

MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS GIFTS



CHRISTMAS CARD COASTERS

Materials:

- 4" square ceramic tiles (one for each coaster)
- Old Christmas cards
- Mod Podge and small foam brush
- 4 small, adhesive-backed felt pads per tile
- Spray polyurethane

Create these coasters on a table that has been covered with paper or plastic to protect the surface.

Using a paper trimmer, cut pictures from old Christmas cards into 4" X 4" size (one for each tile). Make sure pictures fit perfectly to the tile size, trimming if necessary.

Spread Mod Podge on the top of each tile, then carefully place a picture on it. Let it set for about a minute. Using a credit card, smooth out each picture, starting from the center of the tile to the outside. Wipe off any excess Mod Podge.

Let the tiles dry for 4 hours, then spray with 2 or 3 coats of polyurethane, allowing tiles to dry between each coat.

On the back side of each tile, place felt pads at the four corners.



MELTED CRAYON ROCKS

Materials:

- A collection of small rocks, washed and dried Crayons (wax- or soy-based crayons work best)

Place clean and dried rocks on a baking sheet. Heat them in the oven at 350 degrees for 10–15 minutes.

Remove one rock at a time from the oven, using a hot pad or oven mitt. Place your rock on a piece of cardboard or tinfoil to protect the table surface.

Using a crayon of your choice, slowly draw on the hot rock and watch the crayon melt. Experiment using various colors and designs. When one layer of wax has dried, you may want to use a different color to draw over the base layer.

Let your rocks cool and dry.



STAR ORNAMENTS

Materials:

- Stiff cardboard
- 1/4 yard burlap, any color
- 1/4 yard calico print, Christmas colors
- Craft glue
- Fabric stiffener
- Buttons and other decorative trim
- Embroidery floss
- Twine

Use stiff cardboard to make two templates of a star, one a quarter-inch smaller than the other.

Lay out the burlap and trace around the largest template to create several large stars.

Lay out the calico and trace around the smaller template to create several small stars.

Coat both sides of each star (large and small) with fabric stiffener. Allow stars to dry.

Glue a small star onto each large star with the craft glue.

Thread a length of embroidery floss through the buttonholes and tie a bow. Glue a button with a bow to the center of each ornament. Punch a hole in the top of the star and hang it with twine.