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Letter from the Editors

Hi Christmas crafters,

Sometimes, the best craft projects are the ones that don't take too much time. For example, when you're coming up with a project idea for a child, you don't want to use complicated techniques or a laundry list of supplies. When all is said and done, if you keep it simple, you'll see results and have fun at the same time.

Each of the following projects is incredibly easy to produce. In fact, you'll only need a few hours and a short list of supplies. There's no need to stress during the holiday season – bring the family together and create a fun, imaginative experience for all. Decorate your home, spice up your tree or make a card – this eBook is filled with a variety of unique, easy projects!

The homemade gifts, decorations, cards and more inside this free eBook prove that easy crafts don't have to be juvenile or amateurish. Save money and time with these uncomplicated but incredibly fun projects.

You can find more tutorials, tips, and decorating ideas at www.AllFreeChristmasCrafts.com.

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Happy Crafting,

The Editors of AllFreeChristmasCrafts

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Easy DIY Christmas Crafts

Super Snowflakes

By: Dana for [Dana Made Me](#)

Use poster board, glue and glitter to create a sparkling Christmas décor craft! Super Snowflakes are a great way to brighten up your home without venturing into the cold. This project is so easy, anyone can do it!



Materials:

- White Poster Board (or Foam Core, see below)
- Spray Adhesive or Clear Spray Paint
- Glitter
- Fishing Twine

Instructions:

1.) Print off a picture of a snowflake from an online image search (or draw one!). The tricky part is getting it large enough to fit on a poster board. I actually blew mine up with an overhead projector. ANOTHER OPTION: you can print up 1/6 of the snowflake (one spear of the snowflake) onto an 8x10 paper and then continue to trace that portion over and over till you have a complete snowflake. It would be really cool to make these out of Foam Core (the stuff used for Science Project displays or art

projects) and make them 3 dimensional, with an intersecting snowflake. But it was too pricey for my budget. So, I used a pack of 10 poster boards from Office Depot for \$5. Perfect. Trace your snowflakes, one per poster board, and cut each one out with scissors. Be careful as you cut the inside portions of your flakes, that you don't tear anything.



2.) Spray your Snowflakes, using whatever supplies you have to attach the glitter. Ideally you would use craft spray glue. I love Spray Mount, which is an artist's glue, made by 3M (guess that's what happens when you grow up with an artist father. You know all the great art supplies and have to figure out the Joann's options on your own). Well, I was out of Spray Mount and didn't want to spend \$10 (I'm sharing all my cheap-o secrets here). So, I had some Clear Wood Finish spray paint in the garage. I used it. First, spray the clear finish onto your flake.



3.) Shake on your glitter (be liberal). I used this stuff from Walmart. I didn't want anything too bright, just something that sparkles when it

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catches the light.



5.) Then, using fishing twine, cut a very small hole in top of your flake, tie on the fishing twine, and tape the other end to your ceiling. Fishing twine comes in different weight resistances. I went with 12 pounds. That's more than enough to hold a flake! It's great for this project because it's virtually transparent. It will look like your flakes are floating.



4.) After sprinkling your glitter on top, spray your clear finish again on top of the snowflake to seal it in. Shake your flake around a bit just to even the glitter out but don't shake all of it off. It will stick on as the spray dries. It was hard to capture the glitter in my pictures but they look beautiful in-person.



6.) Finally, I chose to also string my flakes to each other, to keep them all forward-facing.



Tree Christmas Card

By: Janice for [MissesStitches](#)

Use recycled Christmas cards to create a repurposed project! Send this card to someone you love and write a meaningful message on the inside. It takes just minutes to create this card, but it will definitely make an impression.



Materials:

- Scraps of paper (can be wrapping paper, Craft paper, metallic paper, textured paper, whatever you have - I used mostly greens, but added a little glitzy gold, too)
- Glue stick (or whatever method you prefer)
- Blank card forms (or make your own from card stock)
- Scissors

Instructions:

1.) Cut the paper randomly into triangle shapes. No pattern needed, just cut various sizes from your paper. Don't worry if not all the shapes are perfect isosceles triangles; have you never seen a tree that is a little lop-sided!?! You can see from the ruler that most of my bases are somewhere around 1 inch wide.



2.) Now also cut some (not as many) much smaller triangles (half-inch or smaller at the base).



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4.) Here are the "trees" laid out on the front of my card. As you can see, they are not necessarily centered. I have simply overlapped one tree on top of the next, varying the heights and sizes of the trees.



5.) The above photo shows the trees glued down. (I guess they are fairly centered, but that is definitely optional!)

6.) Now to use up those little tiny trees... I always like to put at least a little something inside the cards I make, rather than leaving them blank. So here I glued three little trees down in the corner.

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Jingle Bell Garland

By: Kate for [Starr Family Blog](#)

It doesn't take a lot of time or money to create a fantastic holiday tree craft! Grab felt, bells and hot glue gun and get to work. You'll hear the sweet sounds of Christmas all season long!



3.) String around your tree and admire your handiwork!

Materials:

- Felt (cut into long strips; can be sewn together) or brown ribbon (grosgrain)
- Package of jingle bells
- Hot glue (or thread for you overachievers!)

Instructions:

1.) If you choose felt and cannot find pre-cut strips... purchase sheets and/or yards of felt and cut into long strips. Sew the ends together to form garland. If you choose ribbon, simply cut to desired length! Leather trim would also be a good option!



2.) Attach your jingle bells approx. 4 inches apart. Hot glue makes this a cinch!

Glitter Damask Christmas Tree

By: Nicollette for [Momnivre's Dilemma](#)

Believe it or not, it takes mere minutes to create this decorative craft! Best of all, the materials for this project can be purchased at your favorite discount store. Set your tree on a mantle or tabletop for instant sparkle.



Materials:

- Paper cones
- Spray paint
- Chip board
- Hot glue

Instructions:

1.) With a little spray paint and a visit to the clearance section, I created a tree using my obsession with all things damask-patterned.



2.) So spray paint meets paper mache tree (only \$2.49) out in the garage. You can find these cones at any craft store.



3.) Moments later, they dried and I returned to the warmth of my dining room makeshift studio.

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4.) Here she is. For under \$8.

Easy Christmas Ornament Crafts

Mini Monet Christmas Ornament Tutorial

By: Kristie for [OCD: Obsessive Crafting Disorder](#)

Get the kids involved with this fun Christmas ornament craft. Use their artwork to create a fantastic keepsake that you can hang on the tree every year. This is a great way to capture a precious moment in time.



Materials:

- White paper and colored markers for your Mini-Monet artist to work their magic!
- A scanner, color printer, and heat transfer paper
- Minimal picture editing know-how to add text to the art
- Wooden embroidery hoop (mine was 3")
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks

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- A piece of white or natural colored muslin, cotton, or linen- to transfer image
- A piece of Christmas-y fabric for backing to image (Note- I used an assortment of polka dots and stripes from my local fabric shop, plus some Moda Figgy Pudding)
- A piece of felt to finish the back of your hoop
- Embroidery thread or Perle 8 thread in a coordinating color
- A piece of coordinating ribbon
- Some jute, yarn or raffia for hanging

Instructions:

- 1.) Have your little artist create a holiday-themed picture.
- 2.) Scan the picture and save to your computer.
- 3.) Use your computer's editing program to add text as desired (note- I used bold "teen light" font). I suggest a name for the art, the name and age of your little artist, and the date.
- 4.) Open Microsoft Word (or equivalent). Click "insert" and then "picture" and "picture from file". Select your saved image. Scale this image by clicking and dragging on the corner until it prints out about 2" square. Make sure your text is still large enough to be readable!
- 5.) Print onto transfer paper- be sure to select "print mirror image". Note- you may want to print a test-run on regular paper first to be sure of scale/size.
- 6.) Transfer image to white fabric using iron according to transfer paper instructions.
- 7.) Use a circle cutter or scissors and a steady hand to cut around the image in approximately a 2.25" circle.

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8.) Cut the backing fabric in a 5" circle. Center on hoop and tighten screw of hoop in place. Use hot glue gun to fold over on back side and secure in place.



9.) Hand stitch image white fabric with image onto backing fabric using embroidery thread or Perle 8 thread.

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10.) Cut felt or other back material in circle measuring 3.2" in diameter. You may want to add a tag like mine before attaching. Glue in place using glue gun, and use scissors to trim any excess.



11.) Tie on a piece of ribbon to the screw of the hoop. Add a string for hanging.

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Gingerbread Man Ornaments

By: Lucy for [Craftberry Bush](#)

These almost-edible ornaments are unique yet easy Christmas crafts that kids can make. Creativity is the key when it comes to making these little guys – let your inner artist come alive when it comes time to decorate your ornaments.



Materials:

- 1 1/2 cups of cinnamon
- 1 cup of apple sauce
- 1/4 cup of white school glue
- 1 tsp of ground nutmeg (optional)
- 1 tsp of ground cloves (optional)

Instructions:

1.) In a bowl, combine cinnamon, applesauce and glue.



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2.) Work mixture with hands for 2-3 minutes to form a ball. If the mixture feels too dry, add more applesauce; if too wet, add cinnamon.

3.) Refrigerate for 15-30 minutes and while waiting, feel free to browse Craftberry Bush.

4.) Knead on a cinnamon sprinkled surface until the dough holds together well.

5.) Roll out with rolling pin.

6.) Use cookie cutters and place cookies on parchment paper.

7.) With a straw, pierce a hole at the top of the cookie (optional).

8.) Allow to dry for 24 hours or more, flipping the cookies over from time to time to avoid the edges curling up.

9.) Once the cookies had dried, we chose to paint them.



10.) Prior to the cookies drying, the kids printed a little message to their Nana using a toothpick, making long lasting keepsakes with the children's own handwriting.

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11.) The children used paint to write their names and the year.



Toilet Paper Roll Wreath Ornaments

By: Michele for [Michele Made Me](#)

Don't throw away those empty toilet paper rolls! Instead, repurpose them and create fun ornaments that can be hung on your tree or from any knob. Decorate your wreaths with bright colors to reflect your individuality.



Materials:

- 2 toilet paper rolls
- Liquid acrylic paint in metallic gold and some bright color of your choice
- Gesso or white acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- Ribbon
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue
- Clamps (I used clothes pins)

Instructions:

1.) Apply a coat of gesso to the inside and outside of the toilet paper rolls. If you don't have gesso (which is a mixture of plaster and glue that accepts paint extremely well) you can use white acrylic paint. After the TP rolls have

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dried, apply 2 coats of your color choice to the inside. Let the paint dry between coats.

2.) Now apply 2 coats of metallic gold paint to the outside of the TP rolls allowing it to dry between coats.

3.) Flatten out your TP rolls. Note that the rolls now have two folds. These are the "original edge folds" which I will be referring to later. Draw a line across both TP rolls about 1/2 an inch from the edge. Draw a second line 3/4 inch from the edge. That leaves a "1/4 inch gap" between both lines. I will also be referring to these "1/4 inch gaps" many times in this tutorial.

4.) Flip the flat TP rolls over and mark them in exactly the same way on the reverse, starting from the very same edge. Thus there are two 1/4 inch gaps on both rolls, one on either side.



5.) Pinch and crease the TP rolls in the center of the 1/4 inch gap. Do this on both sides of the rolls.

6.) Your rolls will hopefully look as mine does in #6.

7.) Flatten out your TP rolls again and draw a series of parallel lines running down them at 1/4 inch intervals.

8.) With your scissors, make cuts following the

short section of the parallel line series to the edge of the 1/4 inch gap. Do NOT pass the 1/4 inch gap line.



9.) Once complete, the cuts will look as mine do in #9.

10.) Remember those creases you made in the center of the 1/4 inch gaps? Here's where they come in. Fold your TP roll along one of those 1/4 inch gap creases now.

11.) With the crease facing you as in #11, make cuts between the marked lines. Your cuts will be in the middle of, and run parallel to your other cuts, and end 1/8 inch away from "the original edge fold". I did it by eye but you could draw a line for exactness.

12.) Repeat 10 and 11 for the 1/4 inch gap crease on the other side.



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13.) Flatten your TP rolls along the original edge folds.

14.) Cut along the long section of the parallel line series up to the 1/4 inch gap line. Do NOT cut past the line.

15.) Your cuts are complete! Yippee!

16.) Re-form the TP rolls as best you can.



17.) Gently pull them slightly apart and then mold them into curvy shapes.

18.) Take one of the TP rolls and snip out a little piece of the end ring. You do this so that the end will slide nicely into the ends of the other roll in order to make a doughnut shape.

19.) Take the uncut TP roll and apply glue in the end rings.

20.) Fit the cut ends of one roll into the uncut ends of the other. Clamp in place. Wait for the glue to dry. Tie a ribbon around your little wreath ornament because it is time to hang that pretty up!

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