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Hi Christmas crafters,

You've seen tutorials for tree crafts, wall hangings and even Christmas-themed pillows. It's great to come home to a festive space, but what about when you leave? You can't bring your holiday décor with you when you walk out the door! That's why it's important to think about festive wearables.

Christmas scarves, hats, jewelry and other wearables are often thought of as gaudy and generally unfashionable. Luckily, this eBook is filled ideas that can work for all kinds of Christmas lovers. Make a fleece scarf using your choice of fabric (don't feel obligated to choose Christmas colors) or create a fuzzy ornament necklace that's super festive. You can even crochet a bracelet during your Christmas travels and give it as a gift when you arrive at your destination.

Think outside the box this year and create crafts you or someone you love can wear. This eBook is a one stop shop for crafty Christmas ideas! Show your Christmas spirit wherever you go and give a gift that people will actually want to show off!

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Hats for Christmas

Easy Peasy Elf Hat

By: Amy for [LucyKate Crafts](#)

Repurpose a pair of leggings and create your own cute wearable Christmas craft. Become Santa's little helper by simply sporting your own homemade elf hat. What's more festive than an adorable Christmas costume?



Materials:

- Old pair of child's leggings (I used cropped, if you have full length ones, you can just trim the length a little shorter if need be)
- Felt strip - about 3" (8cm) deep and enough to go all the way round their head
- Scissors
- Pom Pom
- Needle
- Cotton
- Embroidery Thread
- Buttons (optional)

Instructions:

- 1.) Turn the leggings inside out, and upside down, cut all the way round the inside leg seams.
- 2.) Open out the legs flat, sew a long triangle shape with the waistband forming the bottom edge, and trim off the excess fabric
- 3.) Turn the hat right side round and trim off any clothing labels.
- 4.) Cut the felt to give a decorative zig-zag edge (I just did this by eye, no measuring) and attach to the bottom edge using running stitch in the embroidery thread (a contrasting color works best). Before finishing off the running stitch, try the hat on for size, as you will need to loosen off the running stitch first to allow the hat to stretch a little.
- 5.) Attach the pom pom to the point of the hat.



Toddler Winter Hat Tutorial

By: Jennifer for [Monkey See, Monkey Do!](#)

Everyone loves to play in the snow, especially curious toddlers! But when the temperatures drop, little ones can get uncomfortable or even feel the pain of frozen ears. With this easy-to-follow craft tutorial, you can create a fleece hat without the aid of a sewing machine.



Materials:

- Scrap of polar fleece that was 10" wide by 19" long (I measured my little boy's head circumference and found it to be 18.5" so I left 1/2" for seam allowance)
- Needle
- Thread

Instructions:

1.) After folding it in half, I sewed it into a tube and then sewed across the top.



2.) I folded it up about 2.5" from the bottom to make a brim and then sewed it into place.



3.) To do the ears, you're going to tie thread about 1" from the corner. This is just for marking purposes, so don't tie it in a knot.



4.) Take a needle and thread and sew through

the ear to secure it, about 5-6 times.



5.) Tie off the sewn thread and remove the wrapped thread. Then repeat for the other ear and you're all done!



Santa Claus Hat

By: Kristin for [What Are We Doing Today Mom?](#)

You don't need expensive materials or fancy supplies for this Christmas craft. Kids and adults will love creating their own festive hats! Use construction paper and cotton balls – no scissors required!



Materials:

- Large piece of construction paper
- Batting or cotton balls

Instructions:

1.) Fold paper according to the follow photo:



Loom Knitted Santa Hats

By: Jenny for [Craft Test Dummies](#)

This old school knitting project will keep you busy all season. More experienced knitters can use a loom to create their own Christmas hats. Santa would be proud!



Materials:

- Appropriate loom size (newborn, child's, adult, and cowl)
- Skein of a fuzzy white yarn
- Skein of all-purpose red yarn

Instructions:

1.) Cast on with your white fuzzy yarn and knit around and around until you have about 4 inches of knitted tube.



2.) Cut the yarn from the skein, leaving about a 6 inch tail. Begin wrapping the red around the loom, knitting the new color into the old. Continue in this fashion until you have about 8 inches of red knitted up.



3.) Just start wrapping & knitting with the new color, leaving a tail. Just start wrapping & knitting with the new color, leaving a tail.



4.) Cut the red yard from the skein, leaving about a 6 inch tail. Next, cut a 10 inch piece of yarn and thread the plastic needle. Make a slip-knot at the end, and fasten the loop around the peg on the front of the loom. Then, one at a time, slip the needle with yarn through the loops on the pegs and then lift them off.

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5.) Once all the loops are threaded on your yarn, unfasten your slip knot and pull both ends tight, gathering the top of the tube closed. Knot securely, and then push the tails down into the inside of the hat.



6.) Finish it off by tying the loose tails with knots and then weaving the long ends back into the hat. The crowning glory is adding a little white pom-pom on top! (I used the Easy Knitting Pom-Pom Loom to make those, but I'll talk about that another day!)



Stocking Hat

By: Debbie for [SquigglyTwigs Designs](#)

Warm up during the cold winter months with an adorable stocking hat. Use fleece or scrap fabric to create the perfect winter accessory. Best of all, you don't need an expensive sewing machine. Instead, use a needle and thread to hand-sew this gift.



Materials:

- Fabric
- Sewing Supplies
- Hand Sewing Needle/Thread
- Measuring Tape

Instructions:

1.) Measure around the wearers head and add 1/2" (seam allowance). Measure the height you'd like the hat, plus a cuff (3" for an unfinished cuff edge). If you want a turn up cuff with a finished edge (pink one pictured), you should add 6" to the height of your finished hat for the cuff. Cut a rectangle the height and width you need. Head circumference by hat height.



2.) With right sides together sew a zigzag seam down the side. Sew a gathering stitch around the top of the hat.



3.) Cuff (optional). Turn up (onto the wrong side) 6" of the fleece and zigzag it to the hat. I simply use a 3" cuff (raw edge) and turn it up for my son's hats.



4.) On the wrong side, pull on gather threads to bring the hat together. Hand stitch the hole closed.



5.) Puff (optional). Turn hat right side out. Cut 6-8 strips about 1" wide and 10" long. Twist and tangle the strips to make a "ball". Hand sew the ends together and attach the ball to the hat.



6.) Turn the cuff up and enjoy your hat!

DIY Christmas Scarves

Fleece Scarf with Pom Poms

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

Looking for a gift idea that's perfect for the winter holidays? Make a cute scarf and add festive pom poms to make it stand out. Fleece makes this scarf extra warm and toasty.



Materials:

- 1/2 yard of fleece (look for 50% sales @ Jo-Ann's or use your coupons.)
- Pom pom fringe (you can buy this by the yard @ Jo-Ann's in various colors.)
- Rotary cutter (you can use scissors if you don't have one)
- Scissors
- The usual suspects: pins, coordinating thread, sewing machine, etc.

Instructions:

1.) Begin by taking your half yard of fabric and folding it width wise (selvage side to selvage

side). Then fold it a second time. You should see four layers of fabric. All folded up, your fabric should measure 15" long so that when you unfold it, it's 60" long.



2.) Cut off the selvages. Then cut two strips 7" wide. (This tutorial will make a scarf about 6" wide.)



3.) Now cut a piece of pom pom fringe in a coordinating color 7.5" long.



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4.) Unfold your two strips of fleece and pin them together with front side to front side. You will want to pin in about 6-12" intervals to ensure the strips stay together as you stitch down the sides.



5.) Once you've pinned the two pieces together, pin the pom pom fringe to each end of the scarf. The two pieces of fleece should form a sandwich around the pom pom fringe with the pom poms themselves facing IN. This will make sense later when you turn your fleece inside out.



6.) Now you start sewing--beginning in the middle of one of the long sides. Sew all the way

around the perimeter of the scarf leaving a gap at the end about 5" wide to allow you to turn your scarf inside out. Make sure that you check that your two pieces of fleece stay in position as you sew. You will want to do this every few inches.



7.) When you get to the corner, you can do the handy needle down trick. With your needle down, pull your foot up and pivot the corners.



8.) Needle down, foot up.



9.) And pivot.



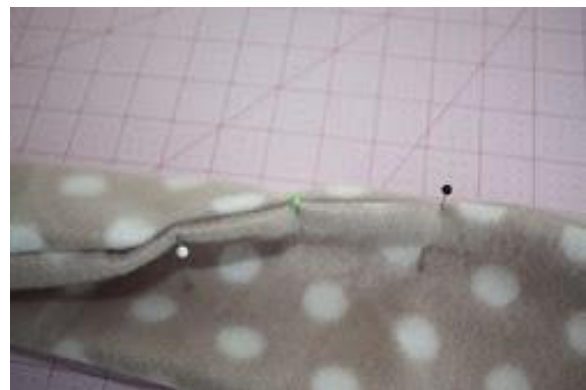
10.) Then put your foot back down and keep sewing for a continuous stitch. Once you get all the way round, turn your scarf inside out.



11.) Pin the gap closed (the hole you left to allow you to turn it inside out). Because you can't iron fleece, you'll want to use your hands to fold both edges in. This is actually much easier than you think and much easier than attempting this with quilting cotton.



13.) Go ahead and pin it.



14.) Now we're going to do a basting stitch around the scarf to finish it.



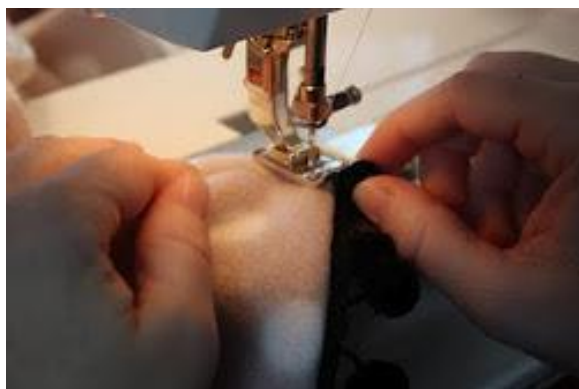
15.) Beginning just above the gap (that darn hole again), measure yourself a 1/2" allowance (do you have a handy magnetized-measuring-doo-dad?). Stitch the entire perimeter of the scarf again.



16.) Just like you did on the underside, check every few inches to make sure the alignment of the two pieces is straight.



17.) Don't forget our handy needle down, foot up pivot trick to take the corners.



Fleece Fringed Scarf

By: Sara for [Craft Snob](#)

Talk about quick and easy! This scarf can be made in less than an hour for next to nothing. Grab some fleece and sew this wonderful wearable craft. These scarves are so versatile and a great gift idea for anyone on your list.



Materials:

- Fleece
- Scissors
- Elastic
- Sewing Machine

Instructions:

1.) Cut two pieces of fleece 30 inches long by 5 inches wide. Sew the length of the scarf two times about one inch apart and mirrored about the center.



2.) Cut a piece of ¼-inch wide elastic 18 inches long. Tie one end of the elastic around a hanger formed into a hook. Insert the elastic in one end of the scarf between the two sewn lines. Sew the untied end of the elastic.



3.) Pull the other end of the elastic out and untie it. Pin the elastic a couple inches from the end to hold in place while you sew. Sew the elastic.



4.) Sew the two ends of the scarf together and trim any excess.



5.) Make short cuts along the length of the scarf to create fringe.



Santa Scarf

By: Nancy for [Nancy's Couture](#)

Create a sewn Santa scarf and wear it throughout the holiday season. It's a festive and fun wearable that will keep you warm and toasty. This wearable will have you exclaiming "Ho, ho, ho!"



(beard). From the black felt cut small circles (eyes). From the white felt cut a mustache. From the red felt cut a circle (nose) and a half circle (mouth). Cut a 10" X 60" rectangle from the red fleece.



2.) Fold the red fleece in half so it's long and skinny. At one end taper it into a triangle. This will be the end of Santa's hat.

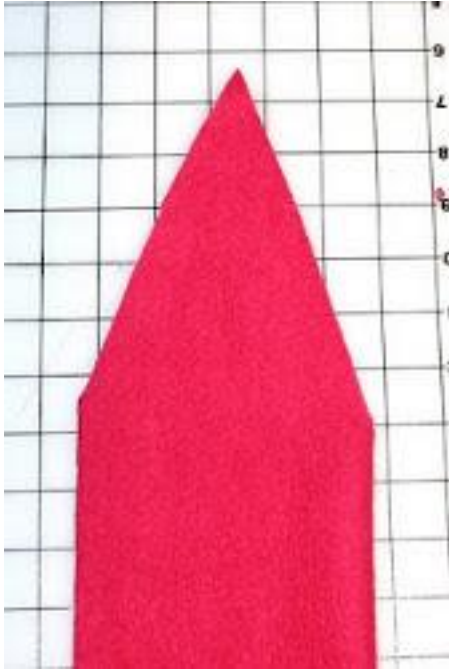
Materials:

- 1/3 yard red fleece
- Scrap of white fleece
- Flesh color felt
- Scraps of red, white, and black felt
- Fur trim
- Thread
- Fabric glue
- Needle for hand sewing
- Sewing machine

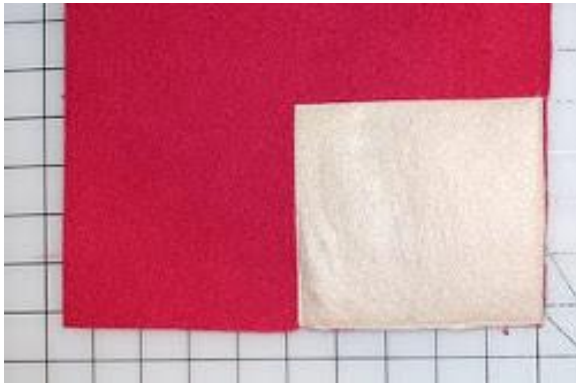
Instructions:

1.) Cut a 5" X 5" square from the flesh colored felt (face). From white fleece cut 2 pieces 5' X 6"

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3.) On the other end lay your flesh felt to one of the corners as pictured above.



4.) Sew close to the edge.



5.) Fold fleece in half so it's long and skinny. Sew around the long edges and the point. Leave the end with flesh felt open.



6.) Turn right side out and top stitch 1/2" from the edge.



7.) Lay one white fleece square close to the bottom edge and sew 1/4" from edge.



8.) Lay the second piece of white fleece 1/2" above the piece you have just sewn. Sew 1/4" from edge.



9.) Cut the fleece with pinking shears (if you have them) into strips 1/4" wide.



10.) Glue on the pieces of the face.



11.) Glue on the fur for the trim of Santa's hat.

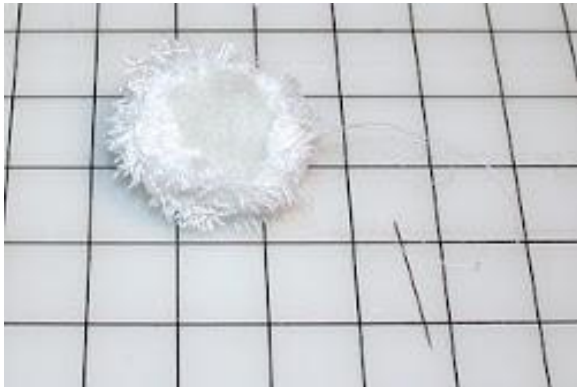


12.) Cut an oval out of the furry fabric.

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13.) Hand sew a running stitch and gather. Put a little stuffing in it.



14.) Pull the thread tight and sew shut.



15.) Sew the ball to the tapered end of Santa's hat.



16.) If you don't sew that's okay!!! You can still make one. Cut your red fleece 5" x 60" instead of 10" x 60". Using FABRIC GLUE, glue on the flesh felt to one end. Taper the other end. Glue on the beard, face pieces, and fur piece for the hat trim. Glue a circle for the ball at the end of the hat.



Jewelry Projects for Christmas

Crochet Button Bracelet

By: Ashlee for [I'm Topsy Turvy](#)

Christmas crafts don't have to be red and green. If you're on the go during the holiday season, create a quick and easy crocheted bracelet. Dip into your stash of buttons and make something that can be worn all year long.

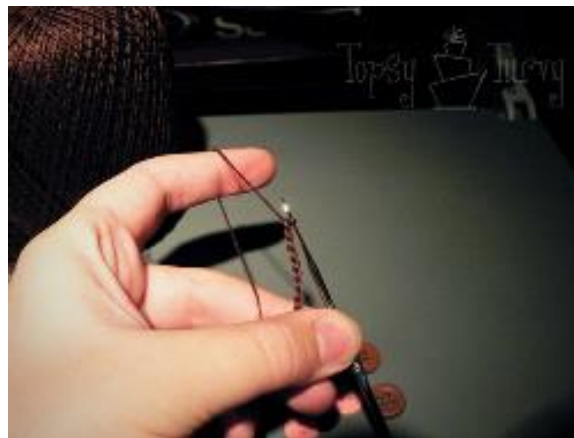


Materials:

- Thread
- Buttons
- Small crochet hook
- Small scissors

Instructions:

1.) First knot your thread, and chain 10.



2.) Crochet your button into the chain, chain another 10, add another button, Repeat!



3.) Do this until your necklace or bracelet is as long as you want it to be! I like mine about 50+ inches! Knot the ends together and using a needle, thread the ends into your chain.





Furry Ornament Necklace

By: Debb for [Crochetoholic Debb](#)

Make a furry necklace that's filled with Christmas cheer! Use green yarn, miniature ornaments and button trim to create your own Christmas necklace. Simple crochet stitches make this project a breeze.



Materials:

- Lion Brand Fun Fur yarn in Kelly Green, 1 skein, 64 yards
- Red Heart Crochet Cotton/Metallic Thread in Silver, Size 5
- Darcie Home for the Holidays Christmas ornaments, Set of 6 - 2" [Alin Paper store or any craft store]
- 2 silver snowflake button trim [JoAnns or any craft store]
- Large 1" green glitter button [JoAnns or any craft store]
- Size I crochet hook
- Crochet hook that is small enough to fit through hole in bulb
- Darning needle

Instructions:

1.) Working with both yarns, chain 4, sc in second ch from hook and in next chain, turn.

2.) Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

3.) Ch 1, repeat row 2 for 9-10".

4.) Ch 1, sc in first sc, insert hook into next ch, pull up large loop, switch to small hook and pull loop through hole on top of ornament, switch back to larger hook and complete sc, turn.

5.) Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn.

6.) Ch 1, repeat row 5 for two inches ending so that the next row you will be able to add your ornament on the same side as the other, repeat row 4, turn.

7.) Ch 1, repeat row 5 and 6, one more time, turn.

8.) Ch 1, repeat row 5 for two inches, then chain 11, sc in the next row of two sc, turn.

9.) Ch 1, repeat row 5 for two inches. Be sure to end so that the next row will end on the same end where the ornaments hang, turn.

10.) Ch 1, repeat row 6, turn.

11.) Ch 1, repeat row 5 and 6 two more times, turn.

12.) Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn

13.) Ch 1, repeat row 12 for 10", join in top of chain with ss, FO.

14.) Thread darning needle with both yarns and whip st across to join necklace, FO and weave in ends.

15.) Use silver cotton thread only and darning needle and put both snowflakes together and button on top of one and sew together with several stitches, then push needle through the snowflakes but not the button, wrap thread around and under button, attach to middle of

ch 10 hanging in middle of the necklace
between ornaments, 2 times, wrap back around
button and through the two holes and back
through to the back of snowflakes, FO and tie
several times, then cut real short, you might
want to dab with a little craft glue to secure.

DIY Christmas Wearables

Foot and Hands Reindeer Shirt

By: Allie for [Monkeys on the Bed](#)

Kids will love wearing their hand and footprints on their own shirt! This craft will help you upcycle a boring shirt and turn it into an extraordinary wearable! Add fun touches like hearts and googly eyes to make the shirt extra adorable.



Materials:

- Your toddler's hands and feet
- Felt in brown, red and white
- Googly eyes (or buttons to make the eyes or just more felt!)
- For a girl: a bow is a MUST so ribbon for a bow
- Stitch Witchery
- Iron
- Sewing Machine (or your own hand sewing would work fine, too!)
- Glue gun for adhering the eyes
- T-shirt in any color

Instructions:

1.) Trace your child's hand and foot onto the felt that you want to use for the body of the reindeer.

2.) Cut out two of the hands and one foot, two circles for the eyes and two hearts for the mouth. If you are making this for a boy, you might want to make circular mouths.

3.) Figure out the placement of your hands, foot, etc. on the t-shirt.

4.) Use Stitch Witchery or any other fabric fuser, to fuse the elements together. Then stitch witch the reindeer onto the shirt.

5.) Applique the felt pieces together. First do the small inside pieces, then work your way out, eventually appliqueing the whole Reindeer onto the shirt (as a rotten sewer, I used all my concentration to applique and forgot to take a picture after this one! but you get the point).

6.) Once everything is sewn in place, determine where you would like to place your googly eyes and bow (optional!).

7.) Glue the eyes and bow in place with a hot glue gun.

8.) Put it on your kiddo and take lots of pictures of them looking goofy in their new shirt.

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