

Switched on for

# Christmas

## Jigsaw puzzle decorations

Do you have an old jigsaw puzzle tucked away in the cupboard? Make dozens of Christmas decorations with one box!

### You will need:

jigsaw puzzle pieces (size doesn't matter), cardboard, craft glue, paint, pipe-cleaners, fabric scraps, pompoms, ribbon and other recycled scraps

### What to do:

- Make a cardboard template in the shape of your decoration.
- Randomly glue jigsaw pieces onto the template, covering as much of the template as possible.
- Allow glue to dry, then paint. (For stripes like the candy cane, place strips of cardboard over the base colour and paint between strips.)
- Decorate your ornament.
- Glue a loop of ribbon to the back and hang on the Christmas tree.



## Christmas gift from recycled craft

Looking for a handmade gift that's quick, easy, and will use up those pesky scraps that are always lying around? Make these unique small cards for a memorable Christmas gift.

### You will need:

small pieces of cardboard scraps, scissors, old flat (fridge) magnets or a roll of self-adhesive magnet, wool and string, old scrap booking paper, sequins, glitter and other 'fancy' items, fabrics scraps, small pegs, a hot glue gun, strong craft glue, brushes

### What to do:

- Cut a square or rectangle of strong (but not too heavy) card for each student and hot-glue a magnet to the top of one side of each piece.
- Give each student a square or rectangle of card and a peg. The students choose a piece of fabric. They cover the cardboard with glue and then stick the fabric onto the card. Make sure the card is covered. Glue the peg with hot glue near the bottom of the card (make sure the magnet on the back is at the top). When dry, trim the edges neatly.
- The children can then glue items onto the fabric-covered card. Encourage them to try arranging it the way they like best before they glue it down.

## Old Christmas card paper baubles

You know all those Christmas cards and wrapping paper that go in the bin after Christmas? Here's a creative idea that will bring new life to your Christmas tree.

### You will need:

old Christmas cards or paper, scissors, ribbon, hole punch, beads (optional)

### What to do:

- Cut twelve 2 cm x 15 cm strips from card or paper.
- Stack your strips on top of each other and punch holes in each end.
- Thread ribbon through both holes, tying one end with a knot. You may need a bead if the ribbon pulls through.
- Pull ribbon through until the desired shape is achieved, then tie a knot in the ribbon to hold the paper in place.
- Fan out one strip of paper at a time to create this quick and beautiful ornament!



## Christmas suncatcher ornaments

These easy-to-make ornaments will brighten up the room when the sun hits them.

### You will need:

craft glue (watered down slightly), glue brushes, tissue paper, clear plastic lid, scissors, hole punch, ribbon or pipe-cleaners

### What to do:

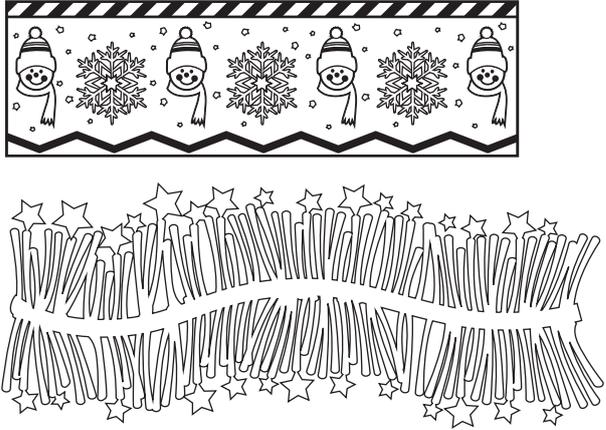
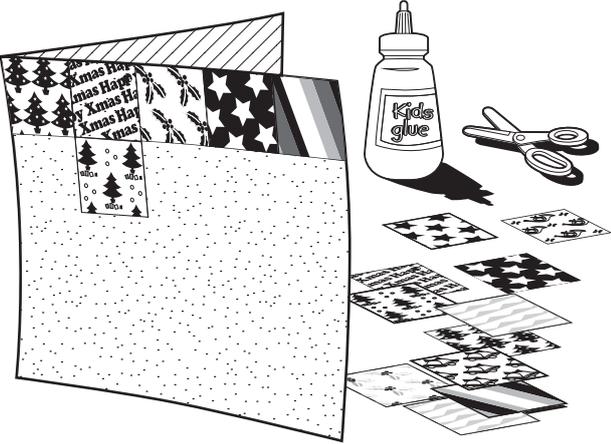
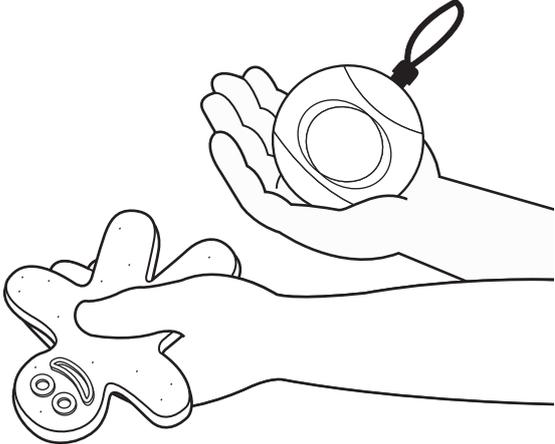
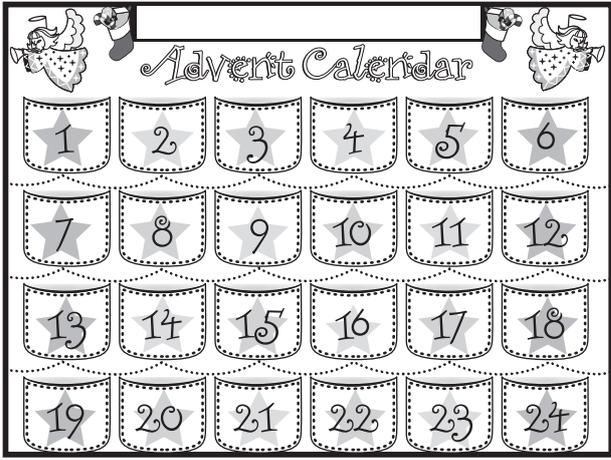
- Trim the lid so it can lie flat (remove the lip from the edge).
- Provide the students with simple Christmas-themed templates to trace, such as Christmas trees or bells. They put the template under the plastic, then trace the shape onto the plastic with a fine marker pen.
- Children select the colours of tissue paper they want. They tear the paper into small pieces.
- Spread a layer of glue over the picture traced on the plastic. Lay pieces of tissue paper on top, overlapping the pieces. Spread layer of glue on top.
- Ensure the children cover to the edge of the shape, going over is fine as it will be trimmed. Set aside to dry.
- When dry, cut out the shape. Punch a hole in the top of the shape.
- Thread ribbon or gold pipe-cleaner through the hole and the suncatcher ornaments are ready to hang on the tree.



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# What will you measure?

1. Look at the pictures.
2. Circle the word which tells what you will measure.

					
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Indicator: Uses picture clues to select an attribute to measure.

# Handprint Christmas decoration or gift

Follow the instructions to make a Christmas decoration or gift.

## 1. Collect:

- white paint
- brush
- water
- red cardboard
- pencil
- scissors
- glue
- ribbon for hanging
- hole punch
- marker
- wide white rickrack (or a strip of white cardboard) for mitten cuff



2. Use the brush and white paint to cover one hand.

3. Press hand firmly down onto red cardboard. Allow to dry.

4. Use pencil to draw a mitten shape around handprint.

5. Cut out.

6. Cut length of braid (or cardboard) to fit cuff of mitten.

7. Glue to bottom.

8. Use marker to write name and year on mitten.

9. Use hole punch to make a hole at the top for hanging.

10. Tie a length of ribbon through the hole.

11. Hang on the Christmas tree or give as a special gift to grandparents.

**NOTE:** May be laminated or covered with clear self-adhesive plastic for durability.