

Christmas Time

Christmas returns once again and this issue is packed with crafts and baking to make the holiday season special.



Felt Christmas Trees

The Christmas tree is one of the most common decorations at Christmas time. This little table top tree is beautiful decoration to add to any setting.

Felt forms the leafy parts of the tree, a stick makes for a natural tree stump and a glitter covered jar lid makes for a good base for the tree to stand.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/feltchristmastrees.pdf



Giant Holly

Holly is a traditional holiday plant and this decoration is based off that with the added twist of being oversized.

The leaves are cut from simple green card and the berries are formed with red balloons. This is a very simple craft with a very effective result.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/giantholly.pdf

Tassel Stars

Star shapes are common when Christmas decorating.

These stars are easy to make only using paper straws cut in half, threaded on wire, that's then bent and then finally some colourful tassels are added to the base. Easy and colourful.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/tasselstars.pdf



Ice Block Advent

Countdown to Christmas and do something festive every day with this easy to make advent calendar.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/iceblockadvent.pdf



Links

Check out the OSCN craft page oscn.nz/activities for more ideas

Check our pinterest page
pinterest.nz/jooscn



Marbled Ring Dish

The process to make a normal clay dish is long and requires a lot of skill. These polymer clay dishes are a great alternative.

The marbled base is made by mixing two colours of polymer clay together then rolling it out. Then baked in the oven it becomes hard and you have a ring dish ready to gift.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/marbledringdish.pdf



Keyring Tassel

A personalised keyring is a great gift. This craft is for a small tassels keyring that's sure to add some style to anyone's keys.

The tassel is made with embroidery threads of many colours. Then three beads are added and it's all tied to the keyring.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/keyringtassel.pdf



Mail A Hug

This year since Covid still exists worldwide we may not get to see our loved ones in person. Why not mail them a hug instead?

It's very simple, two hand shapes glued to some ribbon is all it takes. The ribbon acts as the arm span in the hug but can be folded neatly into an envelope for mailing.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/mailahug.pdf

Photo Change Cube



The photo change cube uses a bit of magic to create a special gift.

The cubes are all hinged with tape in specified places, as you open it and fold the sides away it shows another image and another and then some more. Such a fun little gift this Christmas.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/photochangecube.pdf

Find the resources

Polymer Clay can be found at spotlight or other craft stores.

Wooden cubes are usually found at discount stores under the craft workshop brand.

Something to do

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Wrap It Up



Light String Wrap

Wrapping a present and want some fun string to tie it up with? Well this is just the creation to use.

The string is formed by making small light bulb shapes glued onto some string. This gives the impression of a string of lights and is a great addition to any present.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/lightstringwrap.pdf



Gift Tag Wreaths

Most Christmas gift tags are boring pieces of card. This one takes the standard wreath and makes it fun size to adorn any gift.

The wreath is made with a wire ring, wrapped in tinsel ribbon and topped off with a small personalised tag so you can add a special message. It's really that easy.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/gifttagwreaths.pdf

Christmas Tree Tag

Hama, or iron melt beads, have been around a while now. This craft uses them as a base to make a beautiful tree tag to add to a gift.

The Hama beads act as a needle point grid to add small embroidered embellishments to make it just the bit more stylish.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/christmastreetag.pdf



Christmas Character Cards



The card is the most important part of a gift. Take Santa and his elf and turn them into a cute card and this is the result.

Both are made of only four colours of simple craft card. Really simple but highly effective.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/christmascharactercards.pdf

Find the resources

Hama Beads can be found at spotlight or other craft stores. The packs come in smaller sizes or bulk, perfect for making many.





Christmas Bark

Savory and sweet mixed together makes for a really yummy treat.

The base of the crackle is made with water crackers (or similar) topped with layers of caramel and chocolate. Add some sprinkles and marshmallows and this becomes a real festive treat.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/christmasbark.pdf



Pastry Stars

Don't have a sweet tooth? No need to worry we have you covered. These little pastry stars make for great snacks and no sugar in sight.

The base is made of puff pastry sheets, cut out and baked. Topped with your favourite garnishes to create a delicious and festive snack.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/pastrystars.pdf



Hot Chocolate Stick

Hot chocolate is a night time staple drink during the holidays.

These hot chocolate sticks take all the ingredients and combine them together, ready for a warm cup of milk to melt them down and turn them into a hot chocolate.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/hotchocolatestick.pdf



Rice Bubble Slice

Rice bubble slice is a real crowd favourite, but the twist on this one is that it needs no baking.

The rice bubbles mixed with condensed milk, chocolate and butter make the base of the slice. Then adding some chocolate and some decorative treats make this a delicious snack, or even a tasty gift.

Instructions found at
oscn.nz/files/ricebubbleslice.pdf

Gifting Baking

Giving baking is a great idea for gifts. Simply take the baking and place in cellophane bags, or old jam jars. Add some ribbon and a personalised tag and you're good to gift.