

Sustainable Christmas

Christmas can be a fun time to decorate, gift and enjoy treats and the below crafts will help celebrate the festive season. This page contains crafts with a sustainable focus.



Felt Scrap Decorations

Homemade decorations always add to the festive spirit. These decorations have a sustainable spin utilising felt scraps that would have otherwise become rubbish. Not only is the decoration made from felt scraps but the offcuts are also used to stuff the creations for a 3D effect.

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



Orange Stars

Did you know that those orange and mandarin skins that usually get thrown away will dry and harden to a tough material.

Cutting out stars from the fruit skin forms the base of this craft. Then the stars can be strung to create a garland or small gift tags that will naturally harden and dry.

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

Fabric Scrap Hand Warmers

Hand warmers can be a great little gift to give. Although useful in winter these can also be good on a cool summer evening watching the stars. Our hand warmers use offcuts from cotton fabric making them more eco-friendly.

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



3D Star Recycled Cards



Christmas cards are great to give and receive however once read and displayed for one season they come to an end. Not with this craft, give them a second life as 3D star decorations. Stars are cut out of cards and then slotted together, simple.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/3dstar.pdf

More Crafts

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Cardboard Roll Tree

Sometimes even the simplest of crafts can still make an amazing festive addition.

A cardboard roll is used as the base of this tree. It's coloured, then cut to create the basic shape then adorned with some little extras.

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



Origami Santa

Here comes Santa Claus... well only in paper form. Make this craft then use it to add to any festive gift wrap, card or simply give it as a gift.

Simple origami folds are all that are used to take red and white paper and form a cute little Santa

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

Cotton Bud Snowflakes

Although our Christmas is in summer doesn't stop us from decorating with snowflakes.

Cotton buds are glued together in this craft to form the snowflake shape. Remember that no two snowflakes are the same so why not make a few of these in differing forms?

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



Paper Plate Wreath

Every door needs a wreath at Christmas.

This one is made from two paper plates and is covered in strips of green paper to give a bushy effect. Then the final touch is two mistletoe leaves and some red berries. Ready for hanging.

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





Tea Bag Tree

There's always time for tea. This gift takes standard tea bag pouches and transforms them into a Christmas tree gift.

The base of the tree is a simple cone then the tea bags are glued in layers to be later ripped off and used one at a time.

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



Guess Who Game

A game always makes for the perfect gift. This one takes the game Guess Who and personalises it for a special little twist.

Photos are used to create people cards and hinged playing characters. The hinged characters are added to thick card to create the game boards. Then all you need to do is pick someone and play.

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



Cement Coasters

No more stains on the coffee table, please. These coasters are a great gift to give someone this festive season.

Cement is used to create the coasters with the addition of some embellishments for added design flair.

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

Gift Wrapping 2022

Every year we collate a few new things you can try with wrapping. This year there are three to try.

Santa belt, pom pom and washi tape tree wrapping. All are very simple but are sure to make your gifts pop.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/wrapping2022.pdf





Reindeer Oreo Cookies

Had a very shiny nose... Well in this case it's an M&M but you get the idea.

Oreos make up the foundation of this yummy treat. Add some chocolate, savoury pretzels and an M&M and you have a delicious reindeer to eat or gift.

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



Gingerbread Drink And Spice Mix

A yummy cold drink always goes down well at Christmas. This spice mix is delicious and makes a great gift too.

The mix can then be added with a few other ingredients to make a yummy cold drink.

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

Mini Christmas Tree Pizzas

Pizza time with a festive twist.

Pastry forms the base of the pizzas which is cut into Christmas tree shapes. Then all your favourite toppings are added and you have yourself a fun treat.

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



Rice Bubble Christmas Puddings



This is another very giftable treat. Rice bubbles mixed with marshmallows and a few other ingredients form the base of the treats. Adding white chocolate and mistletoe finishes it off.

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