas Crafts

FOR SUMMER



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Letter from the Editors

Hi Christmas Crafters,

Holiday-specific projects are some of the most fun to create. Unfortunately, the Christmas season can't last all year long. Why not beat the summer heat by making some holiday-inspired crafts today? We've put together this eBook with crafty ideas to help you cool down and get in the holiday spirit. No need to bear the sweltering temperatures! Instead, stay inside and create your own winter wonderland.

Happy Crafting!

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Happy Sewing,

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Glittered Glass Slipper Ornaments

By: Cathie Fillian for [Domestic in the City](#)

Little girls will love this adorable princess-inspired ornament. The added rhinestones create a regal look that will add some sparkle to a traditional tree.



Materials:

- Plastic Glass Slipper
- E6000 Glue
- Large Jump-ring
- Mod Podge - Gloss, Matte or Hard Coat
- Ultra-Fine Glitter (this is bubble gum pink from my glitter line)
- Paintbrush
- Old Book Pages
- Scissors
- Hot Glue Gun Helpers
- Hot Glue Gun & Sticks
- Ribbon

Instructions:

1.) Create a hanger by, attaching a large jump-ring to the inside back of the shoe. Make sure at least 1/2 is sticking out over the shoe.



2.) Gather your glitter and Mod Podge supplies.



3.) Brush the Mod Podge onto the shoe.

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4.) Sprinkle glitter onto the shoe. I like to do this over a file folder. The folder collects the excess and I can easily pour it back into the jar.



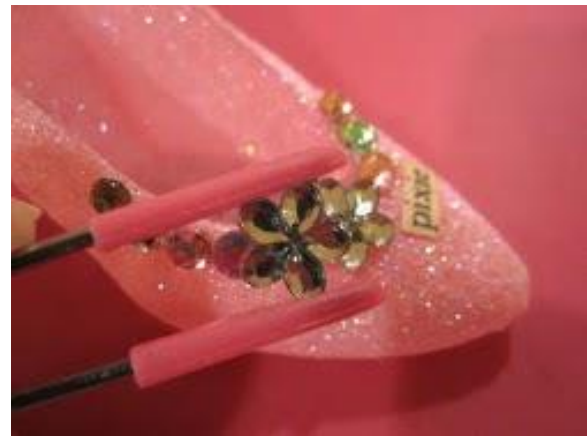
5.) Apply a coat of Mod Podge to the front of the shoe. Place the cut out into the Mod Podge and top-coat with a layer of Mod Podge. Allow to dry.



6.) Sprinkle glitter onto the shoe. I like to do this over a file folder. The folder collects the excess and I can easily pour it back into the jar.



6.) Hot glue gems to the front of your shoes. Use the HGGH tweezers so you don't burn yourself.



7.) Hold the gems in the tweezers and apply the hot glue to the back.

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8.) Continue adding more gems.



9.) Hot Glue a gem to the back.



10.) Tie a ribbon hanger to the end.

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Crochet Christmas Mice

By: Valerie for [Yarni Gras](#)

Get in the holiday spirit with a craft for your cat! Feline friends will love these little guys. Be prepared – these mice will keep your cat entertained for hours.



Materials:



- Scraps of yarn, a main color and black for eyes and nose
- Catnip
- A spoon and funnel
- A blunt embroidery needle
- Some crinkly paper (my kitties LOVE some crinkly paper!)

- A smallish crochet hook... I used size "G"

Starting with your main color you will make:

- 1 triangle for the body
- 2 ears
- 1 tail
- 1 bottom

Instructions for the body:



- 1.) Starting with a slipknot, chain 18. Do NOT chain 1 before turning.
- 2.) Turn and sc BACK into each chain. This first time, you will have 17 sc.
- 3.) For each subsequent row, you will just keep going back and forth. *
- 4.) The triangle forms as you go along. When you reach the 'tip', sc 2 times into the end instead of once. Do NOT turn, just chain 1 and fasten off leaving about 24" of sewing length

* If you chain 1 when turning, it will make little loops on the sides.

Instructions for the ears:



- 1.) Work 6 sc into a magic loop and pull tight.
Round 2: 2 sc into each sc around=12 sc.
- 2.) Fasten off leaving about 12" of sewing length

Instructions for bottom:



- 1.) Work 6 sc into a magic loop and pull tight.
Round 2: 2 sc into each sc around =12 sc
Round 3: 1 sc into first sc, 2 sc into next, around
= 18 sc.
- 2.) Fasten off leaving a 12" sewing length.

Instructions for one tail:

- 1.) Chain 20.
- 2.) Fasten off, leaving about 12" of sewing length.

Add the tail to the bottom before assembling the rest of the body:

- 1.) Take the long tail and insert the needle on the right side of the bottom.
- 2.) Pull through a couple 'chains' into the bottom and secure tightly. Fasten off.



Assembly instructions:

- 1.) I used a red mouse for some of the photos...the color seemed to show detail a bit better.
- 2.) Starting with the body, fold the triangle in half.
- 3.) The extra chain at the tip gives it that curve you want.



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4.) Taking the yarn you left attached and beginning at the very tip, whip stitch about an inch down the head. The tip will be wonky, which is what you want.

Eyes and nose instructions:

1.) Tie a slip knot in the end of an 18" length of black yarn to help secure it inside the head.



2.) Sew a French knot at the top of the tip of the nose area first, do not cut yarn.

3.) Then do one eye and the other eye.

4.) Tie off inside the head and stuff leftover yarn into the head.

5.) It looks like a taxidermist got a hold of it now!



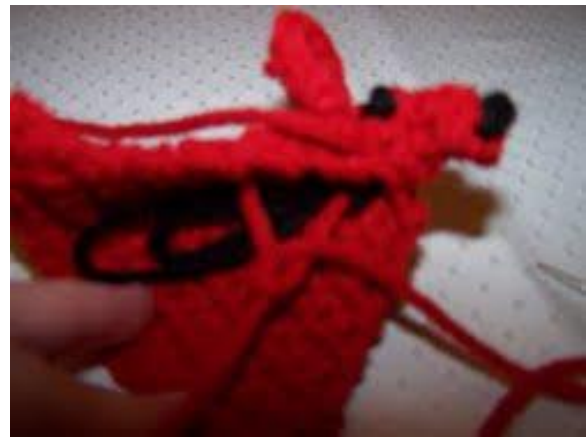
6.) Attach ears slightly behind the eyes.

7.) I set them a bit overlapped and off kilter.



8.) When done attaching ears, tie off the yarn and stuff the leftover bits of yarn into the body.

9.) You can see in this photo that I actually tie the yarn bits together.



10.) Close the body and sew the rest of the way closed, stuffing the extra yarn inside the head.

11.) Right now it looks like a finger puppet!

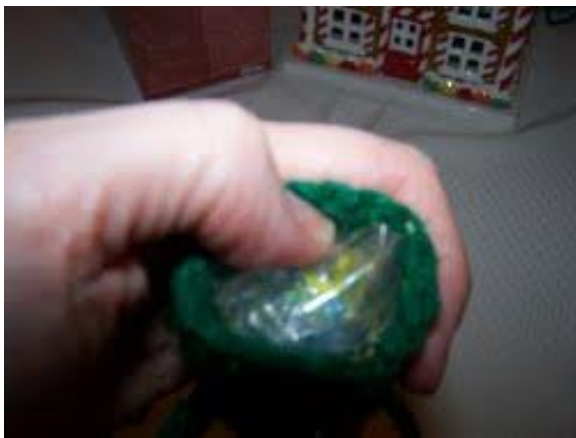
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12.) Now, fill the cavity up with catnip.

13.) Don't be gentle...really press it in.

14.) When full of catnip, place some crinkly paper on top to hold it in.



15.) Place the bottom onto the body with the tail hanging out.

16.) Hold tightly and whip stitch around the bottom, leaving a small gap to finish filling.

Filling instructions:

1.) You'll need 'pop' the bottom out so you can stuff it properly, but don't pull on the tail.

2.) Take the needle and catch a stitch and gently pull, the bottom will just pop up creating a little dome.

3.) When you get to this point, slowly add the catnip in small amounts through the funnel into the gap you left in the bottom.



4.) When you have it as full as possible shove a bit more yarn into the hole to plug it up.

5.) Finish whip stitching around the bottom to close it.

6.) Fasten off and hide the yarn through the body and clip off.



Ruffled Fabric Christmas Wreath

By: Staci for [Just Sew Sassy](#)

Sew your own wreath to decorate your space. This is a fun piece that is sure to stand out. The ruffles add a whimsical, fun touch to a traditional project. Start this summer so it will be ready to hang when the weather gets cool.



Materials:

- Straw wreath form (I used an 18 - inch diameter)
- 1 1/8 yard of coordinating fabric
- Embellishments
- Hot glue gun
- Ribbon
- Monogram
- Spray paint
- Cutting mat and rotary cutter

Instructions:

1.) Spray paint your letter on both sides. I added another coat of gold glitter spray for some sparkly bling. Let dry for a couple of

hours before handling.



2.) Cut your fabric into 2 1/2 inch strips. Set aside 4 strips to use for rolled fabric rosettes. Cut two in half again to create various sizes.



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3.) With remaining strips of fabric, sew a gathering stitch (the longest setting on your sewing machine) down the center of each strip.



4.) With each strip, pull the bobbin thread to gather the fabric. Pull until the entire strip forms a ruffle. Do this with remaining strips.



5.) Attach each ruffle to the straw wreath by pinning one end and wrapping it around. Continue with each ruffle pinning and wrapping using whatever pattern you prefer.



6.) Attach rosettes with hot glue. Add any embellishments.



7.) Tie a ribbon around the monogram letter and tie around the top of the wreath with a bow.



Dough Bear Ornaments

By: Suzy for Suzy's Artsy Crafty Sitcom

It doesn't matter the time of year - it's always fun to make something that's cute and unique. Use homemade bread dough to create a cuddly pair of adorable bears that you can hang on your tree.



Materials for bread dough:

- Bread Dough:
- 2 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of salt
- Water

Other materials needed:

- 3" wood circle
- Eye hook
- Acrylic Paint
- Clear coat varnish

Instructions:

1.) Mix flour and salt together in a bowl and add water gradually, mixing with your hands until you have a dough consistency. It should not be sticky. If so, add a bit of flour.



2.) Now for the fun part. Make a 1 1/2" diameter ball, and top it with a 1" ball. Roll out the legs.



3.) Attach the legs to the body using a drop of water to adhere the two pieces.

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4.) Add the arms the same way.



5.) I then created ears and a nose by forming smaller balls, shaping them and adding with a drop of water. For the boy bear, I made a small train. I assembled it on top of the circle to ensure a good fit. At this point, be sure to use a pencil point to make an indent in the top of their heads for the eye hook.



6.) The girl bear is put together in a similar fashion. For her dress, I rolled out dough between my fingers and then flattened it, draping it over her legs and around her body.



7.) The girl bear needs a bow for her hair. Of course.



8.) And for her, she gets a baby teddy bear of her own.



9.) All pieces are then put on a pan that is covered with aluminum foil and baked in a 300 degree oven for about 3 hours. Be sure to turn the pieces over when they are about half way done to ensure that the bottom cooks all the way. Your house will smell pretty darn awesome by the way.



10.) Allow pieces to cool completely before painting. Unfortunately, I allowed mine to cool at "dog level" and I had to remake one of my train pieces because Ralph ate it. I'm sure he thought it was a train shaped doggie treat.

11.) Once the pieces cool, you can start painting.

12.) The boy bear gets a plaid shirt and jeans.



13.) The girl gets a plaid skirt. Yep, I'm kinda into plaid.



14.) Screw the eye hook into the indent that you made in their heads. (This is optional- if you don't want to hang the ornament, you can leave it off).



15.) The next step (and most important) is to give them several coats of clear, non-yellowing varnish. Be sure to turn them upside down and get the bottom also. The nature of bread dough is that like any natural substance, it can have the tendency to deteriorate. Particularly if you live in a humid environment. Oh, like say Atlanta, GA. If you protect it with several coats of clear coat, you will not be disappointed a year or so later when it becomes a pile of flour dust. Just sayin'.

16.) Glue your pieces down onto your painted wood circles. I used strong bond type glue for the bears so that I wouldn't have to worry about them falling off the tree and becoming doggie treats.



Baby Jesus Ornament

By: Meggan for [Megpie Designs](#)

It doesn't cost a lot to create this cute Christmas ornament. Religious crafts are a great way to encourage tradition. Let the kids help with the assembly of the ornament and display it all year long.



Materials:

- 3" Circle
- 3/4" Circle
- 3/4" Button Plug
- 1-1/4" Stocking
- Craft glue
- Acrylic paints (red, white, black, flesh, gold)
- Plaid Extreme Glitter™ in Gold and Red.
- A multi-purpose sealer
- Black permanent marker
- Pink powder blush
- Cotton swab,
- Ribbon or cord for hanging.

Instructions:

1.) Use a drill bit (1/4") or Crop-o-Dile punch to make a hole in the top of the circle for hanging.



2.) Base coat the front, back, and sides of the 3" circle Red.

3.) Brush on 2 coats of Extreme Glitter.



4.) Paint the stocking with 2 coats of white paint.

5.) Seal with a multi-purpose sealer.

6.) Add details with permanent black pen.

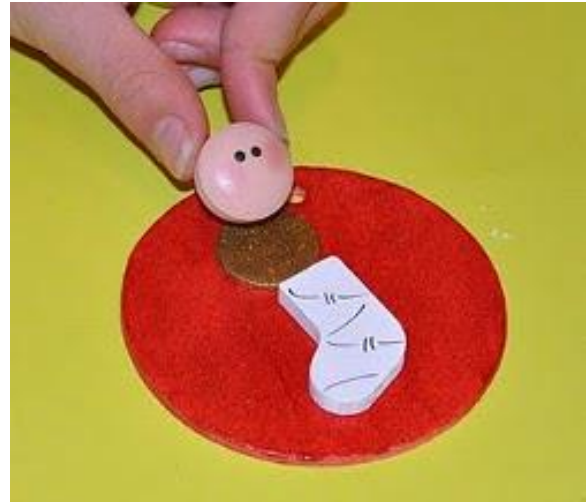
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- 7.) Paint the 3/4" button plugs flesh.
- 8.) Swirl on pink powder blush with a cotton swab.
- 9.) Dot the eyes black.
- 10.) Seal with multi-purpose sealer.



- 11.) Paint the 3/4" circles gold.
- 12.) Brush on two coats of Gold Extreme Glitter.



- 13.) Glue stocking onto ornament.
- 14.) Center halo above stocking and glue in place.
- 15.) Glue head to halo.
- 16.) Outline details with black permanent marker.



- 17.) Thread ribbon or cord through hole and knot ends.
- 16.) Hang on your tree or use as a package tie-on or gift tag!

Christmas Clay Pot Snowman

By: Tracy for [My Cup Runneth Over](#)

Clay pot crafts are a staple of the holiday season. Take advantage of what's in stores this season - summer is the perfect time to purchase inexpensive pots or all shapes and sizes. Best of all, these snowmen won't melt during the summer!



Materials:

- Small clay pot
- Acrylic paint (white and other colors of your choosing)
- Ribbon or thread for hanging
- Small scraps of fleece or felt
- Tiny pom-poms (optional)
- Needle and thread
- Tiny rubber bands
- Glitter or Epsom Salt (optional)

Instructions:

1.) Start by painting your clay pot white. It took two coats. Take a felt or fleece scrap approximately 3 x 6 inches in size (it needs to be large enough to wrap around your clay pot toward the top (actually the bottom) with room

for stitching. There will be lots of excess over the top of the clay pot.



2.) (Sorry for the change in colors...) Fold your fabric in half and stitch along the short side as shown.



3.) Trim the excess close to the seam and turn inside out. It should look like this. Set aside.



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4.) Back to your clay pot. Paint the rim as desired (this is the scarf of the snowman). Once dry, you'll want to prepare it for hanging. You'll need approximately 7" of ribbon. Fold in half as shown and feed the ribbon through the bottom hole. I used a washer to keep it from going through. It just occurred to me you could use a little jingle bell...how cute would that be?



5.) Place your clay pot face down with the ribbon through the top. (Don't worry that your washer is resting on the table.)



6.) Slide your felt or fleece tube over the ribbon onto your clay pot. Fold up the lower edge and rubber-band or tie tightly the upper-most portion of the tube. Pull up on your hanging ribbon. It should now be secure. Take a sharp pair of scissors and trim little notches in the gathered felt on top as shown.



7.) I used pom-poms for the nose (you could also use paint or tiny buttons or beads). Paint the eyes and mouth (or use a fine point Sharpie).



8.) Decide one of your snowmen looks like he could use some ear muffs (larger pom-pom, cut in half)



9.) If you choose to glitter or cover your snowman with "snow" (Epsom salt), you'll want to do so before adhering the pom-poms (or you'll need to take them off and move the hats slightly off the clay pot before coating with glue). Sprinkle with snow or glitter. Replace hat & pom-poms. Enjoy!



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