

# 7 Easy DIY *Christmas* Crafts



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### Letter from the Editors

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Hello Holiday Crafters,

There's a reason people craft for Christmas all year long: there's just so much cute and fun stuff to make that it could take 365 days to get everything finished! Since there's a never-ending supply of festive Christmas project ideas available online, it can be hard to decide where to start!

To help you out, we've gone through and selected 7 of our favorite DIY projects for the holidays. All of the crafts in this eBook are easy to make, because who has time to make complicated projects during the holidays? "Simple is best" has always been our motto and that's what we're showing off in this collection: the best easy Christmas craft projects from the blogosphere. From wreaths to ornaments to gift wrap and so much more, you're sure to find something to make your Christmas special in this eBook!

Happy Crafting and Merry Christmas,

*The Editor of AllFreeHolidayCrafts*

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### DIY Yarn Christmas Trees

By: Jamie Christina for Pretty Ditty

These mini Christmas trees are so pretty, we could stare at them all day! The yarn adds a touch of softness and the pastel colors are so peaceful. These simple yet elegant decorations would look great anywhere in your home!

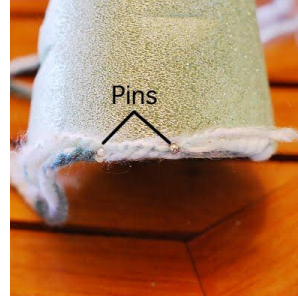


#### Materials:

- 1 skein of a thick yarn
- 1 skein of a fuzzy yarn
- 3 foam cones (or however many trees you want to make)
- Pins
- Accessories for decorating the trees (fake red berries, bird, nest, stars, etc.)
- Floral stem wire
- Wire cutters
- Glitter
- Craft glue
- 3" of a 16 or 20 gauge wire

#### Instructions:

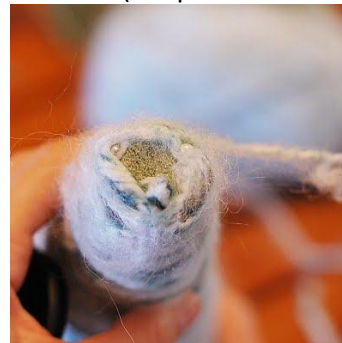
1) Beginning at the base of the cone, pin both yarns together to the base. Continue to wrap the strands around the base, pinning every 2".



2) Once you have wrapped the yarns around the base, continue to wrap the yarns around the cone working your way up to the top. There is no need to continue to pin the yarn. Just the base needs to be pinned for now.



3) Once you have reached the top, pin the yarns around the top of the cone. Work your way around the top of the cone in a circular direction until the top is covered with yarn. Pin where needed at the top. Be sure to cover all of the cone (the pic doesn't show this).



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4) Now begin to wrap the yarn back down the cone.

5) At the bottom of the cone, cut the strands and secure in place with a pin.



6) You can leave your tree as is or you can accessorize. To add red berries, simply cut off the berries from the berry cluster. Be sure to leave the wire stem attached to the berry.



7) Poke the berry into the tree. If the berry is not going into the tree foam easily, simply weave the stem into the yarn. Continue to poke as many berries as needed in the tree.



8) To make the star-shaped tree topper, bend the floral stem wire like so...



9) Cut off the end and wrap it around the beginning point.

10) Lightly spray the star with craft glue.

11) Lightly sprinkle some glitter on the star.

12) Wrap the star with the end of the 3" wire. Leave the other end straight.



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13) Poke the end through the top of the tree.



Here are some additional variations you could try:



14) Add bird, nest and any other accessories desired to the tree using pins.



### Sweet and Simple Tree Bunting

By: Bianca for Sadieandlance

It's time to raid your fabric scrap stash because this bunting is too cute to pass up! Choose your favorite patterned fabrics and turn them into a fun decoration for your living room. Whether you go for a traditional green theme or get a bit funky with your color choice, we're sure you'll love the end result!



#### Materials:

- Fabric scraps
- Backing fabric
- Bias binding (approximately 2 meters will accommodate 10 trees)
- Pinking shears
- Scissors
- Tailor's chalk
- Sewing machine and thread
- Cardstock
- Marker or pen

#### Instructions:

1) Draw a tree shape on cardstock and cut out.

2) Collect your fabrics.



3) Start making your trees. With wrong sides facing, lay the fabric for your first tree on top of the backing fabric.



4) Pin the template in place on top of your fabric. Starting at the base of the "trunk", sew around the edge following the template. Don't forget to secure your sewing with a couple of back stitches at the beginning and end. This will ensure your tree stays together.



5) Using pinking shears or scissors, trim around your tree. Be careful not to cut into the stitches. It will end up looking like this on the front:





And like this on the back:



6) Continue making trees until you have enough to fill your length of bias binding. The bunting pictured has 10 trees.

7) Assemble your trees on the binding. Start by laying your binding out to its full length. Arrange your trees along the binding to ensure you get the right spacings. Rearrange as needed to make the colors work for you. Make sure there is enough length at either end to hang the bunting.

8) When you're happy with the order and spacing, use tailor's chalk or a disappearing marker to mark a little cross on the binding to show where each tree will hang from.

9) Using thread matching your binding and a large, wide zig-zag stitch, start at one end and stitch the binding together. Pause just before the first chalk marking and tuck the top of the first tree inside the binding. Make sure the tree is flat and sitting straight so that it will hang properly when you're finished.

10) Shorten the stitch length on your machine. Continue sewing along the binding making sure you catch the top of the tree. Once the tree is attached, lengthen the stitch length again.

11) Continue in this way until all trees are attached to the binding.

12) Tie a knot in the binding at each end of the bunting.



13) Hang on the wall.



### Trendy Pillow Ornament

By: Katie for Blue-Eyed Freckle

This is a fun and quirky ornament that's sure to jazz up your Christmas tree. If you love modern and chic holiday decorations, you'll love this trendy pillow ornament! It also makes a great gift for any of your fashionista friends!



#### Materials:

- 2 kinds of fabric (you will need a little more than double the amount of one of the fabrics)
- Leather, pleather, ribbon, ric-rac, trim (whatever you heart desires)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Hot glue gun
- Stuffing

#### Instructions:

1) Decide what overall size square you want for your pillow and then add 1/4" to all sides (i.e. if you want a 3" square, then it would end up being 3.5" x 3.5").

2) Cut 2 squares of equal size (your desired dimensions).

3) Sew the 2 squares together with a 1/4 inch seam (right sides together).

4) Trim down ONE of the sides (pick which pattern you want less of), so that the square becomes the right dimensions again (like 3.5" x 3.5").



5) Sew your trim, leather, etc. down on top of the seam.

6) Cut another piece of fabric out as the back (same dimensions).



7) Get your trim ready, making sure it's a big enough loop to go over a needle-y branch of your Christmas tree.



8) Make a sandwich, putting the trim loop in one of the corners. Pin down.



9) Sew around all sides, leaving a small space on one of the sides.

10) Turn right side out and add stuffing.

11) Hot glue or hand sew the opening shut.



### Fabulous Toilet Paper Roll Wreath

By: Jamie for See You There!

Wait! Don't throw away those paper towel rolls just yet! You can create a stunning wreath using your recycled cardboard tubes. This Christmas decoration rivals any store-bought wreath we've seen and it barely costs a dime to make!



#### Materials:

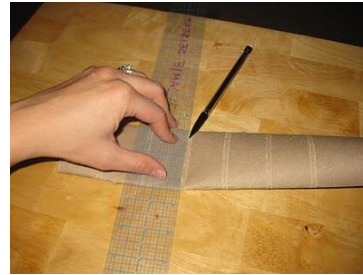
- As many toilet paper and paper towel rolls you can collect
- A ruler, preferably clear with easy guidelines
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue gun

#### Instructions:

1) Flatten down each roll to prepare for cutting. This will form a fold at both the top and bottom to create the leaf shape.



2) Using your ruler, mark cutting lines depending on what thickness you want the wreath to be. The example shown used 1.5 inches, but you can go with whatever you think looks best. Cut along these guidelines to create individual leaf shapes, as many as you can.



3) You will end up with a massive pile of toilet paper roll leaves.



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4) Now start arranging the pieces into a wreath shape. Use a salad plate as a template to line the pieces up against. Lay a single ring of pieces around the plate to form the wreath's base.



5) Hot glue the pieces together to form a complete circle. This will form the inner edge of the wreath. Once this ring is complete, arrange the rest of the pieces around it in any fashion you like.



6) Arrange the pieces in one layer at a time. Glue all the pieces in that layer before moving on to the next layer.



7) You could stop here, or paint it, add glitter, ribbon, the possibilities are endless. The wreath featured here was decorated using wax paper flowers, tan gross grain ribbon bows and a few gold ornaments.



8) You might end up with extra leaves from your cardboard tubes, but don't let those go to waste! You could use them to make a mini wreath, or cut them into thinner widths to make gift wrapping adornments.



9) Be sure to hang your wreath indoors as it is not water proof.



## Just Like Santa Gift Bag

By: Kathryn for The Pickled Herring

This jolly gift bag is such a unique idea for DIY gift wrap! Perfect for toting that bottle of wine to the holiday party or for wrapping odd-shaped gifts for kids, this easy sewing project is a must-make this Christmas season!



### Materials:

- Red felt 7" x 19" (1)
- Red felt 1" x 10" (2)
- White felt 1.25" x 14" (1)
- White felt circles (3)
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Sewing machine or needle and thread



### Instructions:

1) Cut out all of your felt pieces and heat up your glue gun. Adjust the size as needed for your gifts.

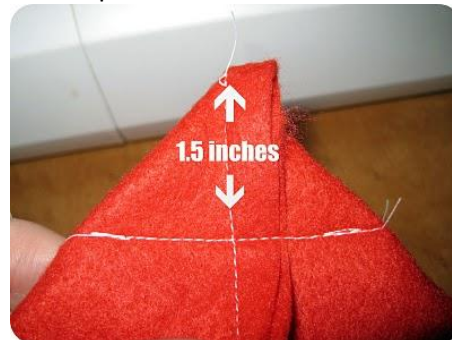
2) Fold your piece of red felt in half. You can pin the sides together if this helps you with sewing.



3) Sew along the 2 outer edges, leaving the opening across from your folded edge open.



4) Open the bag up (but keep the bag wrong-side out) and measure 1.5" from the corner. Sew across the corner. This is to help the bag stand up on its own when finished.



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5) Turn the bag right-side out. Your corner



6) Hot glue your handles to the *inside* of the bag. Or you could sew them, if you prefer.



7) Hot glue the white band of felt around the top of the bag. Work in 3-4 inch increments to ensure a straight edge.



8) Hot glue the white felt circles onto the center of the bag. Center and glue evenly-spaced.



9) Stuff your bag with holiday goodies and deliver to someone you love!



### Toilet Paper Roll Star Ornaments

By: Michelle for Muffin Tin Mom

Add some “wow” factor to your tree this Christmas without having to spend a lot of money. These glittery star ornaments are perfect because they’re easy to make and cost next to nothing! Dazzle your guests this holiday season with these pretty, sparkly ornaments!



#### Materials:

- Empty toilet paper rolls (each roll makes about one star)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Clothespins
- Spray paint
- Glitter
- Wax paper

#### Instructions:

1) Cut the toilet paper roll into 3/4 inch “rings”. You should be able to get 5 or 6 rings from one roll. The rings will look like leaves or petals from a flower.



2) Dab some glue on the tip of the ring and adhere it to another ring.



3) Use a clothespin to help them dry and stay together.





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4) Do this all the way around until you have your desired shape (5 rings make a star and 6 make a flower). Let dry completely.



6) Sprinkle each star with glitter. Lay stars out on wax paper or somewhere clean, cool and dry. Let dry for an hour.



5) Spray paint each star in whatever color you desire.



7) Admire your work!



### Loopy Wool Felt Wreath

By: Lelan for Hello, Good Gravy!

Put a fun twist on traditional Christmas decorations by making this fun loopy wreath! Even though it may look complicated to make, it's actually a really simple project. Impress your neighbors with this cool Christmas wreath!



#### Materials:

- 3-inch x half-inch strips of multi-colored wool felt (if using three colors, plan for approximately 120 strips of each color).
- 8-inch foam circle
- Hot glue gun
- Satin ribbon



#### Instructions:

1) Glue the ends of your strips together to form loops. You will need to make a bunch of these to cover your entire wreath form.

2) After all of your loops are made, it's time to glue them to your wreath. Start at the center and then fill in toward the inside and outside of the circle.



3) When it's all filled in, tie a colored satin ribbon at the top for hanging and you're done!



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