

Pinecone decor



Cards with Buttons

Use that button collection! Glue buttons onto a card or cardstock and draw additional decorations. Make gifts for friends! See below for inspiration...



Pinecones & Pom Poms Ornament

Supplies:

Pinecones
Tiny pom poms
String or ribbon
Hot glue gun

Directions:

These pom poms are really small. I got them from the dollar store and they were the perfect size to fit in the pinecones.

Start by adding a small glob of hot glue to the underside of the pinecone "branches". Then stick a tiny pom pom onto the dab of glue.

Repeat for all the the pinecone tips. The little pom poms look just like ornaments hanging from a tree! Then take about 11" of string or ribbon and hot glue it to the top of the pinecone. We used this gold chain looking ribbon from the dollar store. I was pretty generous with the hot glue and they feel pretty secure.

Maybe I'm a risky mom here, but I let both my three year old and five year old use the glue gun. They were sooooo excited and they actually did really well with it! It's just one of those cheap, tiny glue guns, so it doesn't get very hot.

I had to peel away a lot of glue strands when they were finished, but they cleaned up really well. And now my girls are going to be so excited to hang them on the tree!

It's still way too early to put up the Christmas tree, so I had to improvise a little bit for the photos. Yup, that's the kids swing set in the background of this next photo!

And I never realized it, but we don't have any evergreen trees on our property. So this next photo uses a branch that hangs over our fence by about 18". Of course our neighbor walked out into the backyard at exactly the same time I was shooting these photos. She probably thinks I'm a bird watcher now. But on the bright side, the branch gives a nice preview of what these ornaments will look like on the Christmas tree.



Snow Globe

Supplies:

Jar

(Mason jars, baby food jars, or old spaghetti sauce jars have a gasket in the lid. These jars will work best)

Figurine or matchbox car

Clear baby oil or glycerin

Glitter, confetti, or snowflakes, variety of different sizes

Hot glue gun

Directions:

1. Clean an old jar.
2. Fill the jar with baby oil, almost to the top of the jar.
3. Sprinkle in the glitter or confetti.
4. Use the hot glue gun to attach the figurine to the lid.
 - a. See photo below.
5. Screw the lid onto the top of the jar.
 - a. Tighten or glue shut if necessary.





How to Draw a Cute Tree

It's easy to draw a tree. Use markers, paint, or chalk. Get inspired by these images.

