

Get crafting this Christmas

Why not gift your festive crafts to your family and friends in return for a donation?

Lolly stick decorations

What you'll need:

- Lolly sticks
- Paint
- Ribbon or string
- Coloured paper, eco-glitter, stick-on gems, sequins, pipecleaners or anything you want to decorate with
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Glue together lolly sticks to make a star, reindeer, or a triangle tree shape.
2. Once the glue is set, paint your lolly stick frame.
3. Decorate with whatever you like — such as glitter or gems for stars and snowflakes, or wrap round pipecleaners to look like tinsel and add a paper star and trunk for a tree.
4. Tie or glue on a loop of ribbon or string to hang from.



Xmas tree

What you'll need:

- Thick green paper (or paint it!)
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Cocktail sticks
- Glue
- Decorations such as eco-glitter, pom poms, stick-on gems, sequins or buttons (and a star for the top)

Instructions:

1. Cut a circle from your paper. Now cut out a quarter of the circle so you have a three-quarter circle shape.
2. Roll it into a cone shape — secure with sticky tape.
3. Decorate with whatever you like — make it sparkly!
4. Cut out a star and stick it to a cocktail stick. Then glue the stick to the top of the cone.





Salt dough creations



What you'll need:

- 250g plain flour
- 125g salt
- 125ml water
- Paint

Try using cookie cutters to cut out shapes, then a straw to cut out a hole and make decorations that can hang from trees. You could also add some cinnamon to the recipe to give your items a delightful Christmassy smell.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 140C.
2. In a large bowl, mix the flour and salt together.
3. Gradually add the water and keep mixing until it comes together in a ball.
4. On a floured surface, knead for a few minutes until smooth.
5. Cut, mould and shape your dough into decorations, coasters, trinket dishes, or whatever else you choose.
6. Place your crafts onto a lined baking sheet and bake for around three hours.
7. Once cool, paint as desired.



Sparkly Christmas cards

What you'll need:

- Sparkly card
- White and coloured card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Felt tips
- Googly eyes
- Decorations such as eco-glitter, ribbon, pom poms, stick-on gems, sequins or buttons

Instructions:

1. Cut out whatever shapes you need to make your sparkly Christmas card — it could be a reindeer, snowman or santa. Glue or tape them on to the front of your card.
2. Give your creation some features, like googly eyes or a pom pom nose.
3. To finish, decorate with whatever you like.

