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# Christmas Crafts

## for Kids to Make



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## Letter from the Editors

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Hello festive families,

It's the most wonderful time of the year once again! Time to be merry, sing carols, deck the halls, and spend time with family and loved ones. For kids, this time of year is pure magic—the glowing lights, the glittering trees, and of course, the gifts. Our childhood memories of Christmas are carried with us through the rest of our lives, so it's important that we make our children's holiday seasons as special as they are. And what better way to do that than by finding fun Christmas crafts and activities to do with them? Whether you're making ornaments, constructing a gingerbread house, or painting a Christmas picture, you can find so many creative ways to get your kids in the holiday spirit and show them what the Christmas season is all about. They'll have so much fun spending quality time with you being creative, they'll forget all about stockings and Santa Claus. Those special moments spent together during the holidays are what they'll remember years down the line, not the toys and games under the tree. Make your kids' holiday season merry and bright with these fun and festive kids' Christmas crafts!

This eBook is a collection of kids' Christmas crafts and activities from our favorite bloggers all together in one place for your crafting convenience!

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Merry crafting!

*The Editors of AllFreeKidsCrafts*

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## Beaded Wreath Ornament

By: Candace Lindemann from Naturally Educational

This cute wreath ornament is a great way to start your little Christmas crafters off with basic bead weaving techniques. Using simple pony beads and pipe cleaners, they can create their own miniature wreaths to deck the halls or hang from the tree. These beautiful beaded creations would make great gifts for grandparents too!



### Materials:

- 36 green beads
- 6 red beads
- 2 green chenille stems
- 1 red metallic chenille stem
- fishing wire, thread, or metal hook to hang

### Instructions:

1.) String six green beads.

2.) Twist the stem back to make a loop of the beads.



3.) Add a red bead and bring the stem across the middle of the loop.



4.) Repeat until you have three loops/flowers with a red "berry" inside each.



- 5.) Do the same with the remaining chenille stem to form another three loops/flowers.
- 6.) Connect the two sections at one end.
- 7.) Use the red metallic chenille stem to create a “bow”: Make a little loop and then twist. Make another little loop next to it, twist again.
- 8.) Use the “bow” to connect the other two ends of the two green chenille stems together to complete the wreath.



## Snowman Milk

By: Jill Dubien from Meet the Dubiens

Your kids will be asking for refills with this cute craft idea! This is a simple and thrifty recycling craft you and your kids can whip up in a matter of minutes to add some festive fun to mealtime. Keep cooped up kids entertained through the cold winter months with this quick and easy project.



### Materials:

- empty bottle (I used Starbucks Frappuccino bottles)
- ribbon
- buttons
- hot glue gun
- marshmallow
- food markers
- straw
- milk

### Instructions:

- 1.) Remove any labels from your bottle and clean and dry the bottle.
- 2.) Grab your hot glue gun and glue three little buttons on the bottle front.
- 3.) Grab some ribbon and wrap it around the bottle neck; tie it on the side for a scarf.
- 4.) Push a large marshmallow from the bottom of the straw up (it leaves residue on the straw). Push it until it just goes above the neck of the bottle.
- 5.) Using your food-safe markers, draw a face on your marshmallow.





## Rice Krispie Christmas Village

By: Kristina from Toddler Approved

For a modern twist on the classic gingerbread house, try making this tasty Rice Krispie Christmas Village with your family! Create your own whimsical winter wonderland out of your favorite sweet treats to get in the Christmas spirit. Kids will have a ball decorating the houses (and maybe sneaking a fingerful of frosting here and there)!



### Materials:

- box of crisped rice cereal (any version)
- wooden spoon
- bag of marshmallows
- butter (6 tablespoons)
- candies to decorate with
- ice cream cones for trees
- sprinkles
- frosting (homemade or store-bought)
- plastic knife
- house template
- cookie sheet

### Instructions:

1.) Make Rice Krispie Treats following the directions on the box.



2.) Once the treats are done, flatten them out in a cookie sheet and then cut around your templates to make the house pieces.



3.) Put them in the fridge for about 20 minutes to harden up (while you snack on the remnants!).





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4.) Then add frosting and put the houses together. (We made three houses total.)



5.) Then start decorating!



6.) To make the snowy tree, frost the ice cream cone with white frosting and then drop lots of green sprinkles on it.



*(For one house, we mixed some cocoa in the Rice Krispie Treats to change the color of the roof up a bit!)*



## Five Finger Snowman Ornament

By: Linsey Wilt from Organized Chaos

Make a Christmas keepsake your family will cherish for years to come with this clever craft tutorial. This fun project gives the kids a chance to get a little messy while preserving their little prints forever! All your holiday guests will be so impressed by your “handmade” ornaments!



### Materials:

- glass ornaments
- white craft paint
- paint brush
- Sharpie markers
- egg carton for drying
- ribbon



### Instructions:

1.) Paint the hands.



2.) Place the ornament in the palm of their hand and have them wrap their fingers around it, keeping them spread apart. (I helped a little by pressing some fingers.)





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3.) Let them dry.



4.) Add all the snowman details (eyes, carrot nose, mouth, scarf, hat, etc.).



5.) Add the name and the year



6.) Add a bow for embellishment (if desired).



## Paper Plate Christmas Trees

By: Candace Lindemann from Naturally Educational

Here's an easy way for kids to make small-scale Christmas trees of their very own! This is another cheap and easy recycled craft that will keep kids entertained for almost no cost. Make this year's Christmas celebration an eco-friendly occasion with this "green" craft project.



### Materials:

- foil wrappers
- 1 paper plate
- 2 pieces of green paper or 2 coffee filters
- green tempera paint
- green watercolor paint
- gold metallic chenille stem
- glue
- stapler
- scissors

### Instructions:

1.) Cut a radius line (from edge to center) of your paper plate.



2.) Roll into a cone and staple.



3.) Fringe cut the cone.



4.) Paint the cone green.





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5.) If you are using green paper, cut two circles, one smaller than your paper plate and the third smaller than the second. If you are using coffee filters, trim one to be smaller than the other and then watercolor both of them green.



6.) Follow steps 1-3 for each of the other paper or coffee filter circles. Glue, nesting, on top of the paper plate cone in size order.



7.) Tear up foil and roll into small balls (these are the ornaments). Glue these onto the tree.



8.) Cut the chenille stem into three small pieces and twist at the center to form a six-point star. (I was able to make two stars from one stem.)



9.) Put the bottom stem of the star into the top of the cone.



## Coin Roll Wrapper Advent Tree

By: Melissa from Green Owl Art

Count down to Christmas in a cute and creative way with this advent calendar craft! Kids will have as much fun making this project as they will counting down each day. This is a festive way to celebrate all season long and build up the holiday excitement!



### Materials:

- 24 coin wrappers
- tacky glue (Elmers is not strong enough)
- green paint
- pom-poms, gems, stickers, beads (anything to decorate the tree)
- star
- small candy (Tootsie Rolls and Sixlets work well)



### Instructions:

1.) Start by gluing the coin rolls into a tree form. (This has to dry for a couple hours after, so you may want to do this step the night before and have it ready to decorate in the morning.)



2.) Once your tree is dry, let your child paint it green. (This will also need to dry for a bit before adding ornaments.)



3.) Use beads, pom poms, dried pasta, glitter, ribbon, and anything else around the house that can be glued on that tree to make it shine!



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4.) Add your star to the top. (We painted a wooden star yellow, but you could even just cut one out of paper and use crayons to color it.)



5.) Once everything is decorated and dry, fill the rolls with candies to be enjoyed for 24 days of December. Let the countdown begin!



## Thumbprint Reindeer Family

By: Jill Dubien from Meet the Dubiens

If you're looking for a fun holiday activity that involves the whole family, try this adorable finger-painting project. This is a simple craft you can make in an hour or so as you enjoy some milk and cookies by the fire. It's one project that's sure to bring everyone together for some festive fun! Plus it's a keepsake you can treasure for Christmases to come.



### Materials:

- paper
- brown paint
- brown marker
- googly eyes
- black and red craft foam
- glue
- scissors

### Instructions:

- 1.) Stamp everyone's thumbs in brown paint and press on your paper. Allow to dry.
- 2.) Using your brown marker, draw antlers for the reindeer.
- 3.) Glue two googly eyes on each reindeer.
- 4.) Cut small circles out of your craft foam for noses and glue them on the reindeer.



## Burlap Snowman Flag

By: Melissa from Green Owl Art

Let your festive flag fly high! This artistic craft project celebrates the holiday in an earthy sort of way. Kids will love using their potato stamps to make a cute snowman friend on their flag. Hang this outside to show your Christmas spirit or give it as a gift to grandma and grandpa!



### Materials:

- burlap
- wood craft sticks (approximately 12 inches long)
- ribbon or twine
- hot glue
- white paint
- 1 large potato
- feathers
- buttons
- dried peas/pasta
- pipe cleaners
- tacky glue

### Instructions:

- 1.) **ADULT PART:** Cut the burlap into a rectangle about a foot long and 10 inches wide (this depends on how long the craft stick you use is).
- 2.) **ADULT PART:** Use hot glue to attach the burlap to the stick, folding the burlap over and attaching it to itself with the glue.
- 3.) **ADULT PART:** Tie two 12-inch ribbons or twine to the ends and bring together to tie into a bow.
- 4.) **ADULT PART:** Cut your potato into three pieces to create three different sized round stamps.
- 5.) Let children dip the potatoes into the white paint and stamp the snowman shape onto the burlap.



- 6.) Let dry for few minutes; then add the buttons, feather hat, dried peas/pasta, and pipe cleaner arms using tacky glue.

- 7.) Lay flat and dry overnight.



## **Ice Cream Cone Christmas Tree**

By: Danielle from Blissful and Domestic

For kids who have been nice all year and deserve an extra treat, this Christmas tree confection is a super easy way to reward your little angels. Fruity cereal makes perfect ornaments for this sweet snack idea. Visions of ice cream cone trees will replace visions of sugar plums once kids try this festive treat!



### **Instructions:**

- 1.) Add the food coloring to your frosting and mix.
- 2.) Let kids spread the frosting onto their ice cream cones.
- 3.) Let kids decorate their frosted cone with fruit loops for ornaments.
- 4.) Enjoy!

### **Materials:**

- vanilla frosting
- green food coloring
- ice cream cones
- fruit loops

## Chimney-Diving Santa

By: Amanda Formaro from Crafts by Amanda

Make the kids' table at Christmas dinner extra fun and festive with this clever place setting craft! Kids will get a kick out of this funny Santa Claus craft project and will have a ball helping parents put the pieces together.



### Materials:

- 1 small terra cotta pot
- Patio Paint: cream and reddish-brown
- Black chalkboard paint
- SnoTex snow texture paint
- 1 medium Styrofoam egg
- 1 small Styrofoam egg
- 2 glittery red chenille stems
- 1 white chenille stem
- 10 small glittery white pom poms
- Fine glitter: red and black
- 2 toothpicks
- 1 small wood rectangle (cardboard will work too!)
- household sponge
- paintbrush
- white craft glue
- hot glue gun
- white chalkboard pen
- cotton balls



**Instructions:**

1.) First, paint your terra cotta pot with cream paint. Allow it to dry; then use a small rectangular piece cut from a household sponge to add the reddish-brown bricks. Let dry.



2.) Apply snow texture paint to the rim of the pot using a palette or a paintbrush. Set aside to dry.



3.) Fold a red chenille stem in half and cut to create two equal pieces. Twist the two pieces together to form one thicker piece. Repeat with second chenille stem. Now coil each of them around a pencil or pen; slide off.



4.) Cut the small Styrofoam egg in half lengthwise; these are Santa's boots. Insert a coiled chenille stem into the round half of one of the egg pieces. Repeat with other chenille stem. Coat the "boots" with white glue and sprinkle with black glitter. Tap off excess and set aside to dry.

5.) Insert a toothpick into the smaller end of the large Styrofoam egg. Paint the larger end with white glue. Sprinkle red glitter all over the glue and tap off excess. Set aside to dry. (Hint: If you have floral foam, stick the toothpick into the foam. If not, simply use a cardboard egg carton.)





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6.) While the painted pot and the glitter eggs are drying, paint the wood rectangle with black chalkboard paint. Hot glue the second toothpick to the back of the "sign." Use chalkboard pen to write your guest's name on the sign. Add some snow texture paint to the top of the sign. Allow everything to dry.

7.) Place 2-3 cotton balls inside the clay pot. With toothpick pointing down, insert the large red glitter egg into the pot. Pull additional cotton balls into pieces and tuck them into the pot around the glitter egg to help support it.

8.) Cut white chenille stem in half. Carefully twist around Santa's legs to create pant cuffs. Secure with glue. Insert the chenille legs into the red glitter egg (Santa's bottom) and secure with white glue. You can create small holes in the egg first by poking a pencil into it, then inserting the chenille.

9.) Hot glue the white glitter pom poms in a circle around the red glitter egg to create the bottom of Santa's coat.

10.) Insert the personalized sign into the terra cotta pot and secure with glue.



## Merry and Bright Button Tree

By: Jill Dubien from Meet the Dubiens

Give kids who are too small to hang ornaments a chance to decorate the tree too with this cute paper craft project. If you have a hodge-podge bag of buttons lying around, this is the perfect way to put them to use. The buttons give this colorful Christmas craft a cool 3D effect!



### Materials:

- buttons: shades of green, bright colors for decoration, and a couple brown for the trunk
- canvas
- pencil
- ruler
- glue

### Instructions:

- 1.) Using your ruler, draw a large triangle on your canvas very lightly in pencil. This will be your guideline for gluing your buttons on your tree.
- 2.) Cover the entire inside of the triangle with lots of glue. This way the kids can just put the buttons on and not have to worry about gluing first.
- 3.) Cover the entire triangle with green buttons.
- 4.) Glue some bright and colorful buttons on top of the green buttons for your decorations.
- 5.) Glue a couple of brown buttons on the bottom for the trunk.
- 6.) Allow the glue to dry and proudly display your masterpiece!

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