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Holiday Activities

Stained Glass Window Ornaments

Spice up and decorate your window with some beautiful stained-glass ornament's shapes made just from paper, glue, and tissue paper! Hang them up in your window, watch the light shine through them, and see your ornaments shine! <https://www.personalcreations.com/blog/christmas-crafts-for-kids>

Age Group: 5-8 years

Area of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Stencils of ornaments
 - Tissue paper pieces and a regular piece of paper
 - Glue
 - Pencil/Writing utensil
- Scissors

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain what the activity is and what the purpose of it is

Have your ornament stencil out

Trace your stencil out on a piece of paper

Cut out the ornament

Once you have your ornament shape, take your pieces of tissue paper, and cut it into little squares

Take your small pieces of tissue paper and put a small amount of glue on the back of the square, and place it on your ornament

Repeat that step until your ornament is covered, however do not put too many layers of tissue paper or else the light will have a hard time shining through

Once your ornament is covered, place it to the side until the glue is dry

Remind your mentee, nothing needs to be perfect, it's their own unique craft!

You can make as many of these as you and your mentee choose to!

Modifications if Needed: Provide your mentee with the ornaments and tissue paper already cut out to avoid using scissors

Estimated Time Taken per Ornament: 10-15 minutes

Graphic One:



Christmas Trees from Nature

Doing crafts is fun but making them from supplies you can find in your own backyard is even better! This craft is one of the many crafts you can make from nature, and this one revolves around pinecones! You are going to be able to design a pinecone to look like your very own Christmas Tree!

Age Group: 5-8 years

Area of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Pinecone
- Paint (Green, White and any other color you choose)
- Paint brush
- Yellow star
- Glitter (optional)
- Glue

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain to your mentee what the activity is and what the purpose is

Begin with painting your pinecone with the green paint

(Optional Step): Before the paint dries, put your glitter on

Once the green paint is semi dry, take your other colors and paint dots on the pinecone to look like ornaments

Paint white lines on the ends of parts of the pinecone to create a frost look

Place your star on the top of the pinecone with glue

Make as many tree's as you wish

Estimated Time Taken per Tree: 15 minutes

Graphic Two:



Thumbprint Christmas Tree

This is the perfect craft to stay engaged and interested because it is one that is extremely hands on! It makes a special gift, that does not take much preparation, and is super fun and easy to do!

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Area of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Piece of white paper
- Tree stencil
- Red and Green paint
- Tape

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Prior to your activity, create a tree stencil to email or deliver to your mentee if chosen to

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain to your mentee what the activity is and what the purpose is

Create a tree stencil on the paper

Cut out the stencil

Tape the stencil you created on your white piece of paper

Take your thumb and dip it in either the green or red paint and place it on the paper around the tree

Repeat that step with both colors of paint until you believe it has done

Once your desired number of thumbprints is on your paper, peel the taped-on Christmas tree stencil off
(Optional step) Before the paint dries, add glitter

Set aside and let it dry

Repeat as many times as you choose

Modification if Needed: Create a stencil for your mentee to avoid them with scissors and send it via email or deliver it

Estimated Time Taken: 15 minutes

Graphic Three:



Countdown to Christmas Tree Link

One of the most exciting parts about the Christmas season is the anticipation and counting down the days! The countdown is made from links of construction paper that are in the shape of a Christmas tree, and each day starting on December 1st, you rip off a link each day until Christmas!

Areas of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Three pieces of red construction paper
- One piece of green construction paper
- One piece of yellow construction paper
- Pipe cleaner (gold or yellow if possible)
- Stapler or Tape
- Scissors

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain to your mentee what the activity is and what the purpose is

Cut each piece of red construction paper into four strips

Then cut each piece of green construction paper into four strips

Once done, cut one strip of paper from the yellow construction paper

When you have all your strips cut out, start with the yellow strip of paper, and create a loop, stapling or taping it together

Then get a green strip of paper and loop it through the yellow, stapling/taping it shut

Repeat the same process with the green strips to create a tree shape

Add in red strips every once and awhile, to look like ornaments

Once you have all twenty-four strips of paper created into the tree, add the pipe cleaner to the top for you to be able to hang it up

Estimated Time Taken: 20 minutes

Graphic Four:



Christmas Tissue Paper Wreath

Create a festive Christmas decoration for your house to brighten up your spirit! This is a fun and easy craft for anyone who chooses to do it, and the best part is you can completely customize it to how you would like!

Age Group: 12-14 years

Area of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Green and any other color of tissue paper you choose
- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paint brush
- Pencil
- Ribbon or String
- (Optional) Pom Poms, Glitter etc.

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain to your mentee what the activity is and what the purpose is

Cut your tissue paper into small square shapes

Take your paper plate and cut the middle section out, so that it resembles a doughnut

Take your paintbrush and spread glue around a small section of your wreath

Before the glue dries, take a square and place it on the back of your pencil to place it in the glue so the tissue paper sticks up

Repeat the step until your wreath is glued and is covered in the tissue paper

(Optional) Once it is covered, you can then add any other objects you would like (pom pom)

Let the wreath semi dry

Take your string or ribbon and cut a piece long enough to loop around for you to hang it up

Once your wreath is at least semi dry, loop your ribbon or string around the wreath and tie it

Estimated Time Taken: 25/30 minutes

Graphic Five:



Sensory Christmas Snow Globe

While Christmas is a happy and joyful time for most, it tends to also be a very stressful time for some. All of us could use an item to help calm us when we have those anxious moments and watching glitter and other items slowly float around is the perfect way!

Area of Focus: Holiday Activities

Materials Needed:

- Plastic Snow Globe (Michaels)
- Silver Glitter (Any other colors you choose)
- Pom Poms
- (Optional) Glycerin which helps the glitter not fall as fast
- Hot Glue

Remember to email your mentee's guardian a copy of the worksheets and materials needed, or to provide the materials needed to your mentee if their guardian cannot ahead of time

Instructions:

Have your materials needed out in front of you, and have your mentee do so too

Explain to your mentee what the activity is and what the purpose is

Fill your snow globe up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way with water

(Optional) Add a touch of Glycerin

Put in your supplies (Pom Poms, Snowflakes, etc.)

Add your Glitter

Put hot glue in the cap of the snow globe, so that it cannot be opened

Enjoy your new and relaxing snow globe!

<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/christmas-sensory-bottle/?ref=pcrorganicglunkwn&pid=pcseogglunkwn>

Modification if Needed: Instead of hot glue you can use duct tape or another form of closure method

Estimated Time Taken: 15 minutes

Graphic Six and Seven:

