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Letter from the Editors

Hi Christmas Crafters,

The weather during the holidays can be temperamental, which can mean snow whether we like it or not! Luckily, crafters know that one of the best ways to beat the winter blues even when there isn't snow on the ground is with snow crafts. They come in all shapes and sizes; there are snowflakes, snowmen, and many more ideas in between. These tutorials are the best way to create a winter wonderland in your home without any real snow involved.

These full tutorials come from crafters with very diverse backgrounds, which means that no matter what type of crafts you like, you'll find a project worth doing here. They're all free, so challenge yourself to give each of them a try.

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Crochet Snowflake Garland

By: Deborah for [Art Threads](#)

These gorgeous crochet snowflakes will look perfect across your mantel or along the banister. Challenge your crochet skills with this eye-catching pattern.



Materials:

- Size 10 crochet thread
- Size 7 steel crochet hook



Note:

I used Lucy's great snowflake pattern - she has a tutorial on it [here at Attic 21](#). She's in England, so the directions are written with British crochet terminology. If you're using American terminology, just substitute single crochet for double crochet.

Instructions:

1.) Make your first snowflake.



2.) Make your second snowflake, but stop when you have one chain loop left on your last round. Make your first sc, chain three, sc, and make two of the five chain stitches that come next.



3.) Insert your crochet hook down through the chain 5 loop of the previous snowflake. Hook the thread and make your next chain (the third of five) through the loop. Make your last two chains.



5.) Continue making snowflakes and attaching them until your garland reaches the desired length.



4.) Now continue on finishing up the snowflake just as you did your first one - except now you have another snowflake attached.

Winter Wonderland Snow Globe Ornaments

By: Mel for [Bliss Bloom Blog](#)

Bring the beauty of snow globes to your tree with this bauble. They're waterless, so you'll never have to worry about a mess; you can just enjoy the wonder they'll bring.



Materials:

- Clear ornaments (I used both orb and "hockey puck" shaped ornaments)
- Glitter spray paint (Krylon glitter)
- Faux evergreen garland (one that you don't mind taking a few branches off of)
- Styrofoam blocks (or fake snow)
- Glue dots (zots) or a hot glue gun
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Funnel (rolled-up paper also works)
- White spray paint (optional)
- Tinsel glitter (optional)
- Puffy paint (optional)

Instructions:

1.) Create Mini Trees

Clip off a few branches of a faux evergreen garland--



Cut the branches to fit inside your ornament and trim until it resembles a tree—



For reference, this tree is 2.5 inches tall.
For a cypress look, it is trimmed with the
needles pointing up...



For a Christmas tree shape, trim it with the
needles pointing down.

Flock your trees using white & glitter spray
paint—



[For the same effect, you can also sponge on
white acrylic & glitter paint.](#)

Set aside the trees to dry.

2.) Prepare the Snow

Rub together two blocks of styrofoam--



Instant snow!

3.) Assemble the Ornaments.

Using short blasts, lightly spray the inside of the
ornament with glitter spray and let dry--



Using a glue dot or your hot glue gun, put a dot of
glue on the base of the tree—



Use tweezers to "plant" the tree in the ornament—



It may take a little finagling to get the tree positioned correctly, so the glue dot is much more forgiving than hot glue. Push down until the tree is firmly in place.

Using a funnel, add foam snow/and or glitter to the ornament and give a little shake--



Through the magic of static cling, some of the snow will stick to the sides of the ornament. By the way, this effect doesn't work without the glitter spray... I tried.

Ta-Da! A Winter Wonderland Snow Globe Ornament!



But that's not all! There's definitely room to experiment.

For some ornaments I used glitter spray paint & foam snow—



Some I used white spray paint & foam snow—



Use short blasts of white spray paint (or primer) to get a snowy effect. Let dry before adding trees and snow.

This one has just tinsel glitter—



Give a little shake and the tinsel glitter will stick to the sides of the ornament.

And this one has foam snow inside--



The "snowcap" on top of the ornament is white puffy paint and a sprinkle of foam snow.

And there you have it... Lots of fun Winter Wonderland Snow Globe Ornaments!



Wooden Snowman Snowflake

By: Meggan for [Megpie Designs](#)

Combine two popular snow crafts to make an adorable handmade Christmas ornament. They look very professional, and you can create a whole set for very little!



Materials:

- Wood snowflake cutout
- 1" wood button plug
- Acrylic paint: white, black, sparkle glaze
- Sanding block for smoothing surfaces
- Pink powder blush and cotton swab or sponge dauber
- Stylus for dotting eyes and coal mouth
- Plaid Slick fabric paint: orange
- Crop-o-Dile, hand drill, drill press, or hubby (to drill the hole if you're making an ornament. You won't need a hole if you're making a magnet)
- 6" length of wire or ribbon for hanging
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Appropriate sized paintbrushes
- Sponge roller or 1" wash brush for snowflakes,
- 1/2" flat brush for snowman heads



Instructions:



1.) Base coat your snowflakes and your button plugs with two coats of white acrylic paint. I'm showing a 1/2" flat brush in the photo, but you could use a sponge roller if you're making several snowflakes - it'll go much faster.



2.) Don't forget to paint the backs and sides of your ornaments! They will look more "finished" if you do this, and if you're personalizing these,

you'll have a nice smooth surface for your paint pen or marker.

3.) Which brings me to ... sand the fronts and backs of the snowflakes to smooth the wood grain that has been raised by the acrylic paint. Sand the edges of the snowflakes more heavily. Brush a coat (or two) of Sparkle Glaze onto each painted snowflake. The more coats you apply, the more shimmery and glittery your snowflake will be (I don't add Sparkle Glaze to the backs).



4.) Blush the cheeks with pink powder blush and a clean cotton swab or sponge dauber. Use a circular motion to "scrub" each cheek til it looks flushed and blushed!!

5.) I use a stylus dipped into a small puddle of black paint to dot the eyes. Re-dip your stylus before each dot to ensure same-sized eyes. Likewise, dotting twice before reloading with paint will give you one eye slightly smaller than the other. Whichever suits you.



6.) For the noses, practice first on a piece of paper until you're please with your carrot results.

In general, you'll start at the base (or the largest part of the carrot) and move to the right, gradually applying less pressure so that you end with a small "tip". Try using a tight back-and-forth scribble motion until you like the way your carrot looks.

Keep in mind, all carrots look different and very few are just The Perfect Size and Shape, so you need to be "okay" if they're not perfect. Trust me, a big orange triangle on a round white face is most definitely going to look like a carrot.



7.) Dip dot the mouths in the same manner as the eyes. I start in the middle of the left cheek, reload my stylus for the first three dots so they are the same size, then I don't reload before I dot the last two dots ... therefore they look smaller as if they're going away from your point of vision.

Use the glue gun to apply the snowman face to the center of the snowflake: here's a pic of me glue gunning a snowman face to a completely different project, but you get the idea:



Press.

Hold.

Stuck.



8.) Punch a hole with your Crop-o-Dile, or drill a hole with your hand drill, your drill press, or your hubby's drill press, and thread a ribbon through and knot the ends. I added a red bow just because I had some red bows that hadn't been dedicated to any specific projects yet.

OR ... you could use your glue gun to attach a button magnet to the back of your snowflake for instant fridge decor.

Poufy Snowman

By: Noreen for [Crafty Journal](#)

You can finally use your old shower items in a craft. There is no other craft snowman out there with this design, and it's both fun and easy.



Materials:

- 3 White Bath Poufs
- 3 Brown Pipe Cleaners
- 1 Orange Pipe Cleaner
- 1 Skewer
- 4 Black Buttons
- Fleece Scrap
- Cotton Twine
- Cardboard Scrap 1 5/8 inch x 3 inches

Instructions:

Directions for the Snowman:

1.) Poke the skewer down through the 3 white bath poufs, putting the largest on the bottom, the next largest in the middle, and the smallest on top, leaving an inch or two sticking out at the bottom.



2.) To make the arms put a brown pipe cleaner between the two larger poufs and wind it once around the skewer. I leave one end a little longer than the other so the arms won't be exactly symmetrical.



Work the arms through the sides of the middle pouf so they come out a little higher up.

Cut 2 pieces of brown pipe cleaner about 2 1/4 inches long. Twist one tightly around each end of the arms about 1 inch back from the end. Do it so one end is a little longer than the other after they are twisted.



3.) Attach 2 of the black buttons to the head for eyes. Don't put them too far apart.

I used needle and thread to attach them, but I wasn't real happy with the result. I think hot glue might be better – though you need to be careful not to melt the nylon.

4.) Attach 2 black buttons to the snowman's body.

Make the Carrot Nose:

5.) About 1 1/2 half inches down from the top of the orange pipe cleaner, bend the end of the pipe cleaner all the way back so it touches the longer part of the pipe cleaner.



6.) Start winding the long part of the pipe cleaner around the open end of the small part. Leave the folded end for the point of the carrot.



7.) Wind the pipe cleaner down almost to the tip,



8.) and then back up again, to make it wider at the top.



9.) Use a bit of hot glue to attach the nose to the snowman's face.

Make the Hat and Scarf



10.) For the scarf, cut a rectangle of fleece about 1 1/2 inches wide x 15 inches long.

Cut fringe on each end about 1 inch long and about 1/8 inch wide. You don't have to measure it, just cut narrow strips all the way across the end.



11.) For the hat, cut a rectangle of fleece 5 inches tall by 8 inches around.

Put the short edges together and sew a 1/4 inch seam across the end.



12.) Cut fringe about 1 inch long and 1/8 inch wide all around 1 open edge.



Just below the fringe, tie a narrow piece of string tightly around to gather the top of the hat.

Turn up the bottom of the hat an inch or so, and it's finished.



Make the Broom:

13.) To make the broomstick, use a brown pipe cleaner, and fold down 1 end about 3 1/2 inches.



Wind the longer end around the short end,



all the way to the bottom and cut off the remainder.



14.) Wind the cotton twine around the 1 5/8 inch wide cardboard piece several times.



Carefully slide the twine loops off the cardboard and gently wrap them around the broomstick end.



Use another piece of twine to tie the loops snugly around the pipe cleaner broom- stick.

15.) Cut the bottoms of the loops open, and trim if needed. You do want a shaggy sort of edge.



To finish Frosty Snowman bath pouf, you can stick the skewer into a small piece of recycled styrofoam to help the snowman stand.

Wind the fleece scarf around his neck.

Cut off all but an inch of the skewer above the snowman's head and set the fleece hat on top of that.



Lean the broom against Frosty or one of his arms.

Tips:

Instead of a pipe cleaner for the broom handle, you could use a small twig.

Beautiful Sparkling Snow Globe

By: Lana for [Lana Red Studio](#)

Make a snow globe that's both simple and elegant. This will really shimmer in the light no matter where you put it.



Materials:

- Tiny jar
- Shrink plastic
- Glitters
- Glue

Instructions:

1.) Download the [Free Printable Template](#) and trace the shape onto the shrink plastic.



2.) Cut the shape out of the shrink plastic and place it in the oven, follow the instruction on the shrink plastic pack.



3.) Use some glue to attach the tiny tree to the lid of the jar.



4.) Put your glitters into the jar.



5.) Fill the jar with water.



6.) Place the lit on the jar and use your glue gun to seal the edges of the lit to prevent from leaking.



All done! Now let's Shake Shake Shake!



White Pearl Christmas Ornament

By: Gloria for [Domestic Diva](#)

Bead lovers can now make their own snowflake ornament that looks like it was bought straight out of the most expensive store. You'll definitely want this ornament on your tree.



Materials:

- 20 clear beads 4mm
- 16 small pearls 6mm
- 4 large pearls 5/8"
- 16" – 20" jewelry wire
- Wire cutters
- Round and flat nose pliers
- E-6000 glue
- Plastic Mesh

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut a one inch square of plastic mesh which will roughly be 9 holes. Be sure there are as many squares vertically as there are horizontally. This piece will be the foundation for the snowflake center and will be trimmed later.



2.) Cut two pieces of wire 4.5" long. Cut 2 more pieces of wire 3.5" long

3.) Using the round nose pliers, turn one end of each wire to create a small eye or loop on all 4 pieces.



4.) Thread beads on one of the 4.5" wire as follows: clear bead, small pearl, large pearl, small pearl, clear bead.

5.) Thread the remainder of that wire horizontally through the mesh, going into the hole left of center, skipping the center, then coming out the hole right of center. Curve the mesh slightly to help thread the wire without bending it.



6.) Thread beads onto the rest of the wire in the reverse order detailed in step #4. Follow the last clear bead with a loop or eye.

7.) With another 4.5" piece of wire, follow steps #4-#6. You will now have the horizontal and vertical stems of your snowflake. Don't worry if they seem slightly crooked, you will have the opportunity to fix them later.



8.) Create the remaining two diagonal stems as you did the horizontal and vertical ones, this time threading the beads in this order: clear bead, small pearl, clear bead, small pearl, clear bead. Thread wire through the mesh on the diagonal and slip on the rest of the beads in the same order.

9.) Cut away excess mesh with small sharp scissors once all the stems are in place. Be sure you don't cut away any mesh supporting the wire.



10.) Place a glob of E6000 or other jewelry glue in the center mesh area to secure the mesh and wires. Center 4 small pearls or a large

rhinestone over the center glue. When the glue has dried, add your choice of pearls or a rhinestone to the center back side of the snowflake.

11.) With the glue and mesh dry and firmly in place, gently bend the stems of the snowflake to straighten them if necessary.

Sticky Snowman Decorations

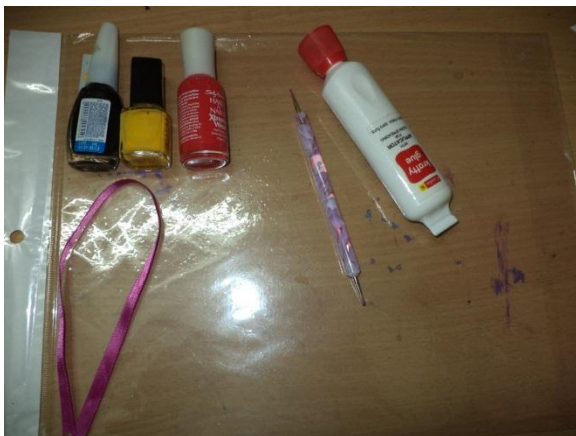
By: Shivani for [Everything Pink](#)

Spend an afternoon having fun with your little ones by making these stickable snowmen decorations. They're as easy to make as they are to stick and peel.



Materials:

- Plastic paper (you may also use cling wrap or a plastic bag)
- Paint (any type)
- Liquid Glue
- A thin paint brush or nail art dotting tool
- Ribbons or Beads for decoration



Instructions:

1.) Begin by drawing a circle on the plastic sheet using glue and filling it in completely. Do not draw on the glue circle too thick as it will not dry and not too thin either as it will not peel off then.



2.) Using a paintbrush, dotting tool or toothpick, draw on your snowman's eyes, smile and nose. You can do this even while your glue is wet depending on your paint type. If your paint is too thin, it might smear, so you may want to wait around 10 minutes.



3.) You can also use beads for the eyes and smile. Then add two pieces of ribbon for the scarf and let it dry overnight for a good 7-8 hours.



4.) When it is completely dry, it will peel off easily and you can then stick it on to your wall, mirror or window. A great idea would be to make lots of snowflakes and put them on a window to create the illusion of snow.



Quilled Aluminum Snowflakes

By: Suzy for [Suzy's Artsy Craftsy Sitcom](#)

Quilling is a technique any crafter who loves beautiful and intricate designs needs to know. This makes them perfect for making unique snowflakes out of recyclables.



Materials:

- Several large disposable aluminum pans
- Hot glue
- Small paintbrush handle (for quilling)
- Cheap pair of scissors



Instructions:

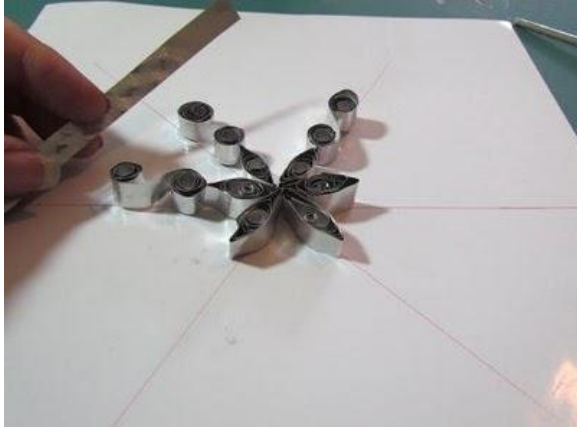
1.) Begin by cutting up your aluminum pans into

strips that are approximately 3/8" wide. Due to the fact that we are cutting metal, of course we are not going to be able to use a paper cutter, so just guesstimate the size of the strips. Also, be sure to use a cheap pair of scissors as you most likely will dull the crap out of them.



And be particularly careful not to cut yourself with the aluminum. Granted, it is cheap flimsy metal, but it can still cut. I wouldn't recommend this project for the younger set.

2.) For relatively even snowflakes, I drew a rough line drawing of a six pointed star to use as a template.



3.) To begin coiling a strip of metal, wrap it around the end of a small paintbrush handle, coil it a couple of times and then pull the paintbrush handle out. Finish coiling it with your fingers.



The reason for this is that unlike paper, the metal does not “spring” back; it stays where you originally coil it. That can be great, but if

you are wanting paper-like coils, you will need to coil it loosely. The great thing about this is the fact that you do not need glue to keep a coil from uncoiling.



4.) I made three different snowflakes using different shaped coils, gluing them together with dots of hot glue as I went. I decided to coat the front of my first snowflake in white glue and then sprinkle clear glitter on it for an extra sparkly touch.



5.) But actually, I think I like my other two snowflakes a little more. You can see the sparkly metal on all sides. To complete them, I just ran of loop thread through one of the coils, and they are ready to hang.



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