

bookorna5 ~ Santa and His Reindeer Tutorial (80mm acrylic ornament)



Required tools and supplies:

- 80mm acrylic, two-piece craft globe found on-line or at craft store.
- Find all 3-d items such as shoes, beads, wine bottles, wine glasses etc. on-line, especially on eBay.
- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Scissors and tweezers
- Good cutting mat. Cardboard will ruin your blade and your project.
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid-free glue stick. Use where indicated
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender, flat artist's paintbrush to apply glue
- Optional: 6mm beads for ornaments, tiny bead caps for ornament tops, ribbon or floss, tissue paper, wine glasses, and wine bottle
- Piece of acetate from a pastry box for making ornament box window

Products in tutorial may look different from yours, but are constructed identically to yours.

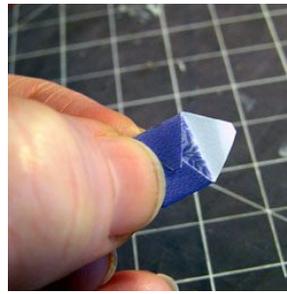
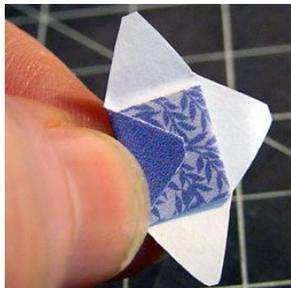
Gift Wrap Roll

Use a thin kabob skewer or very thin knitting needle to wind the paper panel around. This will give the gift wrap roll a perfect shape. Remove skewer, and tie up with a short piece of ribbon.



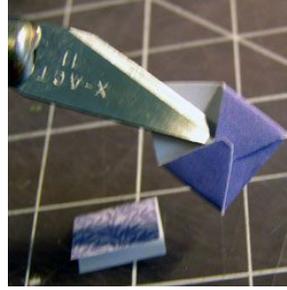
Perfect Fit Envelopes and Cards

1. Cut out card and envelope. Fold card in half and place it centered over blank side of envelope piece.
2. Holding the card in place over the envelope piece, fold upward the triangular panel at the bottom of the envelope. Don't let the card move.

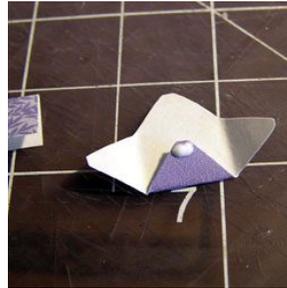


3. Fold the right triangular panel against the card.

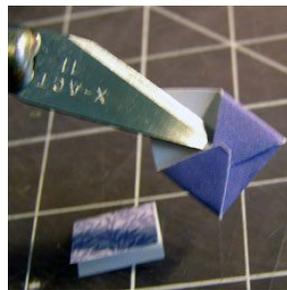
4. Fold the left triangular panel against the card.



5. Remove the card. Place a dot of glue to the point of the bottom triangle and press the side triangles against it.



6. Use the blade tool to unstick, if glue has moved to the interior of the envelope.



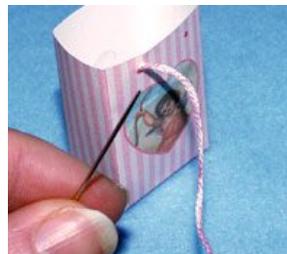
7. Stack the envelopes and then stack the cards on top and glue the strap around all.

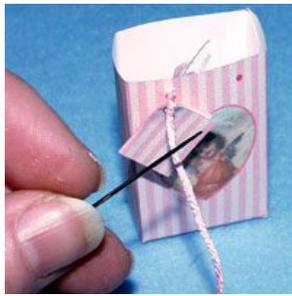
Gift Bag Assembly

1. Cut out pieces and fold at crease lines. Glue the long side seam on the bag and press bond with your fingers or cotton swab.
2. Glue bottom tabs.

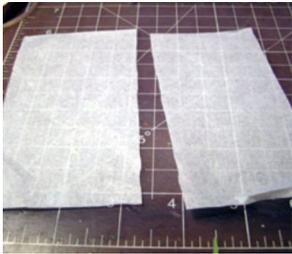


3. Make Handles. Thread needle with embroidery floss, and knot end. For larger scale gift bags you can use thin ribbon or trim. Pull floss through from inside of bag.



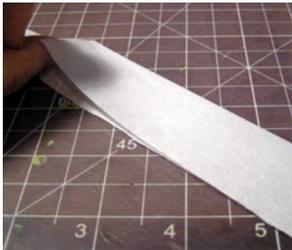


4. Attach Tag. Thread tag onto floss.
5. Finish Handle. Pierce needle through next handle point and pull to desired handle length. Knot end of floss. Repeat instructions for other handle.



Tissue Bag Stuffer

1. Tissue panel should be approximately 12-18 times the width of the bag and 2.5 times the bag height.
2. Take tissue and fold lengthwise. make one side slightly wider than the other, unlike the photo.
3. Fan-fold length of doubled tissue.



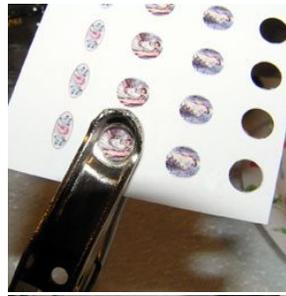
4. Staple base of fan-folded length.



5. Separate folded halves of tissue to create fluff and volume.



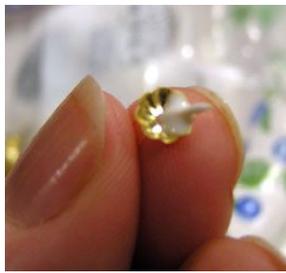
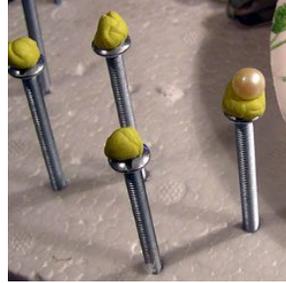
6. Place tissue in bag part way.
7. Use a toothpick to gently press down stuffing into the bag, so as not to smash the fluff. Trim top edge, if necessary.



Holiday Tree Ornaments

You need: thick piece of Styrofoam; wide headed screws; sticky clay substance like the sticky clay sold for adhering posters to a wall; tiny bead caps; gold thread; 6mm beads.

1. Use a standard hole punch (1/4") to punch out the ornament decorations for the larger ornaments. Otherwise, use a pair of small scissors to cut them out.
2. Take a small ball of sticky clay and affix it to the head of one of the screws. Screws work better than nail heads because the indentations meant for the screwdriver grabs the clay and helps keep it in place. Plant the screw(s) into the foam. Secure one of the ornament balls into the clay.
3. Make a loop of the gold thread and paint a drop of glue to the raw ends. The glue will help make it easier to thread the ends through the gold cap.
4. Thread the ends through the gold cap.
5. Place the cap onto the crown of the first ornament ball. Repeat for all 6 ornaments. Allow to dry thoroughly, then snip the stray ends of the gold thread. If you can't get the stray thread with scissors, then use a new x-acto blade tool.



6. Paint glue to the back of a chosen decoration. Allow it to get tacky dry.



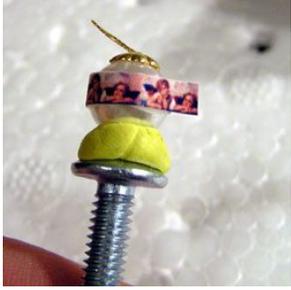
7. Position it onto the ornament ball. Take your time and work it with the end of a toothpick until the edges are smooth. Be very gentle while doing this, so as not to wear away the ink.



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- For the long strip decorations, take the end and apply glue to about an 1/8". Position it to the ornament's equator, then allow it to dry completely. This will help you to keep your sanity while positioning the rest of the strip.



- Once the end has dried, wrap the strip and then trim excess. Next, paint glue to the back of the rest of the strip and allow it to get tacky dry. Gingerly work your way around the ornament affixing the strip. Again, take your time and make sure that you have worked out any bumps and rumples.



Ornaments Box:

- First cut window of box top.
- Next cut box and use straight-edge ruler to create crease lines.
- Glue side tabs. Make sure that the bottom fits into the top.
- Size acetate and glue into back side of window.
- Cut dividers and slide cuts into each other. Place a ball into each section.



Wine Box:

- Glue wine label onto bottle (use hot water to remove original label, if one exists).
- Form box and lid using the straight-edge to create clean crease lines.
- Glue side tabs. Ensure the fit of the lid before glueing the side tabs. Pinch glued tabs with tweezers to make them smooth enough for a good lid fit.



Ornament Platform:

- Cut tabs and long strips.
- Fold tabs carefully on both disks. You want to keep the tabs folded so the line is even around the circle. Disks should sit flat on table.
- Paint glue to a few tabs at a time. Press the tabs against the second disk's tabs.
- Keep the disks flat on the table. Otherwise, you will have a wobbly platform.



- Take the finishing strips and glue them around the platform. Again, keep the platform flat on the table.
- Continue the second strip on the 100mm platform.
- Finished platform.



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