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## NEW YEAR'S CRAFTS



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Hello Holiday Crafters,

It's no secret that New Year's Eve makes for an exciting night. Who would've thought that having an excuse to stay up late could be so much fun? I remember as a kid feeling so cool if I was able to actually make it all the way until midnight. These days, it's gotten much easier, but it's still just as fun as it was long ago.

In this free eBook, you'll find some awesome crafts that you can make for any parties you may throw or attend. You can even print out this eBook and bring it to a friend's house to knock out a few projects while you "taste test" some champagne. While the kids are visiting Grandma's for the night, you can be taking on the city with a Yarn Scrap New Year's Bling DIY Scarf found on page 27, or you can indulge in some Bubbly Champagne Cupcakes found on page 19. No matter what your New Year's Eve plans are, this eBook will have you and anyone you're spending the night with smiling all night long!

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## New Year's Eve DIY Confetti

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### New Year's DIY Confetti Bottles

By: [Carolyn Garris from Homework](#)



Ring in the New Year with one last handmade creation; this one is the perfect DIY party favor, too! These New Year's DIY Confetti Bottles will give you a fun activity to bring all of your party guests together during the night's festivities. Why not let loose with confetti when the clock strikes midnight? This DIY confetti is simple to make, and the cute bottles are a fun way to hand them out to all of your party guests. Gather a few dollar store materials and get started on this New Year's Eve idea today.

#### **Materials:**

- Miniature potion bottles
- Confetti
- Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Sewing pins

**Instructions:**

1. Fill each miniature potion bottle with bits of shiny bright confetti.



2. To add a little Happy New Year flag to each bottle, simply type out your message in Word and cut out your flags. You can add a little wavy curl to each flag by rolling them around a pencil.

3. Use a sewing pin to stick each flag onto the bottle. A bit of washi tape can be used to create tiny colorful flags on the pins.



## Homemade Glitter and Confetti Shooters

By: [Eden Passante from Sugar and Charm](#)



Do you want something pretty to send through the air on New Year's Eve, but hate the noise of party poppers? This innovative idea for Homemade Glitter and Confetti shooters is the answer you've been looking for. This fun, simple New Year's party idea will be a huge hit with guests whether they're children or adults. You'll never guess how the confetti pops out of the tube, and you won't believe how easy this project is to complete. Ring in the New Year with a new tradition this January 1st.

### **Materials:**

- Plastic glitter tubes
- Drill
- Confetti
- 3-inch strips of tissue paper
- Scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Taking the plastic glitter tubes, drill a small hole on the bottom of the tube (the side without the cap).



2. Using the 3-inch strips of tissue paper, fold them back and forth and cut each folded side. You don't want any folded edges. Then fold them in half again and cut down the middle. You'll have little sheets of confetti.



3. Stuff the plastic glitter tubes with small or large confetti. Since they have caps, you can fill them with whatever confetti you want, and you don't have to worry about it falling out.



## Happy New Year Party Poppers

By: [Louis Mensinger from Louie's Loops](#)



When the clock strikes midnight and everyone's ready to party, it wouldn't hurt to have fun New Year's crafts ready to help ring the celebration. You will love crocheting these Happy New Year Party Poppers so much that you won't want to stop until you're sure that there will be one for every guest. Everywhere across the globe, the most creative people will be celebrating midnight with New Year craft ideas for all their friends. If you're afraid that these crochet ideas look too tricky, fear not, as this is one of the easiest patterns around.

### **Materials:**

- Lion Brand Cotton/Lily Sugar'n Cream/Lion Brand Cotton-Ease (any 100% cotton works)
- Crochet hook – size G6 4.00mm
- Needle to sew in ends with

### **Abbreviations:**

- sc = Single Crochet
- dec = Decrease
- Ch = Chain
- Rnd = Round

### **Pattern:**

In color, Ch 2

Rnd 1: sc 5 in 2nd ch from hook (5)

Rnd 2: in back stitches only, sc 1 in each (5)

Rnd 3: sc 1 in each (5)

Rnd 4: repeat

Rnd 5: in front stitches only, sc 2 in each (10)

Rnd 6: sc 1 in first, 2 in next, repeat 5 times (15)

Rnd 7: in back stitches only, sc 1 in each (15)

Pull a long end of the white yarn in from the top through the hole in the beginning. Change to white.

Rnd 8 – 10: sc 1 in each (15)

Change to color.

Rnd 11: sc 1 in each (15)

*To make a top:*

In white Ch 2

Rnd 12: sc 5 in 2nd ch from hook (5)

Rnd 13: sc 2 in each (10)

Stuff the popper and sew onto top.

Take yellow or gold yarn and tie around the handle section of Rnd 2 – 4 and wrap around the white string to make the gold band.



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## DIY New Year's Eve Partyware Ideas

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### Snazzy New Year's Eve Serving Tray

By: [Cathie & Steve for Plaid Enterprises](#)



Are you looking to personalize your table settings for your New Year's Eve party, but having trouble figuring out how to decorate a serving tray? This tutorial for a Snazzy New Year's Eve Serving Tray is all you need. Part of the fun of New Year's Eve is the fact that everything is so sparkly and bright. After you run to the craft store for a few supplies, your table will be the brightest, most sparkly thing at your party. Nothing brings a party together like an awesome theme and delicious food--two things this pretty serving tray will help to provide.

#### **Materials:**

- FolkArt® Acrylic Colors – Light Peony, 2 oz.
- Mod Podge® Matte, 8 oz.
- Detail painter
- Dinner plate charger
- Foam paintbrush
- Scissors
- Piece of black and white scrapbook paper
- Piece of distressed black scrapbook paper
- Printed Words – Happy New Year

**Instructions:**

1. Cut a circle of black and white scrapbook paper that fits the center of the charger.
2. Coat both sides of the paper with Mod Podge, position in the center of the charger and topcoat with more Mod Podge. Use your fingers to press out any air bubbles. Smooth your brush strokes. Allow to dry.
3. Cut a circle of distressed black scrapbook paper that fits the center of the charger. Tear the paper in half leaving a torn edge. Apply to the center of the charger as described in step two.
4. Working on the distressed paper side on the charger. Apply the words "Happy New Year" as described in step two.
5. Dip the end of the detail painter into the light peony paint, tap off the excess and paint dots on the distressed paper side. Work the dots over the edges of the words.



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## Festive Hand Painted Holiday Glassware

By: [Kirsten Jones for Plaid Enterprises](#)



Feeling like your carafe and glasses are looking a little drab? Add a little extra cheer to your New Year's Eve party with this set of Festive Hand Painted Holiday Glassware. After just a run to the craft store, you'll be more than ready for a fun afternoon of learning how to paint drinking glasses. Don't worry, it couldn't be easier and your glassware will be absolutely lovely once finished. Guests won't believe you made it yourself. As far as easy, affordable painted glassware goes, this one is going to be hard to top.

### **Materials:**

- Martha Stewart Crafts® 2oz Fine Glitter Translucent Glass Paint – Sterling, Florentine Gold, Thai Hibiscus, and Meringue
- 4 tall glasses
- Carafe

### **Instructions:**

1. Clean glass surface thoroughly with rubbing alcohol.
2. Starting with any color first, randomly add dots, varying a little in size, on the bottom section of each surface. No brush needed. Every glass paint bottle has a small tip top for application.
3. Randomly repeat with all colors listed. Let dry.
4. Overlap another coat of dots onto the dry painted dots to create a richer color.
5. Add dots until you get the desired look.
6. Add fluff to the door décor by hot gluing trims around the disk.
7. Add a flower pop, by gluing a few feathers and a glittery flower to the top center.

## Glittery New Year's Eve Champagne Flutes

By: [Cathie & Steve for Plaid Enterprises](#)



It's lovely to think that the most magical moments of the year--the countdown to midnight, the New Year's kiss--are the ones that start it all off. Make sure the memory is even sweeter this year by creating these Glittery New Year's Eve Champagne Flutes for your guests. With just a few supplies and a little tender love and care, you'll have a set of pretty glasses for your friends to sip out of all night long. Keep these DIY champagne glasses for yourself, or let your loved ones take them home when the party ends.

### **Materials:**

- FolkArt® Enamels™ - Butler Magenta, 2 oz.
- FolkArt® Enamels™ - Burnt Umber, 2 oz.
- FolkArt® Enamels™ - Red Violet, 2 oz.
- Peel & stick stencils
- Detail painter
- Glass flute
- Rubbing alcohol
- Toothpick
- Flat paintbrush

**Instructions:**

1. Clean the glass with rubbing alcohol. Position a glass-painting stencil on the glass. (Do not place near the lip line.) Dip the end of a detail painter into Butler Magenta, tap off excess and dab into the center of the stencil. Lift the stencil and wash clean. Allow the paint to dry.
2. Using the same detail painter and Butler Magenta, paint a series of dots to the bottom of the glass. Allow to dry. Add four coats of Red Velvet over the dots. Allow to dry.
3. Dip the end of a toothpick into the black paint. Add dotted details for the design. Allow the paint to dry.
4. Follow the instructions on the bottle and heat set the paint.
5. Hot glue feather trim around the stem of the glass. Remove before washing.



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## Essential New Year Craft Ideas

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### Feathery New Year's Eve Sign

By: [Plaid Enterprises](#)



Looking for a way to set a precedent for fun this New Year's Eve even though you're without a fella? Get in the mood to party with this Feathery New Year's Eve Sign. There couldn't be a more fabulous way to spend the night than with your best friends. With this sign as a jumping-off point, decorate your whole home in feathers and rhinestones, send out invites to the most entertaining people you know, and get ready for a girl's night in that people will be talking about for months afterwards. Who would have imagined such a wonderful night could be had all because you had the urge to craft.

#### **Materials:**

- Mod Podge® Matte, 8 oz.
- Round wood disk – large
- Foam paint brush
- Scissors
- Scrapbook paper – pink
- Scrapbook paper – black
- Circle punch
- Chipboard letters – “happy new year”
- Sticky rhinestones
- Trims: feathers and silk flowers
- Hot glue



**Instructions:**

1. Using the round disk as a guide, trim the pink paper to fit the disk. Apply a coat of Mod Podge to the base of the disk and to the back of the paper. Place the paper on the disk and press out any air bubbles.
2. Use the circle punch to create small circles from the black paper. Apply a small amount of Mod Podge to the back of the circles and position in a random pattern on the pink-papered disk.
3. Hot glue the chipboard letters to the papered disk. Add a few rhinestones.
4. Create a hanger by hot gluing a strip of trim (in a u-shape) to the back of the disk.



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## Bubbly Champagne Cupcakes

By: [Claire from A Little Claireification](#)



Have you been invited to a fun New Year's Eve shindig, or are you hosting your own? If so, you need to make these Bubbly Champagne Cupcakes. The champagne infused treats bring a little bit of "sparkle" and fizz to your holiday gathering, and they won't last long! They are one of the best cupcake recipes out there, and a truly unique way to use champagne. The treats begin with an easy vanilla cupcake recipe, and then they are jazzed up with champagne-flavored filling and frosting. Don't forget the sweet candy "bubble" decorations!

### **Ingredients:**

*For the champagne cake batter:*

- 1 box white cake mix
- 1 box instant vanilla pudding mix
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup champagne

*For the champagne pastry cream filling:*

- ½ cup heavy cream, divided
- ½ cup champagne
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 5 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 whole egg
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla

*For the champagne buttercream frosting:*

- 3 sticks butter, room temperature
- 3 ½ cups confectioners' sugar
- ½ tsp of vanilla
- ¼ cup of champagne
- Pinch of salt
- Edible “pearls” or sparkles for decorating

### **Instructions:**

*For the cupcakes:*

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Add the cake mix, pudding, and sugar to a mixing bowl and stir to combine.
3. Add the oil, eggs, sour cream, and champagne and then beat until the batter is smooth.
4. Grease the tins really well.
5. Fill cupcake tins up ¾ of the way to make taller cupcakes.
6. Bake for 15-18 minutes until a cake tester comes out clean. Alternately, if you touch the top of a cupcake and it springs back, you know they are done.

*For the champagne pastry cream filling (can be made the day before and chilled overnight):*

1. In a medium bowl, whisk cornstarch into ¼ cup of heavy cream.
2. Add in the whole egg and two egg yolks; whisk to combine and set aside.
3. In a small saucepan, combine the remaining ¼ cup heavy cream, sugar, and ½ cup champagne.
4. Bring to a boil then immediately remove from heat.

5. Pour 1/3 of hot champagne mixture into the egg mixture, whisking constantly so the eggs do not cook. (This is called “tempering,” and it slowly warms the egg mixture.)
6. Return the saucepan of remaining champagne/heavy cream mixture to a boil.
7. Pour the tempered egg mixture into the saucepan in a slow stream, whisking constantly until the mixture thickens, about 2-3 minutes.
8. Remove from heat and whisk in the butter and vanilla.
9. Set aside and let cool completely. If you are going to refrigerate the cooled filling overnight, place some plastic wrap directly onto the surface of the mixture to create a seal, and this will avoid a “skin” from forming over the top.

*For the champagne frosting:*

1. Beat the butter in the bowl of your stand mixer until light and fluffy.
2. Add the confectioner's sugar 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition.
3. Add the vanilla, salt, and champagne and beat until the frosting is thick and creamy.
4. Add more confectioners' sugar one spoonful at a time if the consistency is too thin.
5. Once the cupcakes and filling are completely cooled to room temperature, use a small paring knife to cut a 1" divot into the top of each cupcake and fill with the pastry cream.



6. Trim the cut-out cake pieces to make a “lid” and place on top of the filled divot.
7. Pipe or spread your frosting on in whatever festive manner you choose.
8. Top with edible pearls or sparkles to add some extra New Year's Eve bling.

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## New Year's Eve Gold DIY Necklace

By: [Anne Weil from Flax & Twine](#)



It's a new year, and that means it's time for new DIY jewelry ideas to keep you fashionable all year long. Get the party started with this New Year's Eve Gold DIY Necklace that you can make for a night of celebrating and wear for years to come. Necklace ideas like these look good on women of all ages and will flatter absolutely any outfit and skin tone. The best part about these DIY necklace ideas is that they look fashionable no matter what season it is. You can even give this necklace to your New Year's Eve hostess as one of the prettiest homemade gifts around.

### **Materials:**

- Six colors of DMC 5 embroidery thread (or one color if you prefer)
- Jump rings in bulk
- Gold beads (these are the thicker ones)
- Darning needle

**Instructions:**

1. Measure 156 inches of the six colors of thread. Cut the strands in half.
2. Place the two lengths side by side. You should now have 12 strands together that measure 78”.
3. Thread the 12 strands on to a darning needle.
4. Tie a simple knot about 6 inches in from the end.
5. Now, tie another knot on top of that. Do this by bringing the first knot into the middle of the second knot and tightening.



6. Now, string a mixture of the gold beads and jump rings on to the embroidery thread. Bring the beads to the knot you just made.
7. Move down the length of embroidery thread about 3 inches and make another double knot.

8. Now, string on more beads and rings. As you do each section, add the beads in a random pattern - sometimes only jump rings, sometimes with two gold ring beads, sometimes none at all.



9. You can finish the necklace with jewelry fixings if you're so inclined, but if you want to make it pretty quick and easy, make a slipping knot that can adjust the length of the necklace easily. Overlap the two ends. With left hand end, tie a square knot around the right hand end.

10. Then, tie the same knot with the with the right hand end, around the left hand end.





11. Trim the ends on each knot. You can shorten and lengthen the necklace by pulling the knots further away from each other or bringing them close to one another. In this manner, you can also wear the necklace as a bracelet and pull the knots apart while it is on your wrist to tighten the bracelet.



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## Yarn Scrap New Year's Bling DIY Scarf

By: [Rhonda Mol from Oombawka Design](#)



If you're still trying to finish up your material on New Year's crafts before the year ends, then you will love this crochet pattern. This Yarn Scrap New Year's Bling DIY Scarf is the coolest thing you'll make this winter. Using any yarn you have, you can bring one of the most fashionable New Year craft ideas to life. Best of all, crochet scarf patterns like this can be adjusted based on amount of yarn and personal preference. It's hard not to like crochet ideas like this. Happy New Year!

### **Materials:**

- Hook: 4.0 mm (G)
- Lion Brand Yarns Metallic Bonbons

**Finished Dimensions:** 45" long and 3" wide (easily customizable)

### **Abbreviations:**

- R – row
- fsc – foundation single crochet stitch
- sc – single crochet
- ch – chain
- st – stitch
- sts – stitches
- dc – double crochet
- sk – skip

**Pattern:**

R1: work 202 fsc stitches, turn, ch 3, skip the 1st sc, \*dc 1 time in each of the next 3 sts, ch 1 and skip the next st\* repeat to last 4 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 4 sts, turn

R2: ch 3, \*1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, ch 1, skip the next st\*, repeat \* to \* across to last 4 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 4 sts, finish off color.

R3: Turn and join the new color with a standing dc stitch; work 1 dc in the next st, skip the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, 1 dc into the space 2 rows below, 1 dc into the next st, sk next st, ch 1 \*1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the space 2 rows below, 1 dc in the next st, skip the next st, ch 1\* repeat across to the last 2 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 2 sts, turn

R4: ch 3, 1 dc in the next st, \*sk the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 2 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 2 sts, finish off color.

R5: Turn and join the new color with a standing dc stitch; \*1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the sp two rows below, 1 dc in the next st, sk the next st, ch 1\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 4 sts, 1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the sp two rows below, 1 dc in each of the next 2 st, turn

R6: ch 3, \*1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, skip the next st, ch 1\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 4 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 4 sts, finish off color.

R7: Turn and join the new color with a standing dc stitch; work 1 dc in the next st, skip the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, 1 dc into the space 2 rows below, 1 dc into the next st, sk next st, ch 1 \*1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the space 2 rows below, 1 dc in the next st, skip the next st, ch 1\* repeat across to the last 2 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 2 sts, turn

R8: ch 3, 1 dc in the next st, \*sk the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 2 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 2 sts, finish off color.

R9: Turn and join the new color with a standing dc stitch; \*1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the sp two rows below, 1 dc in the next st, sk the next st, ch 1\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 4 sts, 1 dc in the next st, 1 dc in the sp two rows below, 1 dc in each of the next 2 st, turn

R10: ch 3, \*1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, skip the next st, ch 1\* repeat from \* to \* across to the last 4 sts, 1 dc in each of the last 4 sts, finish off color.

Weave in your ends and add tassels to the ends of your scarf.

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