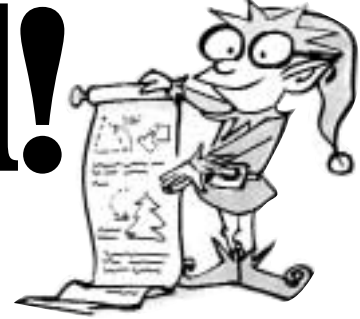


Christmas Crafts Annual!



by The Leader Christmas Elf

While the rest of the *Leader* staff is hard at work editing articles, doing layout and getting into the goodies and eggnog, yours truly, the *Leader* Christmas Elf is here at my office under the stairs at the National Office ready to help them out with my annual Christmas craft ideas.

CHRISTMAS TREE ADVENT CALENDAR

Waiting for Christmas is much more fun with this Advent Calendar tree!

Materials: large green felt squares, paper for patterns, coloured felt squares for ornaments, sparkle glue, Velcro™ self-adhesive circles.

What to do: Using a pattern of a Christmas tree (see diagram, or make your



own), cut a tree shape out of a large piece of green felt. Cut 24 ornament shapes out of brightly colored felt using your imagination to create different patterns. Make the ornaments

the same colour, or use different ones. Draw "sparkle glue" numbers 1 - 24 on each ornament.

Fix the prickly half of the Velcro™ circles all over the tree where you will want to place the ornaments. Stick the other half of the Velcro™ circles to each of the 24 ornaments.



Starting on December first, hang one ornament per day on your Christmas tree calendar to help you count down the days until Christmas!

CD ANGEL ORNAMENT

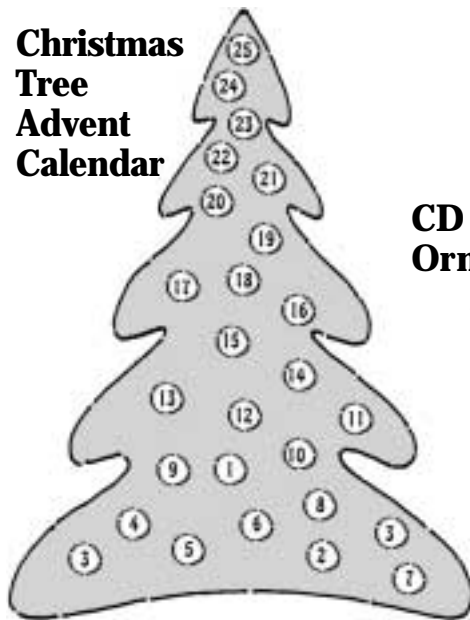
Make your angel look just like you!
Materials: old compact disk (CD), 3-inch Styrofoam™ ball, glue, wool or yarn, felt, wiggly eyes.

What to do: The Styrofoam™ ball will be the angel's face. Add coloured yarn for hair, wiggly eyes or closed eyes cut from black felt (half circles with fringed eyelashes), a red mouth, etc. Next, take some craft glue and attach the CD to the top of the angel's head (the halo). Poke a yarn loop through a hole in the top of the ball to make a hanger for your angel, or pull two strands of "hair" through the hole in the CD.

RECYCLED TREE TOPPER

Your tree will look especially beautiful with this recycled topper!

Christmas Tree Advent Calendar

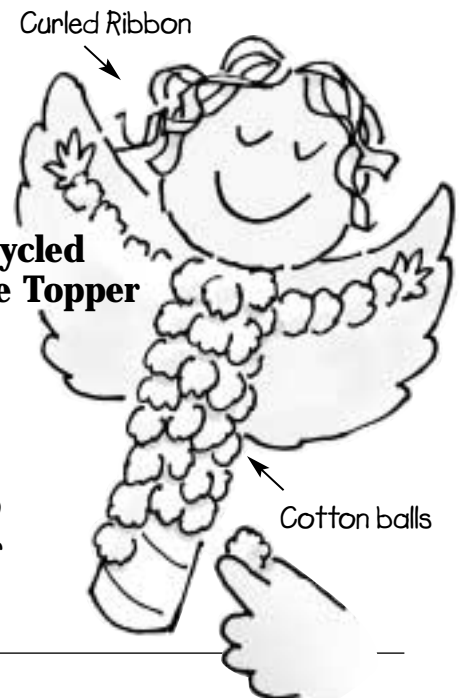


CD Angel Ornament



Pull two strands of "hair" through the hole in the CD to make a hanger for your angel.

Recycled Tree Topper



Curled Ribbon

Cotton balls

Materials: construction paper (any color), ribbon, foil, cereal box, cotton balls, glitter, sequins, empty paper towel roll, hot glue gun and sticks, scissors, markers.

What to do: Cut out a circle from construction paper. Draw the face with a marker. Glue cotton balls onto paper towel roll. Take cereal box and draw the wings. Keep both wings as one piece. When wings are cut out wrap foil around them. Glue wings to the back of the paper towel roll. Once wings are glued, glue the head on the front of the paper towel roll. Cut pieces of ribbon for the hair. You can curl the ribbons using scissors (adult supervision). Once head is glued use cotton balls to go down the wings for the arms. Decorate your angel with glitter and sequins.

DISH CLOTH ANGEL

Mom or grandma will love this pretty dishcloth angel! All you need are dishcloths and rubber bands.

Materials: dish cloth, rubber bands, ribbon, etc. poem card.

What to do: Fan fold a dishcloth (press the folds with an iron) and fold in half. Twist a rubber band at the folded end. Fold one side of cloth (slightly) and attach rubber band. Repeat step three for other side of cloth. Next, twist a rubber band half way up cloth (to make a waist). Take ribbon and loop around one hand, then head, other hand and finally the waist. This covers

up the rubber bands. Hot glue a plastic wedding ring (used on cakes) to the head, and also a small loop of ribbon for hanging.

Dish Cloth Angel



Add a small loop of ribbon for hanging to complete.

MRS. MACKIE'S COCONUT CHRISTMAS CONES



Materials: 1/4 cup butter, 2 1/2 cups icing sugar, 3 cups fine coconut, 4 tbsp evaporated milk, red and green food colouring.

What to do: Mix all above ingredients together. Form about one tbsp into a ball and roll into cone shapes (not too big as they are very sweet). Put on waxed-paper-lined cookie sheet. Chill

in refrigerator until firm. Melt one 6oz (170g) package of semi-sweet chocolate chips in microwave or top half of a double boiler. Dip one half of cone in melted chocolate and place on waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm. Cones can be tinted red or green with food colouring, or left white.

You could even use white chocolate chips.

CLOTHESPIN ELF

Materials: peg-style clothespin, pipe cleaner, "sharpie" marker, construction paper, felt scraps, fabric scraps, tape or glue.

What to do: Cut a circle from construction paper or felt. Cut through the diameter.

Tape or glue the ends to make a cone hat. Glue the hat on the rounded part of the clothespin. Use markers to draw a face on the clothespin. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the neck of the clothespin to make arms. Use fabric and felt scraps to make clothes for your elf.

Elves can be used for place card holders, ornaments, or you could even try stringing them together as a garland for the tree.

If you have any great Christmas craft ideas for the web site, contact me, the Christmas Elf at leader@scouts.ca. Have a crafty holiday! ^

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Mrs. Mackie's Coconut Christmas Cones

Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl.



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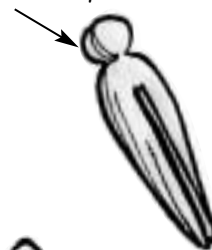
Roll into cone shapes.

Dip one half of cone in melted chocolate and place on waxed paper lined cookie sheet.

Clothespin Elf

Peg-style clothespin

Pipe cleaner



Fabric and felt scraps for clothes

