

Fun stuff!

Make it

Christmas CRAFTS!

Give your tree some extra bling with these terrific tree decorations!

TOP TIP!
All these crafts can be made with recycled paper or card!

CARD STARS

What you'll need

- Thick cardboard
- Scissors
- Embroidery thread

- 1 Hold the end of the thread at the back, then wind it from the slit at the top to the opposite slit at the bottom. Then take the thread *behind* the circle, through the next slit along and down to the bottom slit opposite. Continue around the shape until a star forms. Repeat two or three times.

- 1 Draw around a cup or a can onto card, then cut out a circle shape.

- 2 Make 8-16 slits into the circle at equally-spaced intervals. Make each slit about 0.5cm in length.

- 4 When you've finished, turn the card over and check out the cool shape on the other side! Remember to leave a length of thread to hang it up with.

FESTIVE FLOWERS

What you'll need

- Toilet roll tube
- Scissors
- Paint
- Glue
- Paper clips

- 1 To make your petals, flatten down your loo roll, then cut it into strips of equal widths. Use the first strip as a guide if necessary.

- 2 Paint the petal shapes inside and out, then leave to dry.

- 3 Put a blob of glue on the corner of one of the 'petals' and press it onto the corner of another petal. Use a paper clip to hold it in place. Repeat until all the petals are stuck together, forming a flower. You'll need to put two blobs of glue on the last petal.

DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE THE PAPER CLIPS!

PAPER BAUBLES

What you'll need

- Coloured paper
- Scissors
- Thread
- Paper fasteners
- Hole punch (optional)

- 1 Cut the paper into narrow, equal-sized strips. You'll need 8-15 for each bauble.

- 2 Stack the strips neatly on top of each other and fasten at the top and bottom with paper fasteners. If your strips are thick, it might be handy to use a hole punch first.

- 3 Bend the stack of strips to make a curved shape, with the top of the fasteners facing outwards. Then fan out the strips until they form a ball. This part might get fiddly if you have lots of strips! Wind thread around the fastener and hang it up.

EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT LENGTHS AND COLOURS OF PAPER!

Q Why did Santa's little helper feel sad? A He had low elf-esteem! Q What's green, warty and likes kissing? A A mistle-toad!