

MAKING ORNAMENTS

All around Eagle Heights, families are getting their Christmas trees and decorating. Even Jasper, Roland, and Balthazar are busy getting ready. They are making some ornaments for their family tree.



EARN THIS NUGGET

Trailblazers:

- Make some ornaments for the tree. Try a variety of decorated baubles, snowflakes and gingerbread figures. See if you can make one gingerbread figure that looks like each member of the family...don't forget those pets.

Rockhoppers and Cragman:

- Create an ornament that includes an image of the family so that you can look at it each year and see how everyone is growing up.
- Make a Cocoa bauble for each member of the family and hang it on the tree with their name on it, ready for you all to enjoy on a cold evening.

Here are somethings they are creating.

Decorated Balls

- Ask your parents if you can use some of the plain ball ornaments.
- Use stickers to decorate the balls. You can scatter different stickers, use strips to make stripe patterns, or stars and snowflakes in patterns.
- Use your imagination for something really different.

Snowflakes

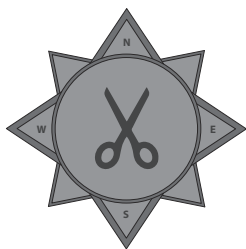
- Cut out some paper squares. Use various sizes but no larger than 3 inches by 3 inches.
- Fold the square in half. Be sure to match corners so the fold is straight. It will look like a rectangle.
- Next fold it in half again. You have a square again.
- Now fold it diagonally so your square turns into a triangle.
- With scissors, cut little pieces out of the edges. You can use a pattern or just be random.
- When you've made all the cuts you want, unfold the paper and you'll see your snowflake.
- Decorate the snowflake with glitter, paint, or crayons.



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Gingerbread People Ornaments

- Ask your parents if you can use the gingerbread person cookie cutter.
- Use some lightweight cardboard.
- Trace around the cookie cutter with a pencil. Make as many as you would like.
- Color or paint your ornament brown like gingerbread.
- Decorate your ornament with crayon, paint, sequins, button, scrap fabric. Don't forget to add a smiling face.
- Ask your parents to read a story about a gingerbread person while you work on your ornaments.



Hot Cocoa Ornaments

- Ask your parents to help you purchase clear ball ornaments.
- Count how many packets of hot cocoa mix that you'll need.
- Remove the top from the ball.
- Use a funnel to put some mix, little marshmallows, and candy sprinkles in each ball.
- Put the top back on the ball.
- Tie a bow at the top of the ornament.
- Make enough for each family member to have a cup of hot cocoa on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Companion Lessons

Level B

683 Cleaning Up Afterwards

Resources

Simple hot cocoa mix for ornaments

<http://www.sheknows.com/food-and-recipes/articles/1023141/hot-cocoa-mix-ornaments>

Homemade hot cocoa mix for ornaments

<http://www.allthingstarget.com/homemade-gift-idea-hot-cocoa-ornament/>

More ornament ideas

https://www.buzzfeed.com/jreeve/diy-ornaments-you-can-make-with-your-kids-eeqg?utm_term=.mbA9O1PIP8#.wbNB20vNvz

The Gingerbread Boy by Jim Aylesworth

The Gingerbread Girl by Lisa Campbell Ernst

The Gingerbread Man by Karen Schmidt

