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### Time To **Decorate**

## **Christmas Is Coming**

Christmas is right around the corner again. So time to gift some cheer, decorate and eat some yummy treats.



Faux Candles

Candles have always been a staple for decorating at Christmas. These faux candles will definitely do the trick while being safer than the real thing.

The candle is made from a cardboard tube, then a card flame is added to create the faux glow.

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

#### Clear Baubles

There are so many options to choose from when making your own baubles. These are three ideas for clear baubles to get the creative juices flowing.

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



Pasta Shell Tree

Why not try making a small tree decoration to add some sparkle to any setting.

The base of the tree is made of a cardboard cone and pasta shells are added and coloured to make the leaves/branches of the tree.

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

#### **Bonus Activity** Snowman Magnets

fun craft for entertainment. Magnets are used to create the interchangeable parts of the snowman, add a few details and then mix and match.

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

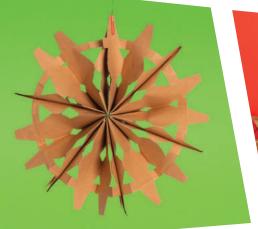




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#### Creative Stuff

## Paper Bag Christmas





Snowflakes

Star Garland

Even the humble paper bag can be transformed into a one of a kind decoration just like a real snowflake.

Taking the folded parts of paper bags, glueing them all together then cutting out shapes creates these decorations.

Instructions found at <a href="mailto:oscn.nz/files/paperbagsnowflake.pdf">oscn.nz/files/paperbagsnowflake.pdf</a>

A string of stars will add some Christmas flair to any space.

The stars are made using a traditional origami pattern. Then a hole is punched and they are all threaded onto string to create the garland.

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

#### **Folded Tree**

Some more folding is required here to make these trees. They can be used as decorations or mini versions made and stuck onto gifts or cards.

The tree is made from a square of the paper bag, slits are cut along the edges and then folded over to create the branches.

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



#### Notebook Gift



Notebooks always make for great gifts and this craft allows you to make your custom notebook gift.

The pages are made from folded paper bags stitched together.

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

#### Find The Resources

Paper bags are quickly accumulated with grocery shopping. If you need to buy them then head to your favourite craft or discount store.









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#### Give A Gift





Now a photo of someone can become a cute Christmas Character.

The base of this craft is made from a jar lid. A photo is trimmed to fit inside and then glued in place. Antlers and a small red pom pom nose are added to complete this fun gift.

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

#### Wrapping 2021

So many options when wrapping presents. These are three simple DIY options you can try out this Christmas season.

Instructions found at <a href="mailto:oscn.nz/files/wrapping2021.pdf">oscn.nz/files/wrapping2021.pdf</a>



Want to gift something small like lollies? Well this gift jar adds a bit of Christmas cheer.

The jar lid gets decorated with a small Santa or Elf hat, add a few other small details and it's ready to use.

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

#### Gift Pots

Like the gift jar, this is a craft to use for gifting, but it has a second life in mind. Give a gift in this pot then once the gift is removed a small plant can be put into the pot.

A small pot is painted either red or green for the base of the craft. Adding some details turns this from a regular pot to a Christmas one.

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





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#### **Treats** For All



### Christmas Tree Cookies

Cookies are super easy to make and this treat is made using them.

Baking three different sized cookies makes up the basis of the treat. Stacking them up and adding royal icing imbetween will create the tree shape.

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



### **Christmas Tree Pastry**

The folded tree in the paper bag craft page was so simple why not turn it into a delicious treat.

Instead of a paper bag to create the tree pastry is used instead. Adding a layer of savoury filling before folding makes it a delicious snack.

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

#### Share the treats

**Baking** is super fun and ends with delicious treats to eat. Sharing them as gifts is always a great thing to do. Check out the gift jar and pot on the previous page for some gifting ideas.

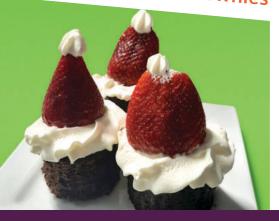
### **Christmas Wafer Sticks**

Dipping biscuits into a cup of hot chocolate is always yummy so we are taking this idea and dipping them into melted chocolate.

Wafer biscuits make a good base here, dip them in melted chocolate then add sprinkles and enjoy.

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

#### Santa Hat Brownies



These Santa hat brownies can easily be adapted to any round shaped food like biscuits.

The base is a round brownie, add some cream, a cut strawberry and then a small bit more cream on the top.

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





