

# 7 Thrifty Christmas Craft

## Ideas



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### Letter from the Editors

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Hi Christmas Crafters,

Times are tough. We're all scrapping and saving throughout the year and the Christmas season can lead to stress and financial strain. Not to worry! This free eBook is filled with inexpensive ideas for gifts, ornaments, wreaths and more. Use felt, cork and paper and more to construct crafts that will last for years. Enjoy friends and family this holiday season – with this Christmas eBook, there's no need to worry about anything else!

Check out each of these great Christmas craft ideas from some of our favorite bloggers. Each tutorial is incredibly unique and fun! It doesn't matter what time of year you feel the Christmas spirit, either. Whether it's Christmas in March, July or December, there's always an excuse to feel the holiday spirit breaking the bank.

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Happy Crafting,

*The Editors of AllFreeChristmasCrafts*

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## Felt and Wire Angel

By: Staci for [Crafty Staci](#)

Felt is a great winter fabric. Use it to create this inexpensive Christmas ornament. You can also use this pretty little angel as a gift embellishment.



### Materials:

- 3 small pieces of felt
- Wire (14 inches long)
- Needle
- Embroidery thread
- [Pattern](#)

### Instructions:

1.) Print pattern. Cut out two of each piece. Sew like pieces together using a running stitch, about 1/4" or slightly less from the edge, and contrasting embroidery thread. Tie small knots for her eyes, hiding the ends of the thread inside her head.



2.) Fold the wire in half, and then twist it a few times so you have a 1" loop.



3.) Slide the head onto the wire so it's between two stitches at the top of the head and the ends are on either side of a stitch at the bottom of the head. Push it all the way to the top, where the twist starts.



4.) Slide the body on the same way, pushing it up next to the head.

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5.) Using a pair of needle-nosed pliers, curl the feet up, using about an inch of wire at the bottom of each leg.



6.) Attach the wings using hot glue, making sure they are glued to both the head and body.



7.) I think these would make cute gift tags. If you're a talented embroideress, you could stitch the recipient's name onto the dress!



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### Christmas Card Saver

By: Ashley Connelly for [The Creative Place](#)

Christmas cards make great keepsakes! This homemade book will trim your trash haul and serve as a fantastic reminder of the holiday season. Now you can relive your favorite Christmas memories all year long.



#### Materials:

- Christmas cards
- Update letters
- Pictures
- Envelopes
- Glue or adhesive (I use Tombow rolling permanent adhesive)
- Scissors or a rotary cutter
- Ruler
- Cutting mat
- Hole punch
- Two pieces of Christmas-themed ribbon (several inches each, depending on how many cards you have) or two 1.5" jump rings (you can get these at Wal-Mart or Staples - if you have a ton of cards that need to go into the book, you can make two or more books or purchase 2" jump rings at Staples)
- Piece of 5"x7" chipboard to serve as a sturdy back cover, and materials to make a

front cover such as chipboard and embellishments (optional)

#### Instructions:

- 1.) Separate your cards into three piles:
  - **Pile 1:** Cards that are one-sided and do not open (like photo cards or postcards)
  - **Pile 2:** Cards that open and do NOT have writing or a picture on the inside left panel - we will be cutting these and covering up the inside left panel.
  - **Pile 3:** Cards that open and DO have writing or a picture on the inside left panel - these are ones that you do NOT want to cut or cover up any part of the card. These will go into the book as they are.



- 2.) Take the cards in the second pile (that you do want to cut) and cut off the spine of each card, so as to separate them into two different pieces.



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3.) Put glue (or rolling adhesive) on the back of each of the fronts of the cards. Glue this to the back of the card (once it is glued, you can see the writing and message on one side and the front of the card on the other side). So, you will have one single card piece now - below is the front and the back.



4.) Punch two holes in the left side of one of the cards - one hole about 2" from the top of the card, and one about 2" from the bottom of the card - both about 3/8" from the left side of the card.



5.) Use the card you just punched holes in as a guide to punching the holes in the rest of your cards. Since your cards are probably all different sizes, center the cards so that the holes are punched in the middle of each card.



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6.) If you have a lot of update letters and/or pictures, punch holes in envelopes as well. You can then put the letters and pictures in there without having to punch holes in them.



7.) Now, begin putting the cards on the binder rings, or threading the ribbon through each hole. I did one of each in the picture as an example, but ended up using the ribbon because I liked how it looked so festive. Finish binding.



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8.) I made a cover for mine using a 5" x 5" piece of chipboard, a picture I had taken of our Christmas card display this Christmas and a tag where I wrote "Christmas Cards 2009". A cover is completely up to you, but it might be helpful to somewhere document what year the cards are from.

## Christmas Candy Jar Labels

By: Bev McCullough for [Flamingo Toes](#)

Treat jars makes fantastic gifts for friends, neighbors and teachers. But a jar alone is simply not enough – make your gift stand out with a fun, durable label!



### Materials:

- Canning jars
- Fabric for labels
- Freezer paper
- Fabric for strips
- Felt
- Embroidery needle
- Thread

### Instructions:

1.) Cut a piece of fabric 8-1/2" x 11". Cut a piece of freezer paper the same size. Iron the fabric onto the shiny side of the freezer paper. Try not to have any bubbles in the fabric; these will get caught in your printer and cause little ink marks.



2.) Print the image out onto the paper. Run it through your printer like you would normally. [Here's the download if you'd like to use these labels.](#)



3.) You can see at the top of the fabric that it has some ink marks on it from the printer. I spaced the images lower on the fabric to try and stay away from that.

4.) Cut out the labels, leaving a small border around the red. I left the freezer paper on while I cut them out, it made it a little easier. You can remove it after this step though. It just peels off.

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5.) Cut out a piece of felt for each label, a little larger than the fabric.



6.) Cut out strips of fabric for your jars. Mine are pretty big, so my strips were 2-1/2" x 19". I wanted about 1" overlap in the back.

7.) Sew a running stitch with embroidery on both long sides of your fabric strips. Yes. That is one enormous needle. You make do with what you can find.



8.) Using the same running stitch, but different color thread, stitch your label and felt to the center of the fabric strip.



9.) Press the label and strips. One of the advantages I've found to printing on fabric is that you can iron right over it, unlike a transfer. Though I haven't washed any ink-jet printed fabric yet. I don't know what that would do but I don't think it would be good.

10.) Glue the label to the jar in the back by overlapping the strip. Add a couple dots of glue under the top and bottom of the label.



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11.) Fill up your jars with tempting Christmas-y treats!



## Crochet Christmas Holiday Stocking

By: Teresa Richardson for [Crochet Geek](#)

Looking for a classic Christmas crochet pattern? You've come to the right place. Use the galaxy crochet stitch to complete this project and hang your new stocking with pride!



### Materials:

- Red 4-ply worsted weight yarn
- White 4-ply worsted weight yarn
- Size H crochet hook

### Stocking Measurements:

- 5.5" Toe section - vertical
- 8" - Toe section- horizontal
- 6" - Calf section- horizontal
- 13" - Cuff to bottom of stocking - vertical

### Crochet Abbreviations:

- GS = Galaxy Stitch
- CH = Chain
- SC = Single Crochet
- DC = Double Crochet
- EA = Each
- LP = Loop

- ST = Stitch
- SL ST = Slip Stitch

### Notes:

- There will be two techniques to start this project.
  - Technique 1: 30 Foundation Single Crochet
  - Technique 2: Chain 31, 30 Single Crochet in the chain.
- The Galaxy Crochet stitch will be used for this project. We will be working on both sides of the foundation with round 1. There will be 15 GS=Galaxy Stitch on each side for a total of 30. The first Galaxy stitch will be worked in the beginning chain 2 of each round. One single crochet will be skipped between the elongated sections of the bottom part of the stitch.

### Stocking Instructions:

- 1.) Round 1: Chain 2, 15 GS down the first side of the foundation, 15 GS down the opposite side of the foundation. Join through the beg. ch and center joining. (30 Galaxy Stitch Total)
- 2.) Round 2-8: CH 2, turn, 1 GS in EA of the next 30 ST's. Join (30 GS total)
- 3.) Round 9: 1 CH 2, turn. 1 GS in EA of the next 26 St's. SL ST together in the center eye of the 5th GS. The last 4 GS will remain open for shaping the toe of the stocking. The first 4 GS will be shaped, folded over and sewn to the first 4.
- 4.) Round 10: Turn, CH 2, 22 GS around, join. You will want to determine a right side and wrong side. Now you will want to sew your toe together, weaving and easing the toe for a more rounded shape. Sew the 4 stitches on each side together. Knot your tail, sew it in.
- 5.) Round 11-19: Turn, CH 2, 22 GS around, join. Cut the yarn and secure with a knot when you have completed round 19.

### Icicle Edging:

1.) Round 20: Attach White, CH 1, you will work 44 SC and random spikes around the stocking. You can skip this row if you just want to continue on with the cuff.

2.) Round 21-24: CH 2, Turn, 22 GS around. Join. Fold cuff in half.

### Stocking Tab:

1.) CH 5,  
Row 1-17: 4 SC in ea ST for 17 rows. Fold over and sew in place on the inside or outside of the back part of the stocking.

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### Homemade Photo Ornament from Christmas Cards

By: Fawnda and Jeannine for [Fireflies and Jelly Beans](#)

Save Christmas cards this season and create a keepsake that can be hung from your tree year after year. This is a great way to recycle paper and go green!



#### Materials:

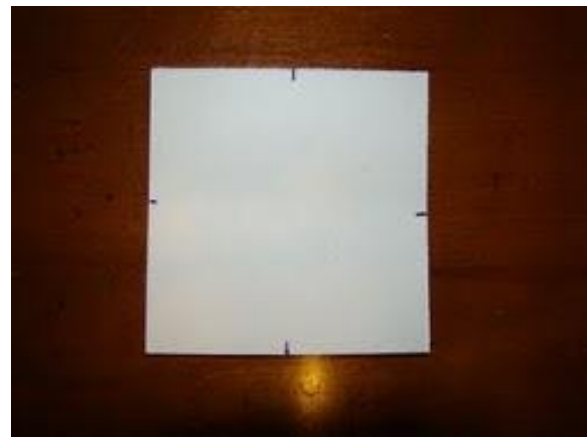
- Christmas cards
- Big chunky beads
- Paper cutter
- Double sided tape
- Wallet size photo (I printed mine on paper)
- Twine or Ribbon
- X-Acto Knife

#### Instructions:

1.) Cut your cards in to 3" X 3" squares and group them by color. You need 6 squares for each ornament.



2.) On the back side of each square find mark the midpoint on each side (at 1.5").



3.) Score a diagonal line connecting your midpoints. Do this on each square.





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4.) Fold on your score lines. You should have 6 squares that look like this:



This is what the front should look like:



5.) Choose two squares to be your top and bottom. Find the middle (I drew lines across from each corner to find mine) and use your X-Acto Knife to cut a hole in the center.



6.) This is what the back should look like:

7.) Continue connecting until you have 4 of your squares together that make a "tube".



8.) Choose the bottom and sting your twine or ribbon through the hole and attach onto the bottom of your "tube".

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9.) Pull your twine up through your tube and through your top piece. Connect your top piece to the rest of the ornament.



11.) And tie a bead onto the bottom.



10.) Tie a loop on the top.



12.) Cut out your photos (about 2" X 2" square) and attach it to one of the sides.



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### Wine Cork Wreath

By: Courtenay, Flannery, Molly for [Three Sisterz](#)

Repurpose wine corks and turn them into an amazing Christmas craft. In a single afternoon, you can create your very own wreath. Grab your glue gun and get to work!



4.) Have a knife on hand in case you have to cut a cork or two in order to make them fit!

#### Materials:

- Glue gun & glue
- Wine corks (A LOT!)
- Styrofoam wreath
- Ribbon

#### Instructions:

- 1.) Glue wine corks to Styrofoam wreath.
- 2.) Wrap the wreath with ribbon before gluing the corks to make the spaces in between the corks less noticeable.
- 3.) Also, buy a thicker ribbon, possibly in a deep red color, to hang the wreath.

## Fun Felt Ornaments

By: Deborah Schlegel for [Art Threads](#)

What's your favorite symbol of the Christmas season? If it's Christmas trees or pretty poinsettias, then you'll go crazy for these easy felt ornaments. Add your own fun touches to this traditional project.



### Materials:

- Felt – The trees can really be any color, with greens and white being the most traditional. You'll need red and green for the poinsettias. If you have two shades of red that go together, you can make the top petals and the star base different colors.
- Embroidery thread - I used variegated on the poinsettia to add more color
- Sequins and beads - You'll need 7 gold seed beads and 7 clear or silver lined seed beads for each poinsettia
- Beading or small needles
- 1/8 or 1/4-inch ribbon
- [Patterns](#)

### Tree Instructions:

1.) Cut two trees from felt using the pattern.



2.) Sew on sequins and beads as ornaments. To keep sequins on, come up through the sequin, come up through a bead, and go down through the sequin.



3.) Sew front to back with a blanket stitch or running stitch, sewing a loop of ribbon in between the layers on top for hanging.



### Poinsettia Instructions:

1.) Using the patterns, cut 10 petals from red, 4 petals from green, and two star bases from red.



2.) Sew petals and leaves together using a blanket stitch and then sewing down the center of each with an outline stitch.

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3.) Sew one petal to the star base as shown below, sewing around the base of the petal only. Add the next petal slightly overlapping the first. Continue until all petals are sewn on.



4.) Add flower centers - come up through a gold bead, add a clear bead and go down through the gold bead.



5.) Sew the leaves on the BACK of the other star base (with the front of the leaf down), sewing around the base of the leaves only.



6.) Pin back star base to the front star base and sew together using a blanket stitch. Sew a loop of ribbon in between the two star base layers at the top.



7.) This would also make a nice pin or hat decoration. Instead of a ribbon loop, sew a pin back onto the back star base before you join the two star bases together.



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