

Directions for December 2014 Craft Day Projects

There are multiple websites that have how-to's with photos for each of these crafts. We have included ones that were the inspiration for these but have changed some of the instructions for either artistic reasons or to make them more sustainable.

Tube Sock Snowman –

Supplies

Tube Sock

Rice

Rubberbands

Scissors

Beads (two for they eyes and one for the nose, any colors you choose, I used black for the eyes and orange for the nose)

Buttons

Fleece or other material for scarf

Needle and thread

Directions:

Cut tube sock approximately 8.5" to 9" from the tip (For some of the socks this may be halfway for other you may be cutting into the ribbed section. If you get the men's knee length tube socks you will have enough material to make two snowmen from each sock.)

Flip the tube sock inside out and place rubber band approximately 1" up from bottom (make sure the rubber band is tight so it won't fall off)

Turn the sock right side out

Fill sock with rice (approximately 1.5 lbs or 2 cups)

Place another rubber band about 1.5 inches from the top, this one should be tight as well.

Place the third rubber band about $\frac{3}{4}$ up from the bottom, to make a head and a body. This one does not need to be super tight but tight enough to make sure the fabric on the top and the bottom is taut.

Fold over the extra material at the top to make the hat.

Mark the location of where you want to place the eyes and nose, and follow the nose straight down to mark the location of the two buttons.

Sew on the beads and the buttons. If you don't want to sew them on you can glue them with a craft glue but sewing the beads and buttons on will be more secure. You can also draw them on with markers.

Cut a piece of fleece or other material approximately six inches long and wrap around the middle rubber band to make a scarf.

If you want to go further decorating the snowman try attaching a strip of fleece to the bottom of the hat or making a hat out of the fleece.

I tacked down the hat with thread then sewed a rim onto the hat that matched the scarf.

Tutorial with images available here:

<http://www.darkroomanddearly.com/blog/rkroomanddearly.com/2011/12/10th-day-of-christmas-sock-snowmen.html>

Window Screen Bracelet and Ring

Supplies:

Metal window screen

Clear drying tacky glue

Acrylic Craft Paint

Stapler or 22 or 24 gauge wire

Directions:

Cut a piece of the metal screen 3" x 9" for bracelet and 1.5" x 4" for ring.

Spread glue over the entire piece of screen and let dry. This will stabilize the screen.

Decide how wide you want your bracelet and ring to be and cut to that width.

Wrap the bracelet around your wrist to get the correct size and make sure that you can slip it over your hand to take it on and off. Do the same with the ring.

Cut the screen to the desired length adding approximately ½" as an overlap.

Staple the bracelet together at the overlap or use the wire to weave the ends together. You will not be able to staple the ring together so this must be weaved together using wire. If you don't want to purchase additional wire you can pull a piece of the wire out from the screen to weave through the screen.

Once put together begin gluing the edges one side at a time. This is best done by applying the glue straight out of the container allowing it to drip down the sides as you squeeze it along the edge. Clean up any major drips from the inside particularly on the ring as they might change the size, making it difficult to get on.

When one side is dry turn it over and do the same to the other side.

Keep adding layers of glue until you are happy with the drips and you are sure there are no sharp edges from the screen exposed.

Allow glue to dry completely then apply acrylic paint. You can use any color of your choosing.

Step up the design by adding rhinestones or beads or glitter.

A video tutorial is available here: <http://www.favecrafts.com/Cool2Craft-Videos/How-to-Make-a-Window-Screen-Bracelet>

T-shirt scarf

Supplies:

3 or 4 old t-shirts (number will depend on size of the t-shirt and the desired size of the scarf)

Scissors

Directions:

Cut off the bottom hem of the t-shirt.

Lie t-shirt on flat surface and try to even out the bottom and smooth out major wrinkles.

Cut 1.5" strips (do not cut the seams, you want a loop) starting from the bottom and working your way up to just under the sleeves.

Holding onto the seams so they don't pull apart, stretch the loop. The t-shirt material will naturally curl so the edges of your cuts will not be visible. Create a smaller loop by wrapping the stretched loop around your hand.

Cut remaining portion of t-shirt into 1" x 4" strips (you can vary this size but this is a good starting size that can be cut down if necessary).

Begin tying loops together using the smaller strips. Two knots work best but you can also sew them together if you want to ensure the knots will not come untied or place a small amount of glue into the knot when you are tying it.

Approximately 26 loops will make an average length scarf. If you tie all the loops together you can make it an infinity scarf.

Get creative with your patterns using as many colors as you want!

Tutorial with photos available here: <http://www.favecrafts.com/Wearable-Crafts/Knotted-T-Shirt-Scarf>