



**MISTLETOE**

A kiss under the mistletoe is a special Christmas tradition. Here's what you need to adorn your home with kisses: A few felt leaves with attached wires and a packet of red beads.



**Step 1**  
Push one red bead onto each wire till it reaches the base of the leaf.



**Step 2**  
Put one more bead on one of the leaves and twine the wires around each other.



**Step 3**  
Keep twining until the beads are close and the wires are hidden behind the leaves.



**Step 4**  
Adjust the beads by twisting the wire slowly so that they resemble a sprig of mistletoe.

**PAPER STREAMERS**

You can make this streamer as long or short as you want to, in an array of colours. You need: Thick, shiny paper in the colours of your choice, a stapler and a scissor.



**Step 1**  
Cut strips of different coloured paper to the length of your choice.



**Step 2**  
Roll each paper strip into even rounds and staple the ends together.



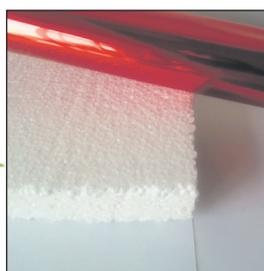
**Step 3**  
Staple one round onto the other, forming a chain until it's the length you desire.



**Step 4**  
Draw a string through and hang it up. Adorn with fairy lights for a more festive look.

# Make your own Christmas

Decorating your tree is a lot of fun but it can be quite an expensive activity. **Rhea Dhanbhora** helps you save money as well as have a little fun with a few simple do-it-yourself decorations for your home



**THERMOCOL GIFT**  
These are pretty little gifts that you can place around your house or attach twine to and hang on your tree. You'll need: One block of thermocol, one roll of wrapping paper and a ribbon or gold twine.

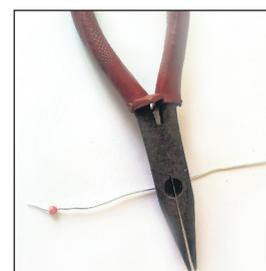
**Step 1**  
Using a cutter, cut out 2 inch squares of thermocol. Make sure that the squares resemble square boxes.



**Step 2**  
Wrap each box individually in wrapping paper as though you're wrapping a gift.



**Step 3**  
Tie the gold ribbon or twine around it and pass a thin string through the top to hang it around your house or on your tree.

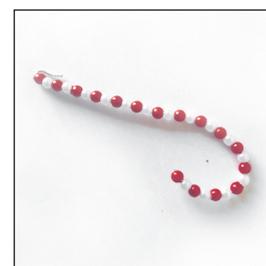


**CANDY CANE**  
This one is a favourite! Here's what you'll need: One packet of red beads, one packet of white beads, some strong but pliable wire and a pair of pliers.

**Step 1**  
Cut the wire to the length you desire. Then, push a single bead through it and twist it to close so that it doesn't fall out.



**Step 2**  
Begin to push the rest of the beads onto the wire. Alternate between red and white or put two red, one white — it's up to you to make the sort of candy cane you want.



**Step 3**  
Close the other end when it's the length of your choice. Gently bend the wire so that it resembles a candy cane.