

# Craft your own Christmas decorations

There's no need to go out and purchase new decor every year. Much can be done simply in your own home! Here's a list of items you can make by hand.



- Convert tattered old blankets into new Christmas Stockings
- Make a mason jar Christmas tree! Pack them with sparkly ornaments and then stack them in a triangular, ascending order. Then decorate with beads and garland
- Turn your transparent salt shakers into winter wonderland scenes by inserting miniature Christmas trees (<https://goo.gl/AK35CM>)
- Make your own Advent Calendar! Use small, coin envelopes (<https://goo.gl/XggACc>) and glue them onto a large frame or board. Decorate with string, stickers, stamps, etc. & fill with candy
- Forget typical expensive wrapping paper, and go green by re-using house hold newspaper and other paper items. You can tape, glue or thread edges together for an extra clean touch
- Save your coffee filters, dry them, and then use them as garland! <https://goo.gl/7wCXH3>
- Purchase inexpensive transparent ornaments, and fill them with wood chips, shiny beads, feathers, shredded white paper, tinsel, and more
- Paint your own ornaments - with heavy duty cardboard, you can cut out your own shapes and paint a unique winter scene
- Make a Honeycomb Wreath - save cardboard tubes from toilet paper, paper towels, wrapping paper, mailing tubes, and recycle them into a wreath (<https://goo.gl/oMeqs1>)
- Make an advent calendar out of small matchboxes
- Pinecone ornaments - source your own pinecones from your front yard, and spray paint them winter whites, silvers and golds
- Get creative with tree decor and try hanging vintage skeleton keys
- Make a ribbon tree of family christmas cards (<https://goo.gl/TA3Gjn>)

- Repurpose pincushions (formerly used to store sewing pins/needles) as ornaments
- Cover kitchen cabinets/pantries with wrapping paper - the whole room will feel like a present
- Repurpose baking molds and cookie cutters as Christmas tree ornaments, as well. Simply secure the string with a knot or a dab of glue, and hang
- Use candles as centerpieces and decorate them with ribbon and glitter

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