

Jingle Flakes

Materials...

- Sparkly pipe cleaners x 4
- Beads x 36
- Bells x 4



Process...

1. Twist the four pipe cleaners together in the middle to form eight spikes radiating out from the centre.
2. Thread five beads onto one spike and three beads onto the next. Repeat this alternating pattern over the next six spikes.
3. On each five-bead spike thread on a bell and then twist the end of the pipe cleaner back and twist to form a circle.
4. On each three-bead spike fold the pipe cleaner back on itself in half and push towards centre to make a 'V' shape.
5. Tie thin thread to any spike and your Jingle Flake is ready to hang from your tree or door handle!

Other Ideas

If you've mastered the idea above then why not try using the same techniques to create other designs using festive colours of course!



Chime Wreath

Materials...

- Sparkly pipe cleaner x 1
- Beads x 20
- Bells x 15 (mix of green & red)
- Green felt
- Christmas ribbon
- Scissors

Process...

1. Start threading a bell and a bead alternately from one end of a pipe cleaner to the other. Leave a 7cm gap at each end.
2. Cut out six holly leaves from green felt and pierce a small hole in one end of each one. Thread three onto each end of the pipe cleaner and fan out as in the picture above.
3. Attach two red bells at each end of the pipe cleaner to act as holly berries.
4. Twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together at the back of wreath to make a full circle.
5. Tie a loop of ribbon onto the wreath just above the red bells and your decoration is ready to hang!



Other Ideas

If you've mastered the idea above then why not try using the same techniques to create other designs using different colours and shapes like this gold and silver heart....



Rudolph Card Holder

Materials...

- Clothes peg
- Sparkly pipe cleaner
- Gold bells x 2
- Red felt
- Googly eyes
- Gold beads x 6
- Scissors
- Glue



Process...

1. Fold the sparkly pipe cleaner in half and thread it through the 'circle' in the middle of the peg.
2. Thread three gold beads onto the pipe cleaner at either side.
3. Thread two bells onto either side of the pipe cleaner. Then fold the pipe cleaner into a 'V' shape back on itself with bells at each end of the 'V'. Twist pipe cleaner to secure.
4. Add googly eyes to centre of peg.
5. Cut out a circle of red felt for the nose and attach with glue.
6. Stand your cardholder on the two 'legs' of the peg and clip your card into the top.

Rudolf Christmas Card

Materials...

- Googly eyes
- Red and brown felt
- Brown paper
- Sequins
- Green tissue paper
- Black pen
- Scissors
- White card with envelope



Process...

- Rip the outer edges of a square of green tissue paper and glue to the white card as your background.
- Cut out the antlers from brown paper – you can make your antlers identical by folding the paper in half and cutting out the antlers along the fold.
- Cut out a brown felt shape for the reindeer's head and a red felt circle for his nose.
- To assemble, glue down the antlers and then stick the brown felt head over the top. Last of all glue on his red felt nose and the googly eyes.
- Decorate the background with sequins of your choice.
- Finally add a message or greeting (e.g. Party Animal) onto the bottom of the card.

Other Ideas

Add one small and one large googly eye to make your reindeer look like a true party animal!

Or add a Santa-style hat made from red and white felt. This idea would also make a good calendar



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