

# Deck the halls

Our team put their craft skills to the test with DIY Christmas decorations that are easy enough for your children to help out with

## GEOMETRICAL ORNAMENTS

Why spend money on expensive ornaments when you can make gorgeous ones at home? These ornaments are extremely easy to make and you get a lot of stencils and templates for paper ornaments online. Pick the one you want and decorate it as you please. Kids might need help with the sticking though.



### MATERIALS

- Glittery/ handmade paper.
- Thin ribbon or coloured twists.
- Paper ornament templates.
- A glue pen.
- A pair of scissors.



>> These geometrical paper ornaments are easy to make with your children



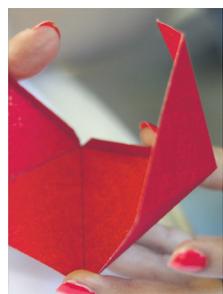
### STEP 1

Print your template on plain paper, cut it and trace around it on the handmade or glitter paper. Cut the shape out and draw the folding lines according to the template.



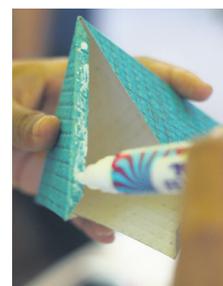
### STEP 2

Start folding along the lines. Begin with the edges that have to be stuck. This is an important step as you have to make sure that you fold it correctly before it is stuck together.



### STEP 3

Fold the ornament into your desired shape. Fold properly along the lines as you won't be able to fold it once the glue is holding it together.



### STEP 4

Put thin lines of glue along the edges and stick it together gently, taking care not to crush the other sides. Hold the glued part together till it hardens and leave to dry.

## ELF SHOES

Who doesn't like the idea of having Santa's little helpers around? These shoes are a great decoration for your tree and they are also really simple to make.

### MATERIALS

- A sheet each of green and red felt paper.
- Cardboard.
- 6 coloured cotton balls.
- A green thread or ribbon.
- A pair of scissors.
- Glue.



### STEPS

- Cut the green felt paper and cardboard in the shape of an elf shoe. Make sure that the paper and cardboard shoe are symmetrical.
- Stick the green felt paper cutout on the cardboard cutout, so that it's firm.
- Cut the red felt paper in the shape of connected triangles.
- Stick the red cutout on the pair of green elf shoes as shown in the image.
- Stick the cotton balls on to decorate it.
- Attach the two shoes together with a string of thread or ribbon.



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## FESTIVE PAPER WALL

This attractive wall backing can be used to decorate any part of your home. You can also use the same method to make your own wreath at home. We chose red, white and green to make a Christmas themed wall backing. The best part? It's so easy that your children can spend hours making wall backings without supervision, once you've cut the paper.

### MATERIALS

- A mount or foam board in the size of your choice.
- Thin crepe paper in colours of your choice.
- An empty 500ml plastic bottle.
- A pair of scissors or blade.
- A roll of double sided tape.



### STEPS

- Cut the paper into squares in the size of your choice.
- Cover the board with strips of double sided tape.
- Wrap each square around the mouth of the bottle, taking care not to tear it.
- With the bottle still on the paper, stick it onto the double sided tape.
- Keep sticking till the entire board is full.