



Christmas Kit



Recipes

**It's beginning to taste
a lot like Christmas!**

Bust out the stretchy pants and head to the grocery store to pick up ingredients for one (or all) of these delicious treats. Get your kids involved too!



Peanut Butter Rudolph Cookies



1/2 cup Peanut Butter

1/2 cup Butter

1/2 cup Sugar

1/2 cup Brown Sugar

1 tsp Vanilla

1 Egg

1 1/3 cups Flour

1 tsp Baking Soda

1/2 tsp Salt

48 Red M&M's

96 Mini Chocolate

Chips

Mini Twist Pretzels

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 350.

Break pretzels into pieces to use as antlers.

STEP 2

Cream together peanut butter, butter, sugar and brown sugar until smooth. Add egg and vanilla and beat until smooth.

STEP 3

Whisk together flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Slowly add dry ingredients to the creamed mixture, beating until incorporated.

STEP 4

Roll into 1/2-3/4" balls and place on cookie sheet several inches apart. Sprinkle with sugar & gently make an indentation slightly off the center of each cookie. Bake 12-14 minutes.

STEP 5

Place an M&M in the indentation of each cookie. Insert 2 mini chocolate chips (pointy side down) above the M&M to be the eyes. Insert 2 pretzel pieces to resemble antlers.



11 oz. package
refrigerated breadsticks

6 oz. Pepperoni

1 ½ cups shredded
mozzarella cheese

Pepperoni Pizza Candy Canes

STEP 1

Heat oven to 375°F.

STEP 2

Unroll breadstick dough and separate pieces. Place each piece on lightly greased parchment paper-lined baking sheet and shape into canes. Place cheese and pepperoni alternately on canes, creating stripes.

STEP 3

Bake 10 to 13 minutes or until golden.

Summer Time Olaf

STEP 1

Follow the directions on the back of Gelatin box to prepare the Jello.

STEP 2

Take the regular sized marshmallow and use scissors to cut into two pieces, one for the head and one for the bottom.

Use the mini marshmallows for the feet and middle section.

STEP 3

Decorate the snowman with frosting and an umbrella.



Regular Sized
Marshmallows

Mini Marshmallows

Brown, Black, and
Orange Icing

Blue Jello (3 oz.)

Summer Themed
Straws or Umbrellas



Christmas Sugar Wafers



2 (8 oz.) packages
sugar wafer cookies

1 (1 lb.) package white
candy melts

1 T. shortening

Assorted red, green, &
white sprinkles

STEP 1

Melt candy melts or bark coating and shortening together in the microwave per package directions (typically in 30 second intervals, stir in between).

STEP 2

Dip $\frac{3}{4}$ of a sugar wafer cookie in the candy coating, letting excess coating drip off back into the container. Immediately sprinkle with sprinkles, as desired.

STEP 3

Place on wax paper and let stand for coating to set up and repeat with remaining sugar wafers.

STEP 4

Store in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

Call List

Whether your loved ones are near or far, take a moment to connect with them the old fashioned way, a phone call! Here's a list of people you can call to start.


- ★ Mom
- ★ Dad
- ★ Spiritual Mom or Dad
- ★ A Friend You Haven't Seen In A While, Children, Nieces, or Nephews
- ★ A Family Member You Want to Catch Up With





Activities

Check out a few of these family-friendly suggestions for festive outings. Make sure to check the websites, as many of these require tickets or reservations.



Merry Main Street

Nov. 25 - Jan. 7



Downtown Mesa | 20 E. Main Street, Mesa

Merry Main Street features a nearly four-story-tall Christmas tree, Mesa Christmas Market, Jack Frost Truck Forest, musical performances and much more.

merrymainst.com

APS Electric Light Parade

Dec. 3



Parade starting location | Central Ave. and Montebello Ave, Phoenix

For more than three decades, the APS Electric Light Parade has been an event where families, neighborhood groups and businesses from across the city come together to celebrate the joy of the holiday season.

www.phoenix.gov

Hometown Christmas Parade

Dec. 10

Glendale, AZ

The Hometown Christmas Parade is an opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas while also supporting a great cause.

hctparade.org



World of Illumination

Nov. 16 - Jan. 1

Tempe Diablo Stadium | 2200 W Alameda Dr, Tempe

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Sugar plum fairies. A gigantic gingerbread village. Sweets as far as the eye can see. World of Illumination presents Candy Rush, the world's largest animated drive-through light show, highlighting larger-than-life Christmas characters and confections. This mile-long journey features millions of colorful lights and enchanting holiday music—a must see treat for the entire family.

worldofillumination.com

Lights At The Farm

Nov. 23 - Dec. 30

Vertuccio Farms | 4011 S. Power Rd, Mesa

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Lights at the Farm, Arizona's biggest and best synchronized Christmas Light Show, provides a spectacular walk-through, interactive holiday journey.

lightsatthefarm.com

Christmas At Schnepf Farms

Nov. 25 - Dec. 24

Schnepf Farms | 24810 E. Rittenhouse, Queen Creek

Christmas has come to Schnepf Farms! Experience a winter wonderland like no other with seasonal food, fun and festivities for the whole family. Catch a ride on the World of Illumination Express, hop on a hayride to visit Rudolph or journey through Santa's magic workshop

schnepfchristmas.com

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Phoenix Zoo Lights

Nov. 23 - Jan. 15

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Phoenix Zoo | 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix

You'll find adventure EVERYWHERE at the Valley's favorite holiday tradition, ZooLights! This season promises to be bigger and brighter than ever before, with all new animal lanterns and light displays, an enhanced Santa experience and our brand-new music and light show that will take you around the world! PLUS, guest entry to ZooLights includes admission to Dinosaurs in the Desert, the not-to-be-missed dino-mite experience!

phoenixzoo.org/zoolights/

Herberger Theater Musical

Nov. 19 - Dec. 24

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Herber Theater Center Stage West | 222 East Monroe Street, Phoenix

The holiday classic soars off the screen in the musical adaptation of the beloved television special. Filled with holiday hits like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Holly Jolly Christmas," Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer features all of your favorite characters.

herbergertheater.org/events/rudolph-the-red-nosed-reindeer-the-musical/

Railroad Park Holiday Lights

Nov. 25 - Dec. 30

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park | 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale

Hop on board the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and experience a winter wonderland of holiday lights and display. No trip to the park is complete without a spin on the historic Charros Carousel or a cup of hot cocoa from Hartley's General Store.

therailroadpark.com/holidaylights/

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Riparian After Dark

Dec. 9 - Dec. 20

**TICKETS
REQUIRED**

Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch | 2757 E. Guadalupe Rd, Gilbert

The Riparian Preserve comes alive with a holiday glow! Stroll around the walkways at the Riparian at Water Ranch with thousands of holiday lights and displays at every turn.

gilbertaz.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/special-events-and-permits/riparian-after-dark

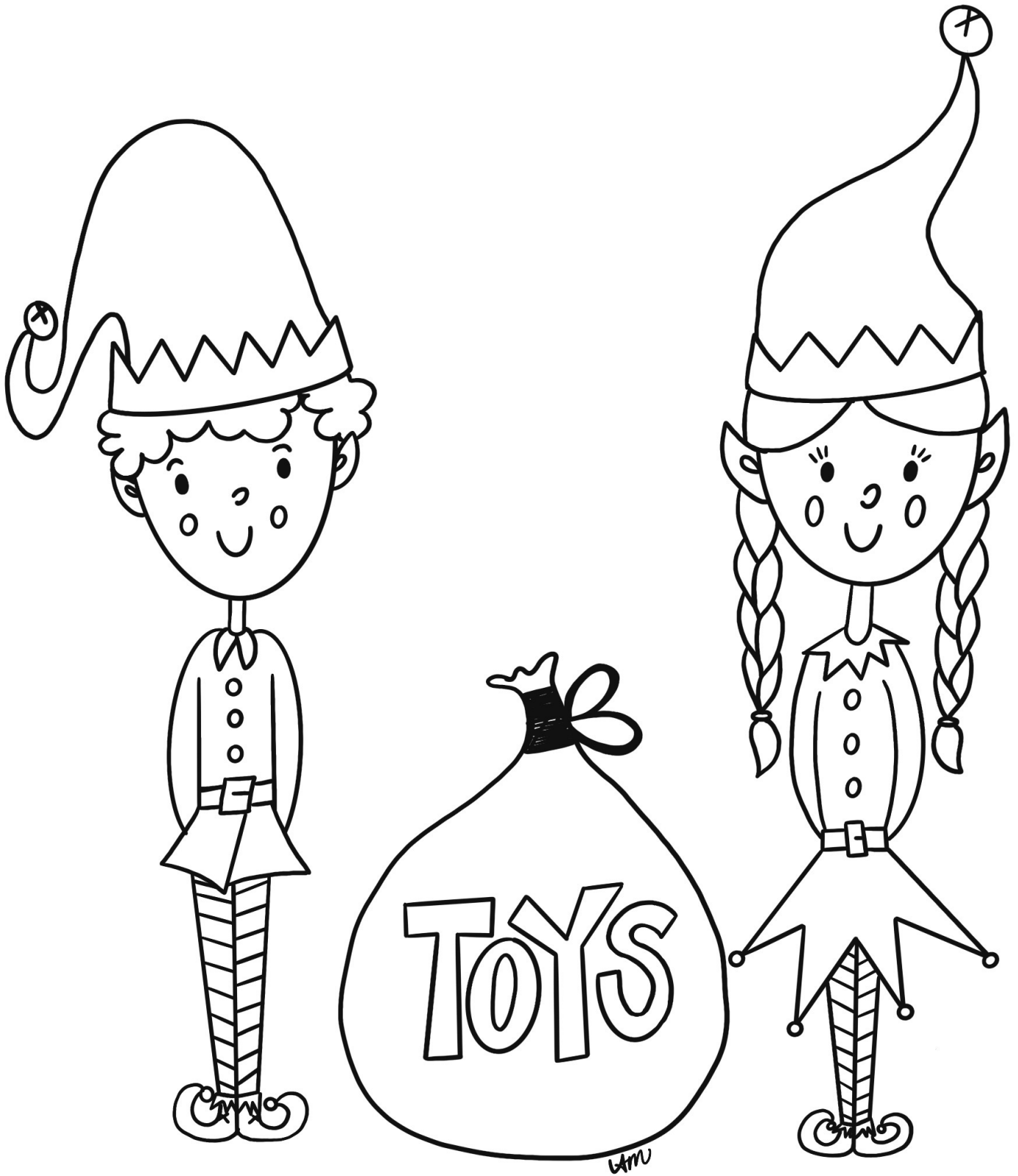




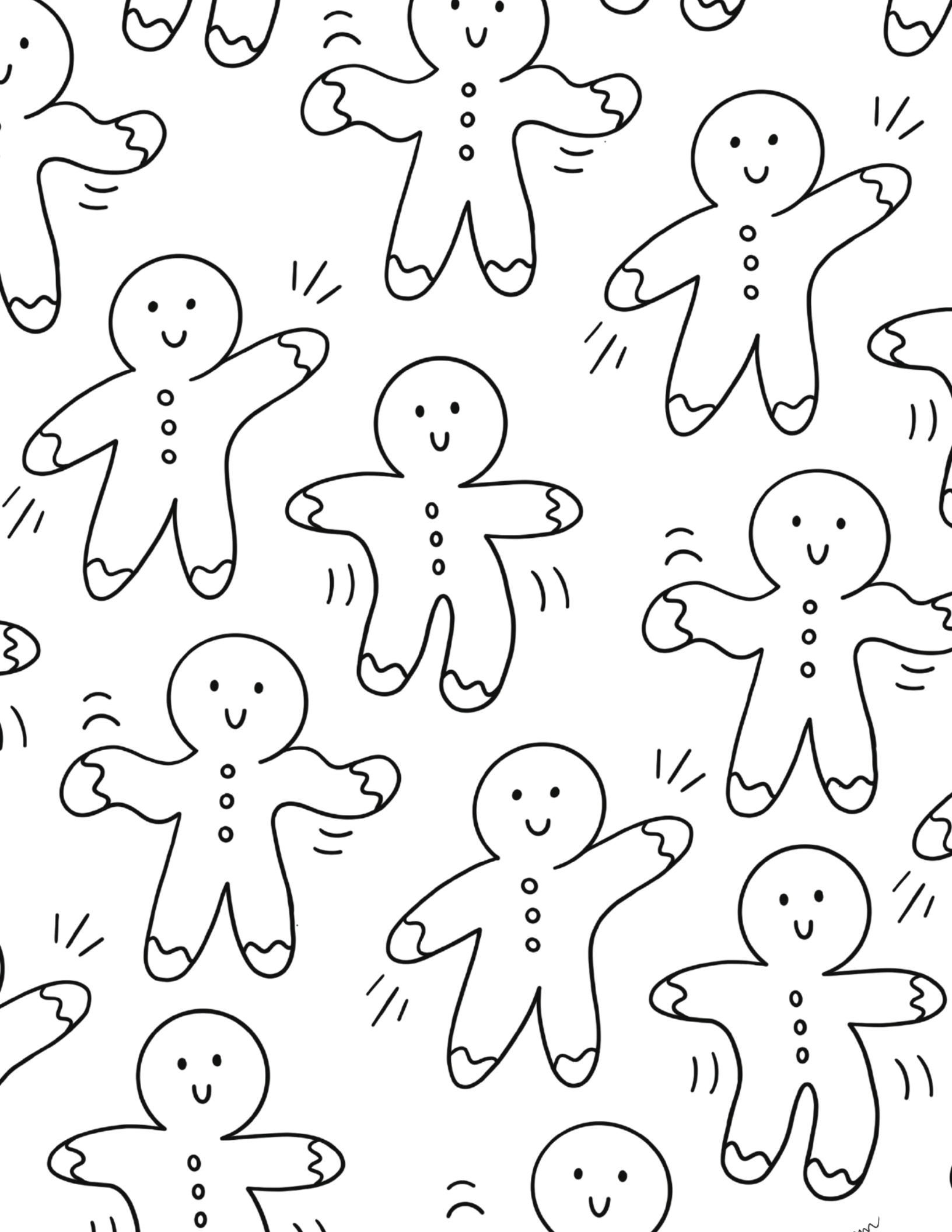
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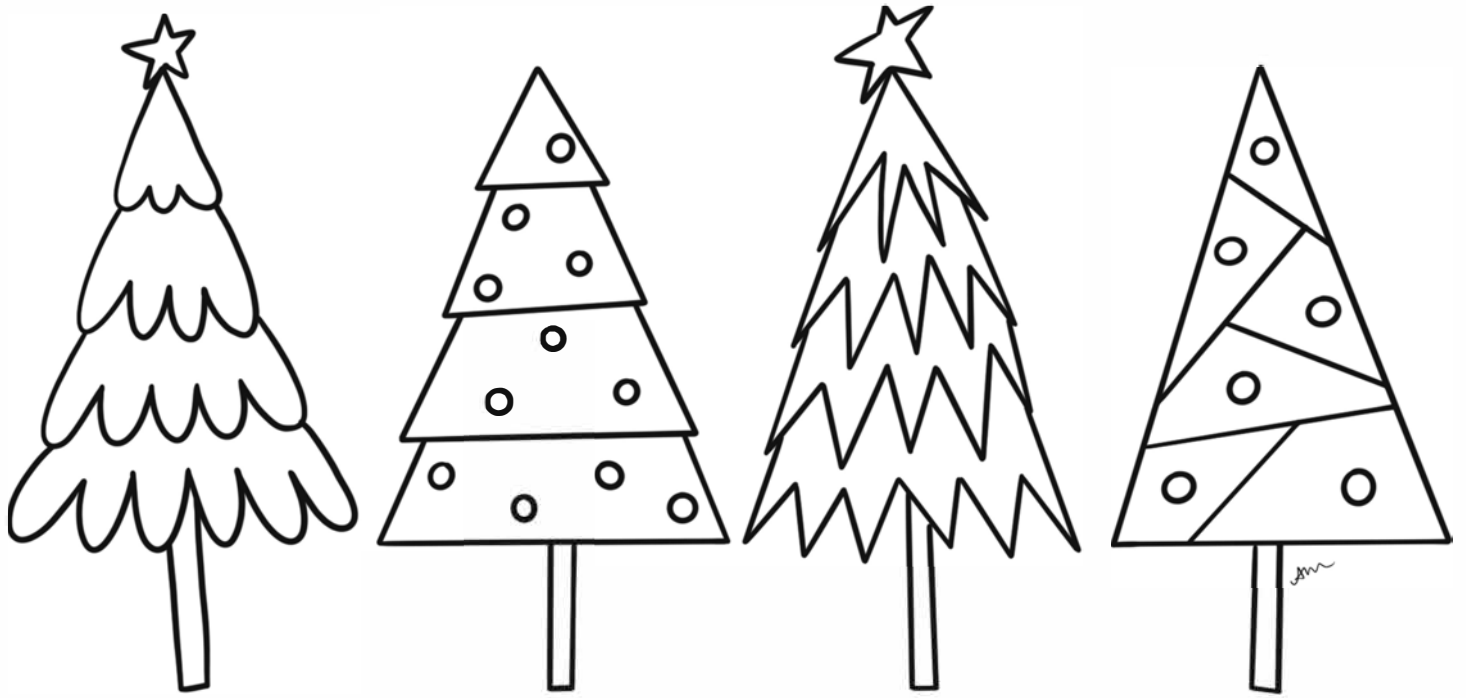






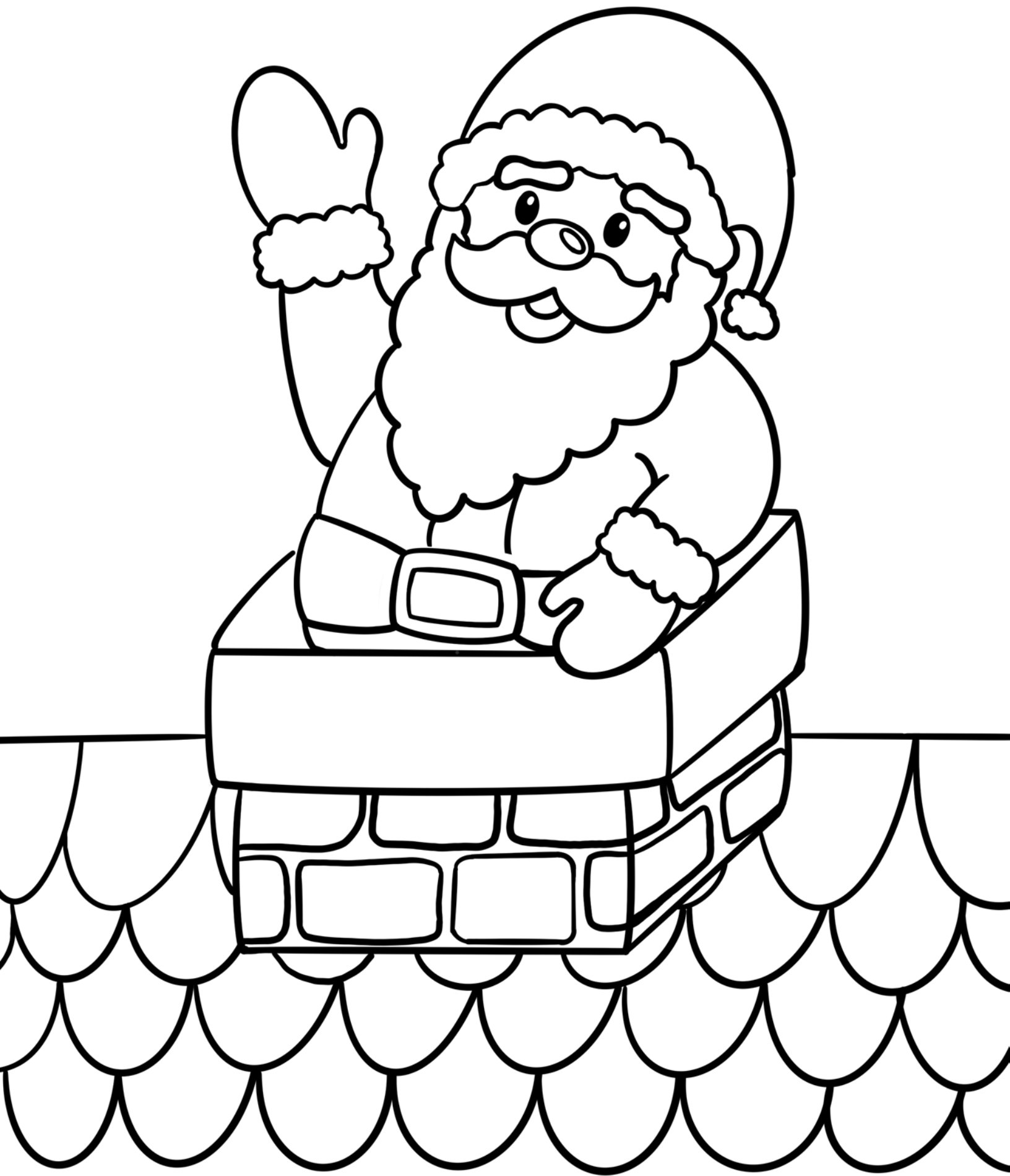






OH CHRISTMAS TREE







Crafts

Channel your inner Martha Stewart and get crafting with the family! Here are a few fun ideas to make special memories with the kids and hopefully save a few of there as mementos for years to come.





Kraft paper

Giant Sharpie marker

Washable tempera paint

Paint brushes
(big & small)

Painter's tape

Tree Farm

STEP 1

Roll out Kraft paper. Using a ruler, start by drawing overlapping triangles, varying them height and width.

STEP 2

Once you are finished drawing, use the painter's tape to tape the Kraft paper to the wall.

STEP 3

Mix up 12 different greens, squirt different combinations of green, white, yellow, and black

STEP 4

Let it dry and leave up as long as you'd like!



White Mesh Laundry
Hamper

Black and Orange
Construction Paper

Pom-Poms

Tape and Scissors

Snowball Toss

STEP 1

Begin by cutting two big circles out with the black construction paper and a nose out of the orange construction paper.

STEP 2

Take the tape and add the shapes to the mesh laundry hamper to create the face.

STEP 3

Place the hamper against the wall and begin tossing the pom-poms in the hamper.



1 package (25 pc.)
green chenille pipe
cleaners, (12" x 6mm)

1 package pony beads
red, (6×9 mm)

1 package pony beads
white, (6×9 mm)

Beaded Candy Cane Ornaments

STEP 1

Use wire cutters or old scissors to cut the pipe cleaners in half.

STEP 2

Slide one bead to the end of a pipe cleaner, turning the end around the bead to keep it in place. Alternate red and white beads until the pipe cleaner is full.

STEP 3

Turn the end around the last bead.
Bend into a candy cane shape and hang on your tree.

Christmas Tree Handprint Towel

STEP 1

Paint your child's hand with green paint. Put the paint on quite thick; the hand should feel very wet in order to get a good handprint.

STEP 2

Working quickly, lay the hand down on the middle of the towel and press firmly to transfer a handprint. Repeat this process to create two more handprints in a Christmas tree shape. Allow the handprints to dry slightly before adding the star, about 10 minutes.

STEP 3

Lay the star stencil on the towel, above the top of the tree, and hold it in place. Have your child dip their finger in yellow paint and then tap it on the towel to fill in the star.

STEP 4

Finally, let your child decorate the tree with ornaments made from fingerprints in different colors of paint.

STEP 5

Once the paint is completely dry, you can heat set the Christmas tree with an iron. Place a thin cloth over the towel and iron over the tree for about 30 seconds, moving the iron around. It's also a good idea to wait about a week before you wash the towel.



White kitchen towel

Green acrylic craft paint
(plus colors for a star
and ornaments)

Cheap foam paintbrush

Printable star template



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If you don't have a church you call home, join us for a Sun Valley Christmas.

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