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CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT KIT



Tools to Create Your Tree Ornaments

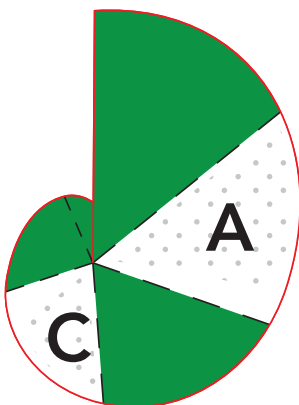
- Scissors or craft knife
- Glue stick or other quick drying adhesive
- Adobe Reader for viewing and printing these PDFs
- Paper that's heavy enough to be printed on both sides but easy to fold
- Color printer
- Favorite holiday music (we recommend "Christmas Wrapping" by the Waitresses, to start)
- Hot chocolate (recipe included - we recommend marshmallows and candy cane stirrers as well)

PRINTING

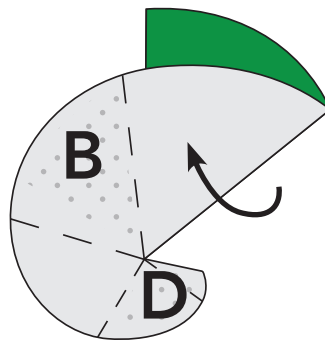
Two PDFs are included in this instant download, these instructions and the patterns for the ornaments. The ornaments work best if they are printed on normal weight paper (something that's easily foldable) but thick enough not to warp if it's printed on both sides. A nicer copy paper usually works best. The ornaments have been designed to be printed on both sides of the paper using a color printer. If your printer cannot automatically print double sided, you can print the first page of the pattern from the PDF, flip that sheet over and feed it back into the printer, then print the second page from the PDF onto the blank side of the first page. You'll need to flip the page differently based on your printer, so there may be a little experimentation necessary. Print out as many of the ornaments as you'd like.

ASSEMBLY

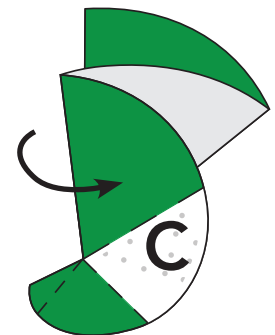
Step 1 – Cut out the shape using scissors or a craft knife. Only cut along the solid lines, shown in red in this illustration. The solid lines are for cutting, the dashed lines are for folding.



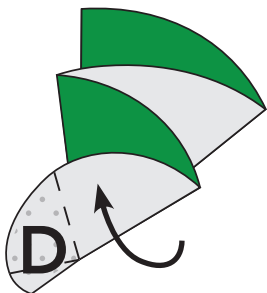
Step 2 – Starting with the color printed side up, start folding along the longest dashed line so that the white back of the print is now on top. Unfold and glue within area A. Then refold along that first dashed line and press down for a moment so the glue adheres.



Step 3 – Fold along the second longest dashed line so that the printed color side is facing up again. Unfold and glue within area B. Then refold along that second dashed line and press again so that the glue sticks.



Step 4 – Fold along the third longest dashed line so that the white back of the print is on top again. Unfold and glue within area C. Then refold along the third dashed line and press with your hand to adhere the glue.



Step 5 – Fold along the fourth and second to last dashed line so the printed color side is on top once again. Unfold and glue within area D. Refold along the fourth dashed line. You know the drill, press for a moment so the glue sticks.



Step 6 – Lastly, fold over the fifth dashed line to the back and press, so that the tab holds the top together. Tape, glue or hole punch the top so you can hang the ornament by a piece of yarn or twine. Admire your handiwork and enjoy!



FAVORITE HOT COCOA

Our favorite Hot Chocolate recipe comes from a faded 1970's Hershey's Cocoa Cookbook my father gave me. It's a perfect way to get the festivities started!

SERVES 5

¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon Hershey's Cocoa
½ cup sugar
Dash of salt
⅓ cup hot water
1 quart milk
¾ teaspoon vanilla

Combine the cocoa, sugar and salt in a medium pot and mix in the water. Bring to a boil over medium heat stirring constantly, to prevent burning, for about 2 minutes. Add the milk, stir and heat to serving temperature. Do not boil. Remove from the heat and add the vanilla. Serve as is, or beat with a rotary beater (a whisk or hand held mixer will do) until foamy.

For a single serving, combine 1 tbsp Hershey's Cocoa, 2 tbsp of sugar, a dash of salt, and 1 tbsp of water. In a small pot, boil the mixture for about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add 1 cup of milk and ⅛ tsp of vanilla. Stir and heat to serving temperature. Don't boil.