

## 10 Dollar Store Crafts for Christmas <br> Copyright 2013 by Prime Publishing LLC

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Letter from the Editors

Hi Holiday Crafters，

This collection of dollar store crafts will serve as a wonderful source of inspiration that will help you transform your home for Christmas．These fun and festive Christmas crafts can be used year after year． Express your creativity while you decorate your home for the holidays with you free，printable copy of our eBook．Personalize your Christmas celebration，handmade Christmas gifts，and your tree with these 10 amazing crafts that your friends and family will be sure to admire．With these 10 Dollar Store Crafts for Christmas you＇ll be sure to make the Christmas season an even more memorable time of year for you and your loved ones！

The Editors of All Freect toliday Crafts

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## Shimmer Tree

By: Pattie Donham Wilkinson for ILovetoCreate
This year, skip out on a fresh evergreen tree and opt for this sparkly Shimmer Tree from ILovetoCreate. All you need for this paper tree is some poster board, newspaper and shipping paper, glue, and glitter. This DIY Christmas craft is so easy to make that anyone can craft one. This tree fits in perfectly with rustic decor and will look great as a small tabletop tree in a smaller room.


## Materials:

- Gold Fashion Glitter
- Silver Fashion Glitter
- Tacky Glue
- Tacky Spray
- Newspaper
- Pencil
- Shipping tape
- Plastic tablecloth
- Shipping paper
- Poster board - 2 sheets
- Scissors
- Dinner Plate


## Instructions:

1) Tape two sheets of poster paper together along the two wider sides. Roll the paper into a giant cone and tape in place.
2) Cut across bottom of cone to flatten, allowing it to stand up straight.
3) Trace a round dinner plate on newspaper and shipping paper to create desired number of circles.
4) Cut out circles.
5) Roll each circle into a cone and glue edges together. Let dry.
6) Glue cones to tree in rows, overlapping until entire tree is covered.
7) Spray bottom half of cones with adhesive. Sprinkle with glitter while wet.
8) Let tree dry completely.
9) Place desired tree topper on the tree.

Option: Wire twigs together to form starshaped tree topper.

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## Christmas Yarn and Ornament Wreath

By: Lisa DeNardi from Recaptured Charm

Spread some holiday cheer with this beautiful Christmas Yarn and Ornament Wreath. This homemade Christmas Wreath is a great way to display your holiday spirit right at your front door. Using yarn, colored light bulbs, and ornaments, this charming wreath will add a tasteful and fabulous touch of Christmas without looking cheesy. Choose various patterns and variations of green for the yarn to add some contrast. What are you waiting for? Grab your yarn and get your house ready of Christmas.


## Materials:

- 3 different colored and texture
- Styrofoam balls in 3 different sizes
- Hot glue gun
- Wire wreath form


## Instructions:

1) Start with at least 3 different colored and textured yarns.

2) Start wrapping the yarn around your Styrofoam balls in different directions to simulate an actual yarn ball.
3) Use a dot of hot glue to seal the end of your yarn in place.


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4) Begin attaching your yarn balls to your wreath form, starting with the largest and ending with the smallest.

5) Attach a few ornaments to your wreath form to finish!


## Candy Cane Throw Pillow

By: Amy Chappell from Ameroonie Designs

Add a little sweetness to your living room this holiday season with the Candy Cane Throw Pillow. This cute little Christmas craft will bring your holiday guests some extra festive comfort. To create this simple, yet classic Christmas pattern, sew a few red stripes onto your white pillow base. Why not skip the added expensive of purchasing holiday pillows this year, and make your with this easy-to-follow tutorial?


## Materials:

- 1 yard of white fabric
- $1 / 2$ yard of red fabric
- Sewing machine
- Cotton (for stuffing)


## Instructions:

1) Decide what size pillow you are going to make and measure the diagonal length of the shape.
2) Take that length and add 2 "; this will give you plenty of breathing room.

3) Cut 3 strips of the white, base fabric 4 " wide by the length you measured.
4) Cut 4 more strips that are 5" wide by the length you measured.
5) Cut 3 strips of your red, accent fabric 4" wide by two times the length you measured.
6) Run gathering stitches along both sides of each accent strip.

7) Take your accent strip and fold it in half, pinch to make a crease. Do the same thing with your 4 " wide base fabric. Match up the creases and pin with right sides facing up on both pieces.
8) Gather up the sides of the accent fabric and pin along the base fabric.

Note: The center strip is the only one that needs to be gathered the entire length of the base strip; the outer edges will be cut significantly and really only need to be gathered in the center.
9) Once your center strip is gathered, take one of the 5 " wide base pieces and put it on top of the gathered piece with the right sides together.
10) Sew using a $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance. Fold the base fabric back and top stitch down the seam allowance on the top.
11) Repeat with the other side of the center strip. Then repeat the process for the two side strips.

Note: Your finished piece should be base, accent strip, base, accent strip, base, accent strip, and base.
12) Cut out the pillow front from this finished piece, centering the corners on a diagonal from the center accent strip.
13) When cutting the corners of the center strip, you will want to pin down the gathers, since you will be cutting off the stitching that holds them in place.

Note: Alternatively, you could put the back of the pillow on the piece of fabric and sew around, leaving an opening for turning. Then trim out the excess fabric.
14) Stuff the pillow, close as desired and you're done!

## Curly Whirly Christmas Trees

## By: Shaunte Wadley for Lifestyle Crafts

Looking for unique ways to decorate your home for the holidays? These Curly Whirly Christmas Trees are cute homemade Christmas decorations unlike any others we've seen. Find out how to make easy Christmas decorations from paper with this tutorial.


## Materials:

- Cardstock (your choice of color)
- Fringe edge die from the Edge It Kit
- Nesting Star die
- Hot glue gun
- Cone form (Styrofoam or whatever your craft store has)
- Bead garland (purchase at craft or dollar store)
- Nesting Stars die
- Bone folder (or embossing tool)


## Instructions:

1) Using your fringe edge die, cut out several pieces using cardstock of your choice.

2) Wrap the pieces around a cone form and curl them up. Be sure to use heavy duty glue or a hot glue gun.
3) Finish off the tree with some bead garland and a star on top. You can also use glitter spray to add some sparkle to your trees. For the base, you can use whatever you would like. We created a base with a large scallop and circle

Note: Cut with a digital cutting tool.
How to make star-shaped tree toppers:

1) Cut two matching sized stars from paper of your choosing, using Nesting Stars dies.
2) Using a bone folder, or embossing tool, score the star from tip to center of inside point.

3) Continue to score each point.

4) Allow to set, and you're finished!

5) Fold scored lines up, and towards inside of the star to create a three dimensional effect.


## Mason Jar Gift Wrap

By: Angie Holden from The Country Chic Cottage

Wrap your Christmas presents in style this year with the Mason Jar Gift Wrap project. Using a Mason jar and colored tissue paper you can transform drab wrapping jobs into fabulous packaged presents. Plus, mason jars are reusable, so your friends and family can use this packaging over and over again. It's a great way to add a modern handmade style to your gifts this holiday season.


## Materials:

- Mason jar
- Small Christmas gifts
- Christmas ribbon
- Scrap Paper
- Christmas Stamp
- Red stamping ink
- Red tissue paper

Instructions:

1) Begin by stuffing your Mason jars with some tissue paper.

2) Use a dowel rod to help you fill the jar.

3) Add your holiday gift. Soap, lotion, and other samples look great.

4) Use another sheet or two of tissue paper to stuff the middle and the top.

5) Add a piece of festive fabric and a silver painted jar band.

6) Tie with a bow, and you're ready to send your handmade gift!


## Macaroni Angel Name Tags

By: Susan Myers from Suzy's Sitcom
Planning a big holiday party this year? You must take a look at these Macaroni Angel Name Tags. Using different types of pasta to create the angel's body, all you'll need is a bell and your angel's ready for flight. It's a fun holiday decoration that everyone in your party can take home. These could easily be tailored into place cards as well. Bring a bit of heaven to your holiday party this year with these homemade name tags.


## Materials:

- Pasta: rigatoni, elbow macaroni, and bow tie noodles
- Small Christmas balls
- Hot glue
- White acrylic paint
- Cardboard
- Scrap book Paper
- A Dollar Store Garland (or tiny ornaments for decoration)
- Scraps of gold-trimmed wire ribbon
- Sharpie
- Magnets


## Instructions:

1) Begin by assembling the macaroni angels. Glue the Christmas ornament onto the top of a piece of Rigatoni. Glue a piece of bow tie pasta to the back for wings. Then glue an elbow macaroni to each side of the rigatoni for arms.

2) Paint each angel white with acrylic paint. (It may take two coats)

3) Add a few tiny ornaments for color.

Note: Disassemble a dollar store garland, and give each angel a bell to hold. For the halo, trim the edge from a gold-edged wire ribbon, create a circle and glue it on the head.


## Name Tags:

1) Cut a $11 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ piece of cardboard and wrap it with a $2^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$ piece of colored scrapbooking paper.
2) Overlap the top and bottom edges onto the back of the cardboard and glue the layers down.
3) Glue the angel to the name tag, being sure to allow space for the name.

4) Glue a magnet to the back.

Note: The wearer will put one magnet inside their shirt and place the name tag over the shirt where the magnet is. This saves from pin damage to nice shirts and is strong enough to hold - even through a sweater.

5) Print out your guests' names, cut them out, and glue them on your name tags.

Option: To add a finishing touch, cut a gold snowflake from the dollar store garland and add it for a bit of sparkle.


## Homemade Holiday Soaps

By: Amanda from A Few Short Cuts

Get in the Christmas spirit with these Homemade Holiday Soaps. Use them to add some style to your own bathroom and as a great gift for loved ones. With this fast and easy process, you can make a collection of soaps, so why not try using them as stocking stuffers as well? Stack them up and package them with a nice holiday bow.


## Materials:

- Melt and pour soap base
- Old muffin tin
- Small luffas
- Lavender
- Clear packaging
- Scrap fabric for bow


## Instructions:

1) Start with a simple melt and pour soap base.

2) Fill an old muffin tin with small luffas.

3) Follow the instructions on the package and melt your soap in the microwave.
4) Mix in the lavender while the soap is still hot, so it will take on the fragrance.
5) Pour the melted soap over the luffas and let cool in the freezer.

6) Pop out each soap form after they have completely cooled.

7) Wrap 3 of them up with a clear gift package and a piece of ribbon.


## Trendy Pillow Ornament

By: Katie Kortman from Blue-Eyed Freckle

Not all homemade Christmas ornaments have to be holiday related, or even winter themed. We love this Trendy Pillow Ornament because it will add a touch of modern style to your Christmas decor. Learn how to make Christmas ornaments just like this by following these easy steps!


## Materials:

- 2 kinds of fabric: you will need a little more than double the amount of one of the fabrics
- Leather or pleather ribbon
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Hot glue gun
- Stuffing


## Instructions:

1) Decide what overall size square you want, and then add $1 / 4$ " to all sides

Note: If you want a 3" square, then it would end up being $3.5 \times 3.5$.
2) Cut 2 squares the same size of your desired dimensions.
3) Sew them together with a $1 / 4$ in seam (right sides together).

4) Trim down one of the sides, so that the square becomes the right dimensions again.

5) Sew your trim/leather down on top of the seam.

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6）Cut another piece of fabric out as the back．


8）Make a sandwich，putting the trim loop in one of the corners．Pin down．

9）Sew around all sides，leaving a small space on one of the sides．

10）Turn right side out and stuff it．

11）Hot glue or hand sew the opening shut．

7）Get your trim ready，and make sure it＇s a big enough loop to go over a needle－y branch．


## A Little Burlap Love

## By: Kathy Lewinski from Just Crafty Enough

Add A Little Burlap Love to your Christmas tree this holiday season. This rustic ornament is easy to make, and should cost very little. While making this craft, be sure to be careful when working with the burlap, as it tends to fray easily. Add a few buttons to your heart ornament for added decoration. You will be sure to enjoy this easy and cute craft that will get you thinking about Christmas.


## Materials:

- Red felt
- Natural burlap
- Red thread
- Stuffing
- Butcher's twine
- Red buttons
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Glue


## nstructions:

1) Cut a heart out of the red felt. Use that heart as a template to cut one from the burlap as well.

2) Sew the felt and burlap hearts together with a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance. Do one side of the heart first and stitch over the same line twice.

Note: Burlap really needs the second stitching to hold it in place.
3) Do the other side of the heart, leaving about $1^{\prime \prime}$ unsewn for stuffing.

4) Very gently, fill the heart with stuffing through that open hole. A chopstick, knitting needle or pencil is helpful here.

Note: Don't over stuff the heart.
5) Sew the stuffing hole shut. Make sure to sew it twice.
6) Glue a loop of the butchers twine to the top of the heart for hanging.


## Cross Stitched Victorian Cone

By: Kathy Lewinski from Just Crafty Enough

This handmade ornament is by far one of the most beautiful Christmas crafts that we have seen. With the assistance of this easy-tounderstand tutorial, it can be yours today! Make your own Cross Stitched Victorian Cone, it will add a touch of glamor and grace to your holiday tree. These ornaments also make wonderful handmade Christmas gifts!


## Materials:

- Cross stitch fabric, I used 14 count
- Green embroidery floss
- Metallic red embroidery floss
- Piece of paper
- Thread to match fabric
- Ribbon, about 9"
- Items to stuff the cone such as candies, holly, pine sprigs, or small Christmas balls.
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Hand sewing needle
- Sewing machine (optional)


## Instructions:

1) Cross stitch your design on the fabric using 3 strands of floss at a time.
2) Make sure to leave enough room on the fabric to cut the cone shape out around the embroidery.

3) Use a short strand of metallic thread and make sure to pull it all the way through with each stitch.

Option : You could also do Steps 2 and 3 first and then embroider on your cut out cone shape.
4) Make a pattern for your cone from paper - I traced a half circle on a piece of letter sized paper using a bowl as a template.

5) Cute the half circle out and fold it in half.
6) Open it up and fold the sides in toward the half line. This triangle with the rounded top is your cone pattern.

5) Cut the cone from the fabric, using the paper triangle as your guide.

Note: Make sure to center your design if you have done the cross stitch first.

6) Sew the cone together.
7) Fold the fabric cone in half with right-sides facing each other.
8) Machine or hand sew the side seam with about a $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ seam allowance. Turn right-side out, carefully pushing out the point at the bottom.

7) Finish the top and add the handle.
8) Sew the ends of the ribbon on either side of the inside of the cone about $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ in.

Note: Think of it as a handle on a purse for placement.


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8) Turn the top of the cone in about $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ encasing the raw edge of the ribbon. Pin in place.
9) Hand or machine sew down. Bring the ribbon back up over the seam allowance and tack into place.

10) Fill the cone and hang!

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- Thrifty Christmas Decorations
- Handmade Christmas Gifts
- Handmade Ornaments


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