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Hello, Crafters!

Add a personal touch to your holiday and make your gifts this year. Family, friends, and neighbors will truly feel the love when they see all the sentiment that you put into their handmade gift.

This eBook includes a variety of handmade gifts that are sure to spread some holiday joy to your loved ones. From DIY Christmas gifts to cute holiday cards to easy, handmade gift wrap, this gift guide has everything you need to make and wrap the perfect Christmas gift.

These tutorials appeal to a wide array of personal styles, from sweet and sentimental ideas to chic, vintage looks. Best of all, each of the crafts included in this eBook can be personalized to make them perfect for that special someone that you had in mind.

We hope you enjoy making your gifts this season, and your loved ones enjoy receiving them.

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## Holiday Cookie Mix in a Jar

By: [Tania Willis for Fiskars](#)

This Cookie Mix in a Jar gift is one of the easiest homemade Christmas gift ideas around. Personalize the outside of the mason jar with fun designs and sequin stickers. Fill the jar with the dry ingredients needed for your recipe, making sure to layer it neatly in the jar so you can see the variety of ingredients. Finally, make sure to write out and attach the recipe so your recipient can properly bake it!



### Materials:

- Wide mouth canning jars
- Cookie mix (ingredients below)
- Cardstock, matching ink
- 20" ribbon per jar
- Wooden spoon
- Spatula
- Whisk
- Glue dots
- Fabric
- Fuse Creativity
- Fiskars Medium Design Set 0111
- Fiskars Medium Design Set 0191

### Instructions:

- 1) Pick your favorite cookie recipe (read on for our suggestions below) fill your jars starting with the powder ingredients at the bottom, then add sugars, oats, and any mix-ins such as chocolate chips. Add the seal on top, but hold off on adding the ring just yet.
- 2) Trace a circle on the opposite side of your fabric and cut out along your traced line.



- 3) Place fabric over seal, and then tighten the ring over the fabric.

4) Use glue dots to attach a whisk, spatula or wooden spoon to the side of your jar, and then tie a 20" length of grosgrain or satin ribbon around the jar.



*Note:* For extra support you might want to secure the utensil with a rubber band. Just make sure your ribbon hides the rubber band.

4) Create labels for the front of your jar using your Fuse Creativity System along with Medium Design Set 0111 and Medium Design Set 0191. Create two snowflakes from Medium Design Set 0111 using two different colors of cardstock. A darker ink of the same color cardstock gives depth to your piece.



5) Decide which of the two colors will be the top layer and cut around the inked image as shown.



6) Personalize the 'from the kitchen of:' label using letters from the Alpha Basic stamp set mounted to your stamp block.



7) Layer both snowflake die-cuts on top of one another, matching the centers. Use a paper piercing tool (or a thumbtack) to poke a hole through the centers. Insert fabric covered brad through the holes and open the prongs on the back. Further embellish the larger snowflake with self-adhesive rhinestones placed over the letter pressed dots at the tip of each point on the snowflake.



8) Use glue dots or foam tape to attach the label and snowflake to the jar. You may have to adjust your ribbon/bow to be off to the side so your die-cuts will lie nicely.



*Note:* Be sure when you gift your cookie mix you also include instructions for mixing and baking so the recipient can prepare their cookies.

### **Sample Recipes to Use:**

#### **Chocolate Chip Cookies:**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 ¼ cup chocolate chips\*

*Note:* For M&M cookies, reduce salt to ½ tsp. and substitute M&Ms for chocolate chips. Or, do half chocolate chips, half M&Ms.

Add ingredients to jar in order listed. Pack each layer firmly. Mixing instructions to include: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Empty jar of mix into large bowl and mix evenly to distribute ingredients. Add ½ cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg (slightly beaten) and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix well. Place by spoonful, 2" apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 until edges are light brown—approximately 11 – 13 minutes. Yield 2 ½ dozen.

#### **Oatmeal Scotchies:**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups oats
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ¾ cup butterscotch chips

Add ingredients to jar in order listed. Pack each layer firmly. Mixing instructions to include: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Empty jar of mix into large bowl and mix evenly to distribute ingredients. Add ¾ cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg (slightly beaten) and 1 tsp. vanilla. Mix well. Place by spoonful, 2" apart onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 until edges are light brown—approximately 10 – 12 minutes. Yield 3 dozen.



## Mason Jar Gift Wrap

By: [Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage](#)

Using a mason jar and colored tissue paper you can transform drab wrapping jobs into fabulous packaged presents. Plus, mason jars are reusable, so your friends and family can use this packaging over and over again. It's a great way to add a modern handmade style to your smaller, store-bought gifts this holiday season.



### Materials:

- Mason jar
- Christmas-themed ribbon
- Dowel rod
- Coordinating tissue paper
- Christmas stamp
- White scrap fabric
- Small gift idea: lotion set, etc.

### Instructions:

- 1) Start by stuffing tissue paper into your empty Mason jar.



2) Use your dowel rod to stuff it into the jar really well.



3) Add your small gift into the jar. A lotion set would be perfect.



4) Use another sheet of tissue paper to stuff inside the gift and the top of the jar.



5) Use your Christmas-themed stamp and stamp your scrap fabric. Then, add your scrap fabric to the jar before closing your lid and tie a bow around the jar for a final touch!



## Braided Bracelet

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

This beautiful Braided Bracelet would make the perfect handmade Christmas gift for friends and family of all ages. Make one as your best friend's Christmas gift in her favorite colors. They would also make wonderful stocking stuffers for kids. You can make these bracelets in no time, so feel free to make them for everyone you love this holiday season.



### Materials:

- Five colors of DMC 5 Pearl Cotton Embroidery Thread
- Hook and eye
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine
- *Alternative:* jewelry fixings to clasp strands, jump ring, clasp

### Instructions:

1) Cut four strands of each color approximately 24" long.



2) Tie the five colors together in a knot with a few inches remaining above the knot and tape it down to a surface.



3) Assign each color to a number. Here is how the colors start, the colors keep their assigned number throughout the braid: 1: tan, 2: cream, 3: brown 4: peach, 5: orange.



4) In the first step, strand 1 moves to the right over strand 2 and strand 3 moves over strand 4. You end up with the order below: 2, 1, 4, 3, 5. Strand 5 stays where it was.



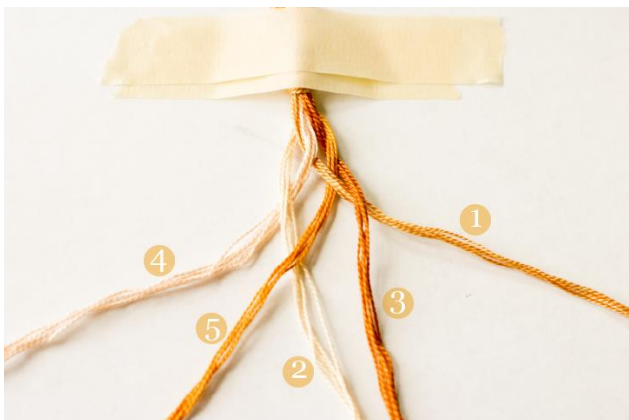
5) Next, move strand 4 over 1 and strand 5 over 3 to the left. Strand 2 stays where it is.



6) Go back to the left side. Strand 1 goes to the right over 5 and strand 2 goes to the right over 4.



7) Now, back again from the right, 5 goes over 2 and 3 goes over 1. And, so on.



*Note:* Each number moves across the pattern diagonally and then stays at the edge for two turns and moves back the other direction. Here is the pattern:

```
1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3
4 5 2 3 1
5 4 3 2 1
5 3 4 1 2
3 5 1 4 2
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8) Repeat until your bracelet is formed and you get to an inch or so past desired length.



9) Tape the end so that it won't come apart while sewing.



10) With a small zig-zag stitch on the sewing machine, go back and forth over the braid.



11) Do this to both ends at desired length.



12) Clip the extra length with a scissors.

13) Sew on a hook and eye on each end of the bracelet to finish!





## Homemade Holiday Soaps

By: [Amanda from A Few Short Cuts](#)

Get in the Christmas spirit with these Homemade Holiday Soaps. Use them to add some style to your own bathroom and as a great gift for loved ones. With this fast and easy process, you can make a collection of soaps, so why not try using them as stocking stuffers as well? Stack them up and package them with a nice holiday bow. Homemade gifts come from the heart, so send some love out this season.



### Materials:

- Melt and pour soap base
- Lavender or other herbs
- Muffin tin
- Loofahs

### Instructions:

- 1) Start with a simple melt and pour soap base.
- 2) Prepare your muffin tin and place loofahs in each space.



- 3) Melt your soap in the microwave, read safety instructions on the package.
- 4) Mix in lavender or herbs while it is hot so the soap will take on the fragrance.
- 5) Pour the melted soap over the loofahs and let cool in the freezer.



- 6) Pop them out, one good thump on the bottom should do.



*Note:* Grease your pan to make sure they come out without a problem.

- 7) Wrap 3 of them up with a piece of ribbon for a quick gift.

## Personalized Playing Card Gift

By: [Olivia from Hopeful Honey](#)

Struggling to think of the perfect gift? Look no further than this Personalized Playing Card Gift. The best cute Christmas presents are inexpensive and homemade. This gift is absolutely perfect for someone who has everything. Remind your loved one all the reasons you love them. They'll feel touched that you made this DIY card gift yourself. Another great thing about this craft is that it's easy. All you need are a few basic crafting materials.



### Materials:

- Pack of Playing Cards
- 2 Book Rings
- 1 sheet of Card Stock 30x6cm
- Matte Mod Podge
- Paint Brush
- Scissors
- Hole Punch

### Instructions:

- 1) Start off by making your cards with "Reasons" on them.
- 2) Punch 2 holes into every single playing card at the same place.

*Note:* Make it easier by punching the holes over the small squares in the corners. This will ensure you punch them in the right place every time.

3) Take your card stock and fold it so that one of the folded sides is as long as a card.



4) Then fold the longer side again so that it also is as long as a card.

5) Fold 1-2cm at the end of the card stock. Get some Mod Podge on your brush and put it on the folded 1-2cm piece. This will be used to glue against the inside to secure your stand.



4) After the stand has dried, take your hole punch and punch 2 holes at the top of your stand.



5) Open your book rings, push them through the holes in your stands, and then start adding your cards in the order you choose. Once your last card is added, you're done!



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## Itty Bitty Candy Cane Hat

By: [Olivia from Hopeful Honey](#)

Keep your baby warm with this Itty Bitty Candy Cane Hat. Even if you're not a new mother, homemade Christmas hats are a thoughtful gift for any newborn this winter season. This tutorial will teach you how to crochet a hat. Crocheting can be a difficult skill to master, so it's important for beginners to start with small projects like this one. The itty bitty recipient won't mind if there are some mistakes. As they always say, it's the thought that counts.



### Materials:

- 6.00mm Crochet Hook
- 2 Colors of 50g 8ply Yarn
- Scissors
- Tapestry/Wool Needle
- 1.5 Inch Bell

### Finished Size

- 3 - 6 Months Old
- Head Circumference 16 inches, 40cm.  
Hat Height 6.5 inches, 16.5cm, this does not include the hats tail

### Colors

- Crimson Red
- Snow White

### Instructions:

Round 1: Taking your 6.00mm crochet hook and crimson red yarn, start of by making a Slip Knot, then crochet 2 Chains. Crochet 6 Double Crochets into the first chain you made. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2. You should have 7 half double crochets now.

Round 2: Chain 2. Crochet 1 Double Crochet into every stitch all around. Slip Stitch into top of chain 2.

Round 3 - 4: Change yarn color to snow white. Repeat round 2.

Round 5 - 6: Change yarn color to crimson red. Repeat round 2.

Round 7 - 8: Change yarn color to snow white. Repeat round 2.

Round 9 - 10: Change yarn color to crimson red. Repeat round 2.

Round 11 - 12: Change yarn color to snow white. Repeat round 2.

Round 13 - 14: Change yarn color to crimson red. Repeat round 2.

Round 15 - 16: Change yarn color to snow white. Repeat round 2.

Round 17 - 18: Change yarn color to crimson red. Repeat round 2.

Round 19 - 20: Change yarn color to snow white. Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into every stitch all around, except the 4th stitch. In the 4th stitch crochet 2 Half Double Crochets. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2.

Round 21: Change yarn color to crimson red. Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into every stitch all around, except the 5th stitch. In the 5th stitch crochet 2 Half Double Crochets. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2.

Round 22: Repeat round 21, except instead of crocheting the 2 Half Double Crochets into the 5th stitch, crochet them into the 6th stitch.

Round 23: Change yarn color to snow white. Repeat round 21, except instead of crocheting the 2 Half Double Crochets into the 5th stitch, crochet them into the 8th stitch.

Round 24: Repeat round 23, except instead of crocheting the 2 Half Double Crochets into the 5th stitch, crochet them into the 9th stitch.

Round 25: Change yarn color to crimson red. Repeat round 21, except instead of crocheting the 2 Half Double Crochets into the 5th stitch, crochet them into the 10th stitch.

Round 26: Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into every stitch all around, except the 7th and 15th stitch. Crochet 2 Half Double Crochets into them. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2. You should have 24 half double crochets now.

Round 27: Change color to snow white. Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. \*Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 2 stitches. Then crochet 2 Half Double Crochets in the next stitch. Repeat from the \* all around. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2. You should have 32 half double crochets now.

Round 28: Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. \*Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 3 stitches. Then crochet 2 Half Double Crochets in the next stitch. Repeat from the \* all around. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2. You should have 40 half double crochets now.

Round 29: Change yarn color to crimson red. Chain 2, then crochet a Half Double Crochet into the same stitch. \*Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 2 stitches. Then crochet 2 Half Double Crochets in the next stitch. Repeat from the \* all around. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2. You should have 53 half double crochets now.

Round 30 - 37: Chain 2. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into every stitch all around. Slip Stitch into the top of chain 2.

*Note:* Remember to continue switching between colors every 2 rounds.

Round 15: Chain 2. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet only into the next 35 stitches. {Note: This is starting to create the back of the hat as well as the ear-flaps.}

Round 39: Change yarn color to snow white. Chain 2. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 35 stitches. Do NOT fasten off, as you will be crocheting the left ear-flap in the same place.

### **Left Ear-Flap**

Round 1: Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 6 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 2: Change yarn color to crimson red. Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 4 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 3: Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 2 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 4: Change yarn color to snow white. Chain 1. Crochet 2 Half Double Crochet Decreases.

Fasten off, and weave in loose ends.

### **Right Ear-Flap**

1) Start of by attaching your snow white yarn to the last stitch of Row 39. Right across from where the left ear-flap is.

Round 1: Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 6 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 2: Change yarn color to crimson red. Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 4 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 3: Chain 1. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease. Crochet 1 Half Double Crochet into the next 2 stitches. Then crochet 1 Half Double Crochet Decrease.

Round 4: Change yarn color to snow white. Chain 1. Crochet 2 Half Double Crochet Decreases.

Fasten off, and weave in loose ends.

### **Border**

1) Taking your 6.00mm crochet hook and crimson red yarn, start of by making a Slip Knot, then attach your yarn to the back of the hat, right in the middle.

2) Then Single Crochet all along the edge of your hat. Slip Stitch into the first single crochet.



3) Fasten off, and weave in loose ends.

### **Braided Tassels & Bell**

1) Taking your crimson red yarn, cut 6 strands of yarn, each 25 inches long. Then make a simple knot into the bottom of the left ear-flap. Make a loose braid as short or long as you like, (Mine was 8 inches) then tie a knot at the end, and cut of any excess yarn.

2) Repeat for the right ear-flap.

3) Now taking your 1.5 inch bell, attach it to the very tip of your hats tail with some crimson red yarn and your tapestry needle.

4) Fasten off, and weave in loose ends.

For Mason jar gifts, download a copy of [10 Mason Jar Crafts: DIY Home Decor and Handmade Gifts in a Jar](#)



## Gift Card Giving

By: [Cheryl Ball for iLovetoCreate](#)

Gift cards are an easy, last-minute present and are perfect when you don't know what to get someone. The Gift Card Giving pouch is the perfect sized felt pouch for a gift card. This DIY gift card holder is super easy to make and customizable, so you can pick the colors and appliques that would best fit the recipient of the card. Add a handmade touch to your electronic present with this fuzzy felt pouch.



### Materials:

- Aleene's® Fabric Fusion® Permanent Fabric Adhesive
- Tulip® Dimensional Fabric Paint – White
- Needle and thread
- White chalk sharpened to a point
- Scissors
- Felt squares - turquoise, lime, red, orange, yellow, fuchsia
- Sewing pins
- Sewing machine with matching thread
- Paper

### Instructions:

- 1) Cut turquoise felt. Sew on three sides to create pocket.
- 2) Sew a ¼" seam then trim to a scant 1/8"
- 3) Cut out dip in top layer if desired when finished.
- 4) Pin patterns, cut out then glue pieces in place. White chalk can be used to draw patterns onto felt if needed. Brush off excess chalk after glue is thoroughly dry.
- 6) Test flow of 3D Fashion Paint on paper towel using even pressure on bottle. Add White Slick details.
- 7) Keep tip of paint bottle wiped with paper towels for clean lines. Let dry.

## Rick Rack Wreath

By: [Cheryl Ball for iLovetoCreate](#)

At one point or another, every one of us has been plagued with the age-old question of what to give someone who has everything. This year, feel free to give that gift card that you felt wasn't personal enough. Put the gift card in this homemade Rick Rack Wreath pouch and turn any gift into a sweet and straight-from-the-heart present. The fuzzy felt and the curly rick-rack give this DIY gift card holder a soft and textured feel, and the gift card inside will make any recipient smile.



### Materials:

- Aleene's® Fabric Fusion® Permanent Fabric Adhesive
- Tulip® Dimensional Fabric Paint - White
- Ribbon - red
- Needle and thread
- Tiny pom poms (5mm) - red
- Pinking shears
- Rick rack - medium size - 12" - lime, green
- White chalk sharpened to a point
- Scissors
- Felt squares - lime, turquoise
- Sewing pins
- Paper towels
- Sewing machine with matching thread

### Instructions:

- 1) Cut lime and turquoise felt. The front section can be cut slightly shorter on one side.
- 2) Layer lime and turquoise felt and sew horizontally. Sew on three sides to create pocket.
- 3) Sew a ¼" seam then trim to a scant 1/8"
- 4) Cut out dip in top layer if desired when finished.
- 5) Match ends of rick-rack then interlock pieces together. Pull to straighten out. Curve into a circle and trim ends as needed. Add a dot of glue under rick-rack ends to hold together. Apply a thin bead of glue in circle shape onto front then press wreath into place, placing ends just slightly off center as shown, poking in sewing pins to hold until dry.
- 6) Glue five small red pom poms into place. Tie a bow of red ribbon, trim ends then glue where shown.
- 7) Test flow of 3D Fashion Paint on paper towel using an even pressure on bottle for a smooth line. Add random White Slick dots. Keep tip of paint bottle wiped with paper towels for clean lines. Let dry.

## DIY Paper Gift Boxes

By: [Brooke from Blissful Roots](#)

Gift boxes can be expensive, especially if you just need to wrap up something small. These DIY Paper Gift Boxes are the perfect solution to any gift-wrapping woes. This tutorial shows you how to make your own box that becomes a decorative substitute for wrapping up a plain white box. Make these boxes out of squares of wrapping paper to get an easy present box. These boxes are very easy to make, and they can be made in different sizes to fit whatever gift you plan on giving.



### Materials:

- Paper
- Yardstick or ruler
- Pencil or pen
- Scissors
- Glue dots

### Instructions:

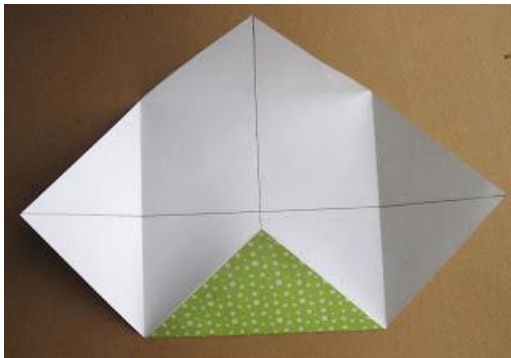
- 1) Get a square piece of paper.
- 2) Turn the paper over and make an X from one corner to the other.



3) Fold one corner into the center of the X.



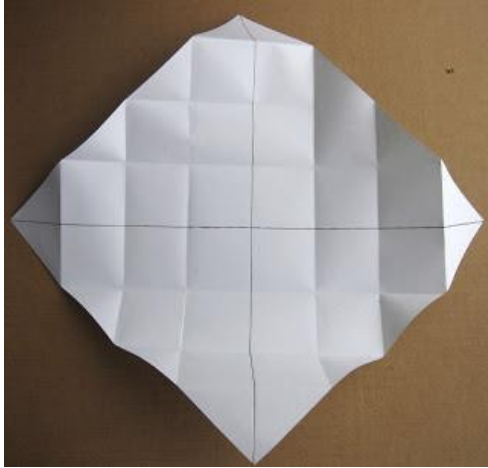
4) Repeat step 3 with the other three corners. Then, unfold all of the corners.



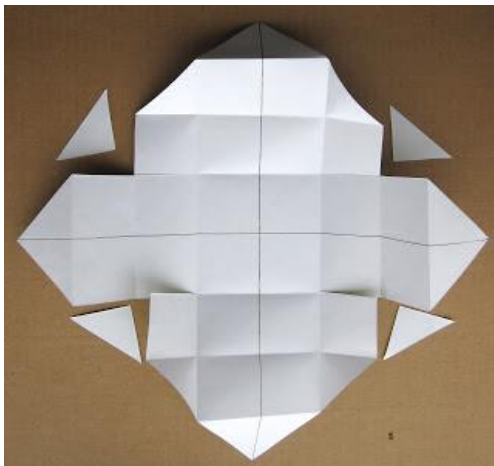
5) Refold one corner to the center of the X.



6) Fold the same corner a second time to the center line. Unfold and repeat with all three corners.



7) Unfold your last fold. Your paper should look like this, with many creases from folding.



8) Cut the triangles out of the corners of the large folded square as shown. You will also need to cut along the inner crease one square past the triangle. This square should remain attached.



9) Fold opposite corners to the center of the X again. The creases you've made should guide you on your folding.



10) The two remaining opposite corners can then be folded over to the inside of your box.



11) Your box should now look like this on the inside. Add a glue dot in the center where the corners meet to hold them in place. A small piece of tape works too.



## Name Your Gift Wrap

By: [Alexa Westerfield from The Swell Life](#)

The Name Your Gift Wrap project not only personalizes your Christmas gifts but acts as a card as well. Add your recipient's name to your gift wrap this year with the help of a photo editing program. Type out their name several times and align each row differently to give your paper a more randomized appearance. Pick a holiday color for your text and use your handmade printable wrapping paper to wrap your gifts this year.

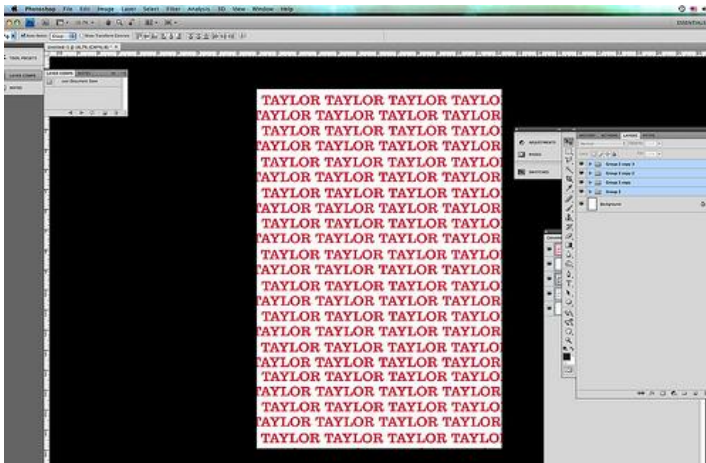


### Materials:

- Computer with Photoshop
- Color printer
- Gift trimmings
- Tape
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue®

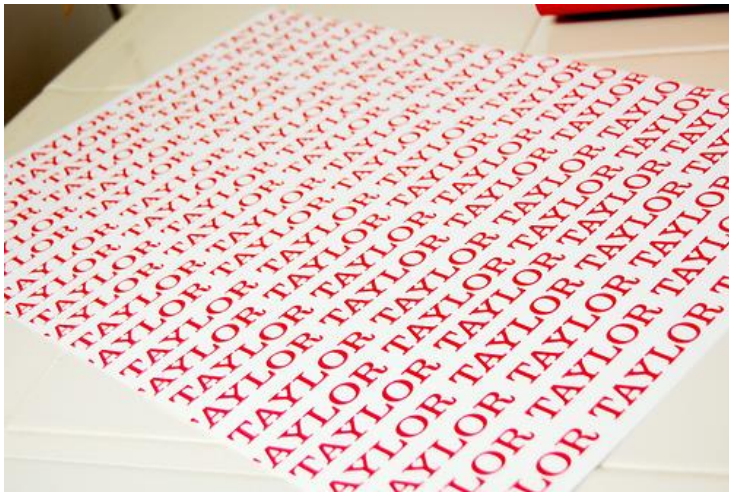
### Instructions:

- 1) Open up Photoshop and write a name multiple times in one line adding space in between each name.
- 2) Duplicate this layer, move below and shift to the left or right slightly so that it gives a more random appearance. Put your two layers into a group, copy the group, and multiply them down the page.





4) Print to a custom 12 1/4" x 18" piece of paper or create your own small packages using 8.5" x 11" paper and piecing the paper together with tape.



5) Wrap your gift, add a cute accent to coordinate the package and you're done!



## Photo Booth Holiday Bow

By: [Alexa Westerfield from The Swell Life](#)

Put together this Photo Booth Holiday Bow to customize your gifts this Christmas. Use a photo editing program to make your own photo booth strip, or use ones you have from the past. Once you have printed out multiple copies, fold them into a bow and top it off with a great button, gem or other fun centerpiece. This creative gift wrapping idea is an easy way to personalize your gifts this Christmas.

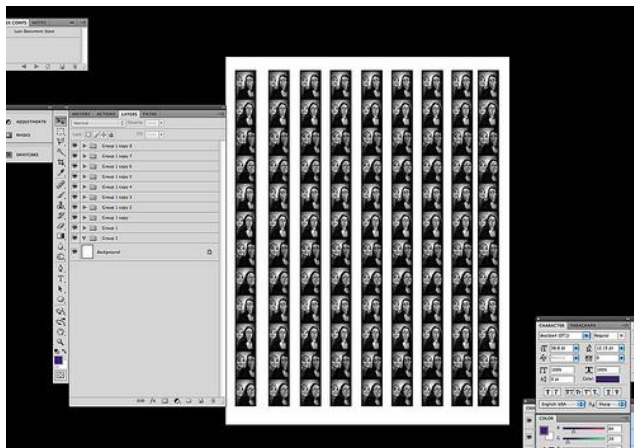


### Materials:

- Computer with Photoshop
- Scanner (if applicable)
- Color printer
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue®
- Scissors
- Embellishment for middle of bow

### Instructions:

- 1) Open up or scan your photo strip. Size down the photo strip so it's about 1/2" wide.
- 2) Make a layer and duplicate that layer and move it down the page to make one long strip. Then, create a new group or set and drag these layers into this set. Put your layers into a group, copy the group, and multiply them across the page.



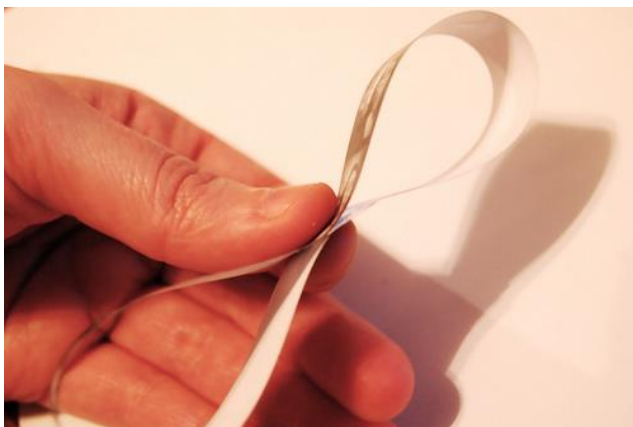
3) Print out the page and cut the strips out.



4) Use the Tacky Glue to make loops. Let dry.



5) Pinch the loops and glue in the middle.



6) Stack the loops and glue together.



7) Finish your bow off by gluing on a button, rhinestone, or embellishment in the middle.



## Cupcake Liner Gift Bow

By: [Alexa Westerfield from The Swell Life](#)

This easy-to-make Cupcake Liner Gift Bow is a creative and inexpensive way to spice up your gift wrapping this holiday season. Simply cut small gaps around the edges of each cupcake liner to get a flower shape. Stack them up to create your bow and top it off with bright buttons and shiny rhinestones for your centerpiece! This project is a fast and fun way to create customized gift bows for your loved ones this Christmas.



### Materials:

- Cupcake liners in various sizes/colors
- Buttons in various size colors to match your gift wrap
- Rhinestones
- Aleene's® Original Tacky Glue®
- Scissors

### Instructions:

- 1) Make cuts spaced out all the way around each cupcake liner. It will resemble a flower. Press down, and then cut another smaller liner the same way and glue on top.
- 2) Glue buttons and rhinestones to middle of bow. Let dry.
- 3) Wrap your gift and adhere bow on top with glue to finish!



## Merry Christmas Handprint Card

By: [Kindra Boroff for Plaid Enterprises](#)

Show off your handmade card skills with this simple, family-friendly idea. Handmade Christmas cards are made even more fun when you can get the little ones involved, and that is just the case when it comes to the Merry Christmas Handprint Card. Make your holiday cards this season, and do it as a family. We're positive that you'll always remember sending out these personalized holiday cards to your friends, family, and loved ones.



### Materials:

- Apple Barrel® Colors
- Bright Red
- White
- Black
- Plaid® Brush Sets - Learn-to-Paint – Gold Taklon and Natural Bristle Set
- 8x8 Canvas
- 8x8 Shadowbox frame
- White burlap
- Scissors
- Petroleum jelly
- Sandpaper
- Black

### Instructions:

- 1) Cut a 10x7 piece of red cardstock and fold in half. Cut a 4x6 piece of aqua dot paper.
- 2) Paint your child's hand with White and press onto the paper.
- 3) Mix a small dab of Bright Red with White to create a skin tone color and paint the Santa face.
- 4) Cut the hat out of the red glitter cardstock and glue to the handprint Santa. Using the end of the paint brush and White add a large dot to the top of the hat and sprinkle with glitter.
- 5) Using the end of the script liner and Black add two black dots for the eyes. Using a larger paint brush and Bright Red add the nose. Paint the mouth with Black.
- 6) Attach the painted piece of paper to the red cardstock with silver brads, leaving room at the top for the letters.
- 7) Write the words "Merry Christmas" with the stickers as shown.

## Silver and Gold Xmas Tree Card

By: [Ann Martin from All Things Paper](#)

Send out some crafty cards this Christmas season with this lovely Silver and Gold Xmas Tree Card project. These creative holiday cards make for an entertaining night of Christmas crafting. Plus, wouldn't it be great for your loved ones to receive some extra merry mail this winter? These homemade cards are sure to serve that purpose. So, go ahead and spend the night enjoying yourself with this fun Christmas craft project.



### Materials:

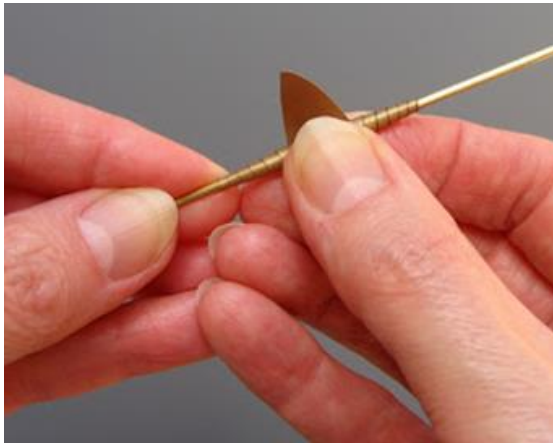
- White cardstock
- Metallic paper sheets in gold and silver
- 1/8 inch strips of quilling paper in gold and silver
- Silver foil
- Wire rod
- Paper cutter
- Paper trimmer
- Tiny star punch
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Tweezers
- Plastic lid
- T-pins
- Glue
- Glue Stick or double-sided tape
- Damp cloth

### Instructions:

- 1) Cut and fold a 10" x 7" piece of cardstock to make a 5 x 7 card.
- 2) Glue 2 gold and 3 silver strips lengthwise down the center of the card. Start by marking the 2 1/2" center point at top and bottom of card; glue silver strip in place using marks as a guide. Space remaining strips 1/8" apart, alternating colors.
- 3) Cut a 3" x 3 1/2" rectangle of gold paper; center and glue in place as shown, about 1 1/2" from the top.
- 4) Cut a 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle of silver paper. Crimp and glue to center of gold rectangle; press gently in place without compressing crimps. If the paper crimps unevenly at first, continue running the same rectangle through the crimper until you get straight, horizontal lines.



5) Draw and cut out six pennant-shaped triangles of gold paper in graduated sizes. They should measure  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ",  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ",  $1$ ",  $\frac{3}{4}$ ",  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " at the widest end of triangle; sides measure  $3$ " in length. Use paper trimmer or scissors to cut them.



7) Roll each bead on the wire rod; start with wide end of triangle and use firm, even pressure while rolling. Glue tip of triangle at center point. Slide bead off wire.

8) Glue beads between silver paper crimps, referring to picture for placement. For gluing ease, spread a thin layer of glue on a plastic lid. Use tweezers to hold bead and touch it to the glue. Place bead directly on the card, nestling it between crimps.

9) Punch and glue star (I used a small snowflake) as tree topper.

10) Cut a  $1$ " x  $\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of gold paper; roll on wire rod. Allow it to relax slightly and slide it off wire. Glue end and flatten the roll gently. Glue vertically below tree as a trunk.



## Quilled Poinsettia Card

By: [Ann Martin from All Things Paper](#)

Send some love to your friends and family this Christmas with the beautiful Quilled Poinsettia Card. This lovely handmade Christmas card is the perfect way to show your loved ones how much you admire them. So get in the holiday mood and start Christmas crafting with this gorgeous handmade card idea. You'll need plenty of festive paper, glue and spirit to create these cards.



### Materials:

- 1/8" quilling paper: deep green, ivory, gold
- quilling tool
- small scissors
- ruler
- tweezers
- non-stick workboard
- glass head pin
- glue - suitable for paper
- plastic lid - to use as a glue palette
- paper piercing tool or T-pin
- damp cloth or sponge
- paper cutter
- cardstock - deep green, gold
- decorative paper - gold foil
- double-sided tape/glue dot
- metallic gel pen - gold
- hanging cord – gold

### Instructions:

1) Marquise (make 7) - make a 7" ivory loose coil and glue end; pinch two opposite points to make a marquise shape.

2) Marquise (make 7) – 8", deep green

4) Glue gold paper around outer edge of each green marquise.

5) On a non-stick workboard, arrange a circle of marquises of each color and glue in place. Off-center the circle of ivory marquises on the green marquises layer and glue in place.

6) Tight coil (make 7) 3", gold. Round the top of each tight coil by pressing against one side of coil with the ball of a glass head pin. Swab glue inside dome to hold shape. Use gold gel pen to color the top of

each dome. Glue coils at center of ivory layer by surrounding one tight coil with a circle of the remaining tight coils.

7) Insert ornament cord through the end of one green marquise and tie a hanging loop.

8) Score and fold an 8 ½" x 5" piece of green cardstock to make a 4 ¼" x 5" card.

9) Cut a 2 ¼" x 2 ¼" square of gold cardstock. Turn square on point creating a diamond; center and glue on card.

10) Cut a 2" x 5" strip of gold foil, tearing short ends. Center and glue across card.

11) Adhere ornament to center of gold diamond with two short strips of double-stick tape or a dimensional glue dot.

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## Very Merry Christmas Card

By: [Jennifer Ferrell from Ferrellgraph-x](#)

Looking for a great handmade Christmas card tutorial? Try making the Very Merry Christmas Card. These cards feature a lovely winter theme. An evergreen tree covered in snow, is a great holiday motif to share with anyone. It's an easy, inexpensive and fun card to create. You will enjoy handing them out as much as you enjoy making them. Wish your friends and family a happy holiday the handmade way.



### Materials:

- Scrap fabric
- Shimmer cardstock
- Green fabric dye
- Rubber gloves
- Scor-Tape
- Liquid Glass
- Glitter
- Snowflake embosser

### Instructions:

1) Start by getting the scrap fabric wet, put in a container, add dye and work the color through it.



*Note:* Wear rubber gloves to keep your hands from staining.

2) Once the fabric is dry rip it into about 1/4" strips.



3) Take white shimmer cardstock and emboss with Snowflakes.

4) Place Scor-Tape in basic shape of tree.



5) Twist the fabric strips and press down into the Scor-Tape following the basic tree shape.



6) Place dots of Liquid Glass all over the tree and coat in glitter.

7) Press the glitter down, let it dry and shake off the excess.



## Cute as a Button Holiday Card

By: [Olivia from Hopeful Honey](#)

This Cute as a Button Holiday Card will be a hit with everyone this winter season. Homemade holiday cards are a great winter activity for the whole family. The best thing about this button card is that it's non-messy. All you need is paper, glue, buttons, and ribbon. This craft is also a wonderful way to give loose buttons a second life. Experiment with different shapes like stars, snowflakes, and hearts. The recipients of your cards will be so grateful for the unique, whimsical, homemade card.



### Materials:

- Blank Card
- Assortment of Green Buttons
- Red Ribbon
- Pen or Pencil
- Glue Gun

### Instructions:

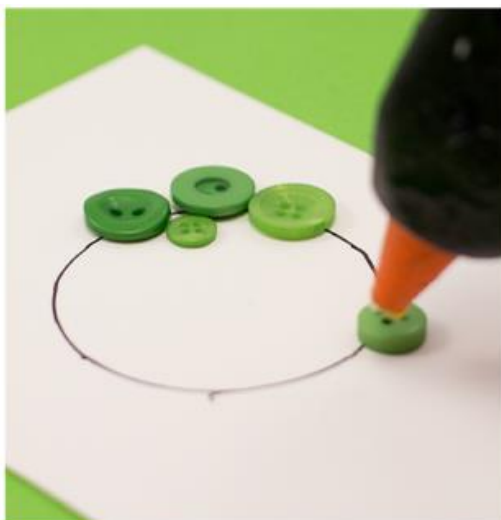
1) Start of by gathering all of your supplies together, and turning your glue gun on so it can start warming up.



2) Before you do anything you'll need to figure out where you want your wreath. Then, taking your pen or pencil, draw a circle.



3) Sort through your green buttons and lay them down on the circle in the order you want. Grab your glue gun and stick them down one by one.



4) Cut a piece of red ribbon, and make a small bow, then use your glue gun once more and stick your ribbon right where you want it to finish this quick card off!

## 3D Ornaments Card

By: [Avital from Creativity Prompt](#)

Everyone receives tons of Christmas cards during the holiday season, so how do you make yours stand out? You make a handmade Christmas card that's three dimensional, of course! This video tutorial guides you in making a fun 3D Ornaments Card. This is one DIY Xmas card that really pops.



### Materials:

- Cardstock
- Patterned paper
- Punch
- Paper piercer
- Embroidery floss and a needle
- Gems
- Liquid glue
- Glue pen or stick
- Greeting stamp and ink

### Instructions:

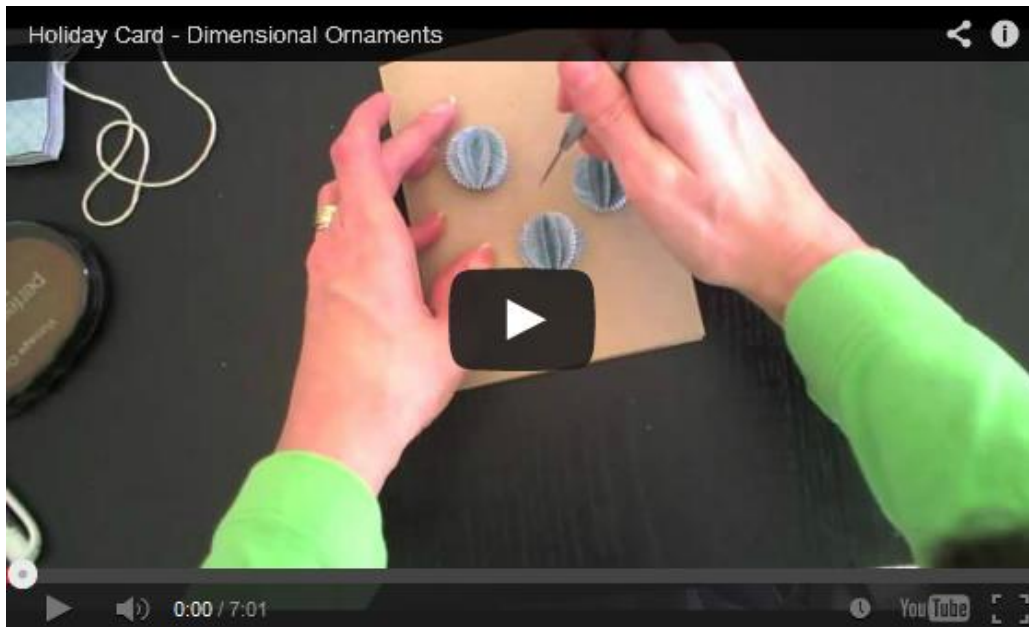
- 1) Cut your cardstock at 4¼" lengthwise and fold in half to create your card base.
- 2) For each ornament, punch 5 punched pieces of patterned paper and fold each one in half.
- 3) Adhere only one half of the punched piece to the second one, making sure the edges are aligned and repeat on all five punched pieces.
- 4) Repeat for all the ornaments you want to add to your card.
- 5) Decide how you want to lay your ornaments on your card and pierce a hole on top of each ornament and another hole on the fold of the card in a straight line above each ornament.
- 6) Thread your embroidery floss through both pierced holes and tie at the bottom, close to the top of each ornament.



7) To secure the knot, apply a glob of a strong liquid glue on each knot and attach a gem to it, to conceal the glue.

8) Adhere the ornaments below each knot.

9) Stamp your greeting.



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