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SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

DECK THE HALLS

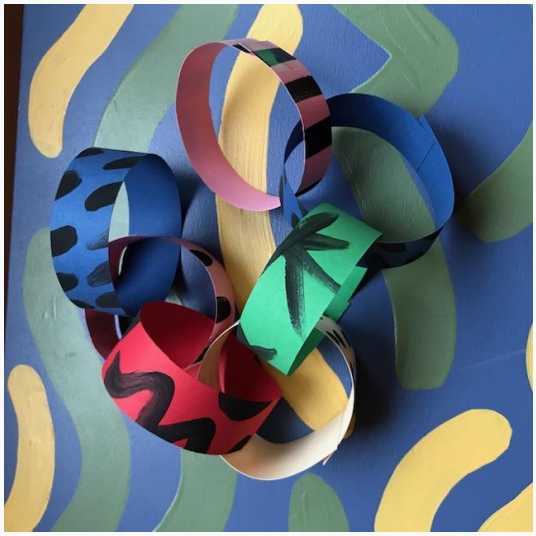
with lots of handmade decorations!

This week we share three creative ways to make decorations will get you in the festive mood using materials you will be able to find around the house.

Paper Chains

A classic old school way to decorate your tree or rooms around your home - all you need is paper and tape, to keep looping and sticking.

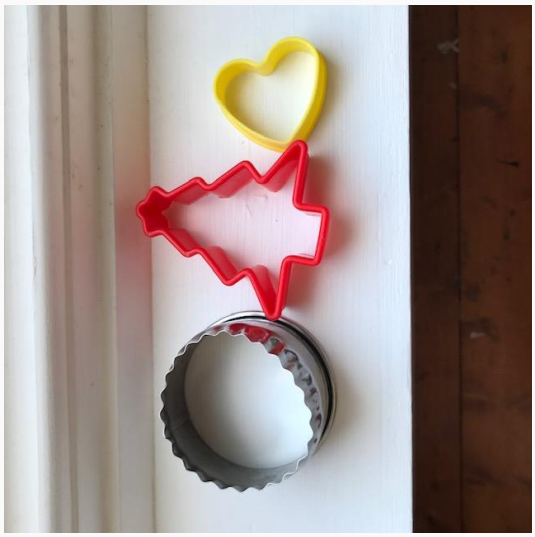
1. Gather together a few sheets of A4 colour paper (around 3-6).
2. Decorate the sheets in a variety of patterns, a different pattern for each sheet. Make sure that the pattern covers the whole sheet of paper. We used black paint to decorate ours.



3. Once the paint is dry, cut the pieces of paper into roughly equal-sized strips (across the width of the paper, approx ten per sheet). If you are very young, an adult should cut the paper for you.
4. Tape each end of the strips together and interlock them with the other strips to make paper chains!

Clay Tree Decorations

To make these decorations I used a simple air dry clay that you can buy cheaply from high street craft shops and/or online - like B&M or the pound shop. An alternative is to make a salt dough to create your decorations (lots of recipes available online - we found an easy one here



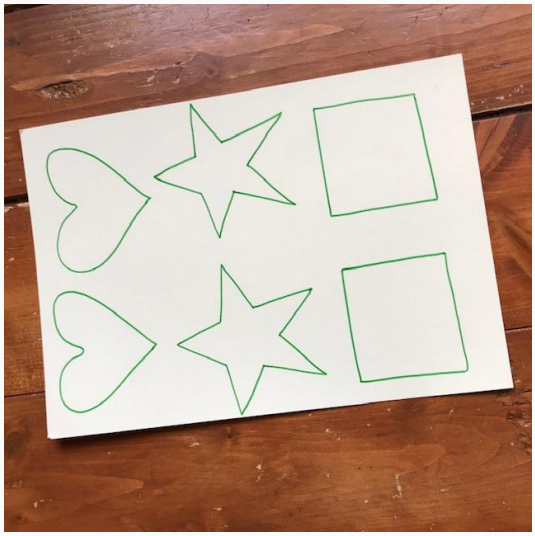
1. Use stencils or cutters to cut out a variety of Christmas themed shapes and make a hole in the top of them which will allow you to put a ribbon or thread through to hang on a tree.

2. Allow your decorations to dry according to the instructions that you are following on the packet/online.

3. Paint your decorations! Allow to dry then add a ribbon/thread and hang on your tree.

Paper 'baubles'

This is a simple way to create decorations out of paper either to hang on your tree or put around your a room or around the whole house.



1. Use a felt tip pen to draw a variety of Christmas shapes on a piece of card.
2. Decorate the shapes with collage, paint, glitter, pen..whatever you like!
3. Once dry cut the shapes out (once again, get an adult to do this if you are very young) and create a hole at the top of them with a hole punch. Add your thread and get decorating.

Merry Christmas everyone!!
Thank you for taking part this year - we will be back in 2021.

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