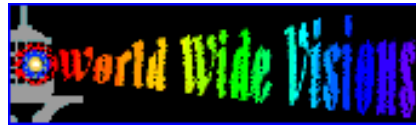


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### Laurieann's Note

Hi Fellow Crafters,

The Winter holiday season is upon us and we have gathered some projects to make for yourself or use as gifts.

Don't forget to checkout the Craft Tips below as well as the Classified Ads for great deals of craft items. And please visit our [contributors](#) web sites.

Sincerely,

Laurieann™



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1. For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dishwashing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze.
2. Candles will last a lot longer if placed in the freezer for at least 3 hours prior to burning.
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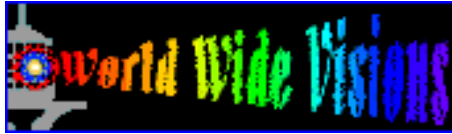
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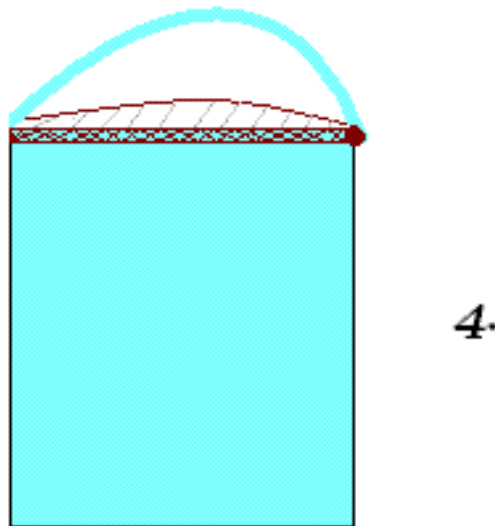
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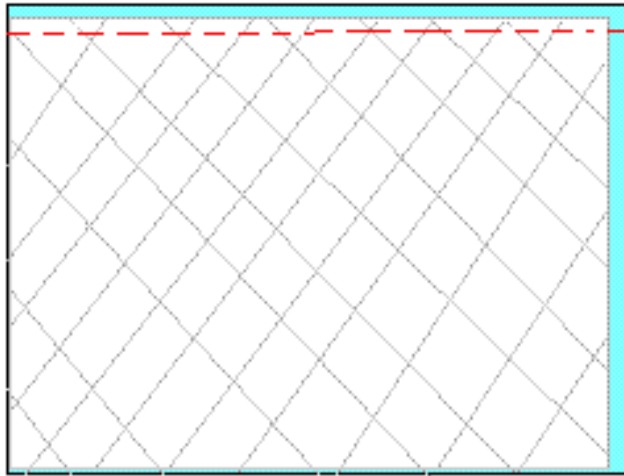


Because of the different sizes in Cell Phones you must measure the distance around your cell phone and add 1/2". Measure the height of your cell phone and add 1/2". Use 1/4" seams throughout.

### Materials:

- Pre quilted fabric for the lining
- Fabric for the outside of the pouch
- Trim or braid to match
- Thread to match
- Hand sewing needle
- Hook and loop tape, button or hook and eye

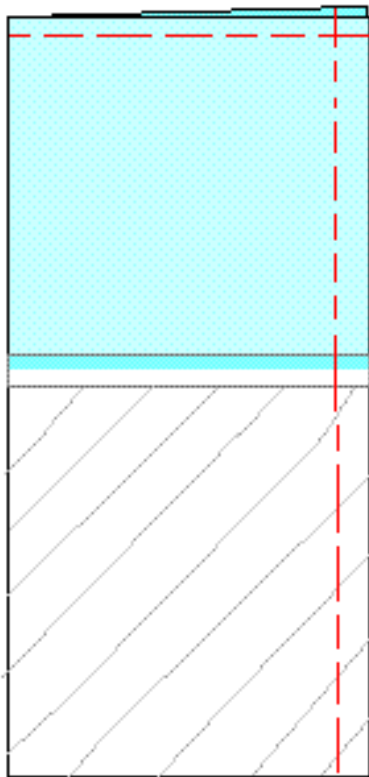
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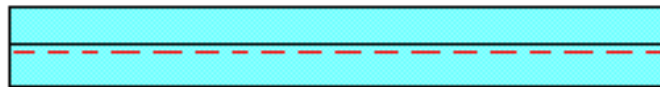
Cut the lining and outer fabric the size to fit your individual measurements. Place them right sides together and stitch across the width of the fabric. Open the fabric flat and press the seam open.

Fold the piece right sides together lengthwise so the lining is matching with lining, the seam matches and the outer fabric matches. Stitch across the outer fabric across the top then stitch down the side.



2.

This will leave the lining open across the bottom. Turn right side out through the bottom of the lining. Whip stitch the bottom opening closed taking 1/2" seam. This will make the lining slightly shorter than the outer fabric for a smooth fit. . Fold the lining into the outer fabric to form a quilter lining for your pouch. Stitch a piece of trim or braid around the top of the pouch. Set aside.



3.

sewing it to the inside of the pouch. Sew a piece of hook and loop tape to the opposite end of the strap placing the second half of the tape on the outside of the pouch on the opposite side from the seam. You can add a decorative button to the strap if you wish.

Strap: The strap should be long enough to hook around the strap of your purse, through a belt loop etc. so you have easy access to the cell phone. Fold a strip of the outer fabric in thirds, fold the raw edge of the top third under and press. Top stitch the entire length of the strap. Fold the raw edges in at each end and stitch to secure. Attach the strap to the finished pouch at the seam line by

Option: Make your pouch a little larger and deeper to carry your sunglasses.

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### **Moonstone and Onyx Necklace**

#### Materials:

- 1 strand moonstone chips
- 120 - 140 size 11 seed beads
- 10 - 12 black onyx rectangles (7x13 mm used here)
- 20 - 24 4mm sterling silver spacer beads
- 2 crimp tubes
- Beading wire
- Clasp

#### Instructions:

Determine the finished length of your necklace (mine is 28"). Add 2 inches to this length and cut a piece of beading wire that size.

Attach one part of the clasp to one end of the beading wire, using a crimp tube.

Alternate stringing seed beads with moonstone chips. Because of the irregularity of the chips, you will need to measure the spacing rather than count beads. String approximately 2 inches of moonstone chips and seed beads.

String a 4mm spacer bead, an onyx bead, and another 4mm spacer bead.

Continue this pattern until you have reached the desired length of your necklace, measuring to ensure uniform length between onyx beads.

Finish the necklace by attaching the other end of the clasp, using a crimp tube.



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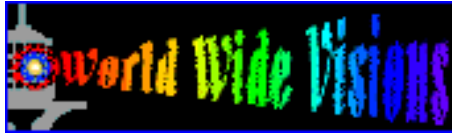
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## Angel



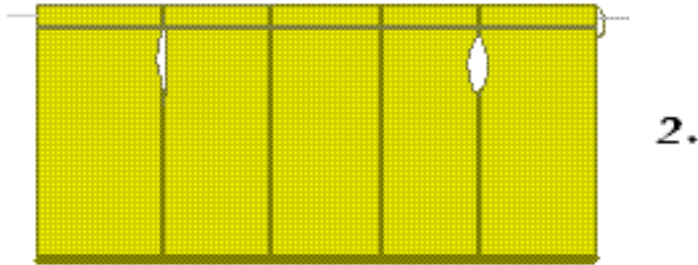
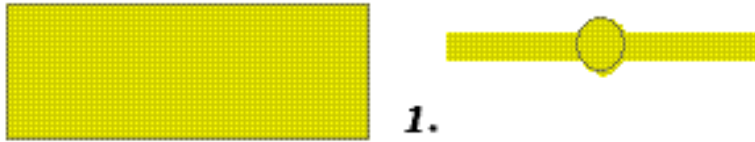
Not too long ago I visited International House Of Pancakes for breakfast. When it was served among the condiments was Cholula Hot Sauce in a slim bottle with a wooden knob top. When I looked at the bottle this is what I saw in my minds eye. My waitress provided me with an empty bottle for the sample.

If you can't locate the hot sauce you can make the angel using a small wooden knob glued to the top of any slim bottle. Adjust the measurements of the ribbon to fit your angel's height.

### Materials:

- 1 1/2 yards gold ribbon 2 3/4" wide cut in these lengths
- Arms - one piece 11" long
- Gown - 5 pieces 8" long
- Gown - A piece of light wire
- Wings - 2 pieces of white ribbon with gold wired edges 1 1/2" top wing 10" long bottom wing 8" long
- Collar- 6" of gathered lace 1/2" wide.
- Halo - 4" X 1/2" wide gold braid
- Face - Brown and pink permanent marker

## Fabric Glue



### Instructions:

Roll the 11" piece of ribbon into a tube and tie a single knot in the center of the tube. Set aside for now.

Glue the edges of 8" pieces of ribbon together leaving a gap to insert the arms. Fold up a shallow hem and glue in place. Fold down a deeper hem at the top glue in place. Insert wire in the top hem and gather the ribbon tightly around the neck of the bottle just below the wooden knob. Insert the arm ends into the gap left in the ribbon gown, glue in place at the back centering the knot in the front.

Face: Leave blank or draw the features using the permanent markers.

Glue the lace around the neckline of the gown. Glue the gold braid around the head as the angel's halo.

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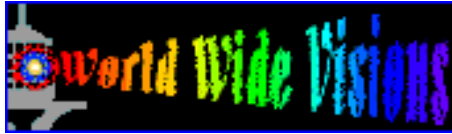
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## Candy Cane Window Cling



Click on picture for full size picture pattern.

### Materials:

- Marabu Fun & Fancy Outliner 874 Lead Metallic
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Outliner 084 Gold
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Window Color 038 Ruby Red
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Window Color 270 Mother-of-Pearl
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Window Color 062 Light Green
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Window Color 067 Reseda (Lime Green)
- Marabu Fun & Fancy Window Color 183 Gold
- Fine Liner Tip for the Outline
- Vinyl Cling Sheet
- Q-tips for clean up and fixing boo-boos
- Scotch tape for taping pattern onto table
- Small scissors

## Instructions:

1. Trace Outline....leaves and candy cane are in lead metallic, bow and veins of leaves are in gold. Allow to dry for at least 2 hours.
2. Fill in the colors. Put in as much paint as possible, without spilling over. If it does go over, gently roll off excess paint with a Q-tip.

Be sure to touch the paint to the outline (with a fine liner tool or a toothpick).

Shading in the leaves is achieved by putting a small drop of Lime Green in the wet light green paint and blending the paint together once or twice (gently).

In candy cane, do not blend the red and mother-of pearl stripes.

3. Allow to dry for 24 hours, then cut out design with small scissors.
4. Stick on window or any shiny surface with the painted side up. No glue or fixative required.

## Resources:

This and other Christmas project kits available here: <http://www.windowbutterflies.com> this way you won't need to buy the full-size bottles of paint.

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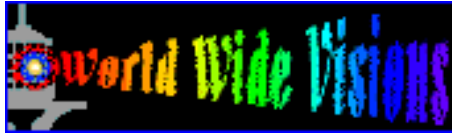
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## Christmas Doorhanger



Materials:

White cardstock  
Crayons  
Colored pencils  
Paint  
Glitter  
Flat back jewels  
Scissors  
White craft glue

Instructions:

Print out the [doorhanger](#) on cardstock and color the tree and all the trimmings using the materials of your choice. Glue on the flat back jewels and place glue where you want the glitter to stick. Pour any extra glitter back into the container.

Leave on a flat surface until dry. Cut out the doorhanger.

These doorhangers can be used as small gifts for friends, family and neighbors. The doorhanger will print out at about 5 1/2" X 10"

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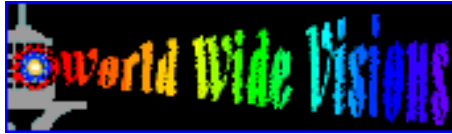
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## Chocolate Boys Cookies



### Ingredients

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup granulated sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

### Directions

In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Blend in flour, baking powder, salt, and cocoa powder until well mixed. Divide dough in half and chill 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 2 large cookie sheets.

On a lightly floured surface, working with half of the dough at a time, roll 1/8 inch thick. With floured Gingerbread Boy cookie cutters, cut dough into shapes. Using a metal spatula or pancake turner, place cookies 1/2 inch apart on cookie sheets. Re roll trimmings and continue to cut out boys. Bake 8 minutes, or until very lightly browned. Transfer cookies to racks to cool completely.

Decorate with M & Ms for eyes and buttons. Cut red vine twists in thin strips for the mouths or use purchased frosting.

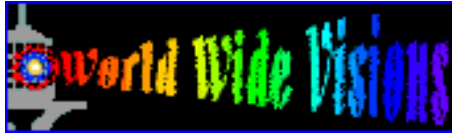
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## Gingerbread Boy Table Decorations



### Materials:

Brown Fun Foam (3" X 4" for each Gingerbread Boy)  
Red paint or permanent marker  
Black paint or permanent marker  
Hole punch  
Red or Green curling ribbon  
Scissors  
Q-Tips

### Instructions:

Trace the Gingerbread Boy onto the foam. Mark the details using the permanent marker or paint. Cut out the boys and punch a hole in each hand and foot.

Thread the ribbon from the front to the back of the left hand across the back of the boy and up to the front of the right hand. Repeat stringing a second ribbon through the feet.

You can make a garland of the gingerbread boys by adding them to the ribbon until you reach the desired length. This garland can be tied around a clay pot filled with cookie boys and used as a centerpiece and served as desert.

Single Gingerbread boys can be used as napkin rings by tying the ribbon in a bow behind the boy and inserting a rolled napkin through the ribbons.

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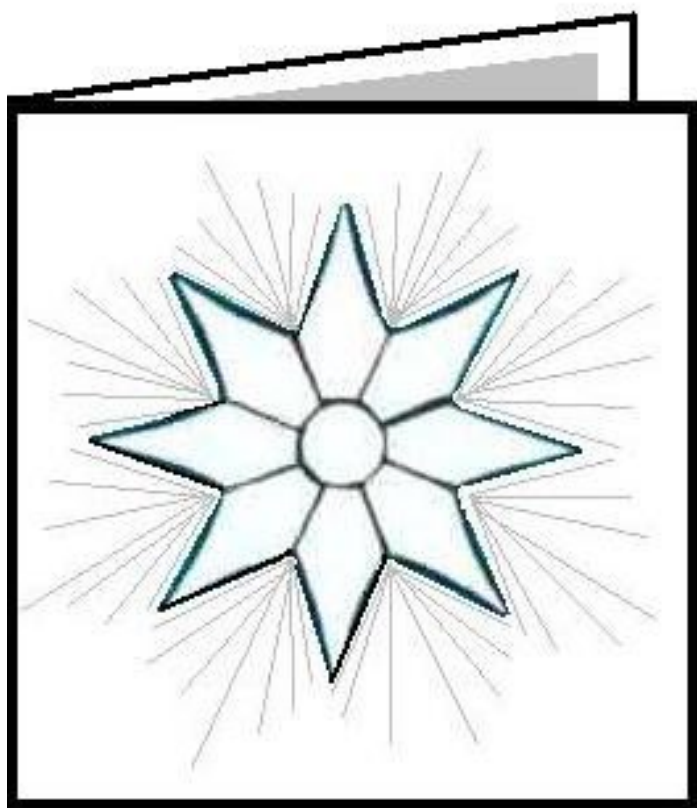
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### Star Card



#### Materials:

Card stock 9" X 5"  
2 pieces fancy paper 8" X 4" and 4" X 4"  
Silver Thread or single strand of floss  
Scissors  
Pencil  
Sewing Needle  
Glue stick  
Invisible tape

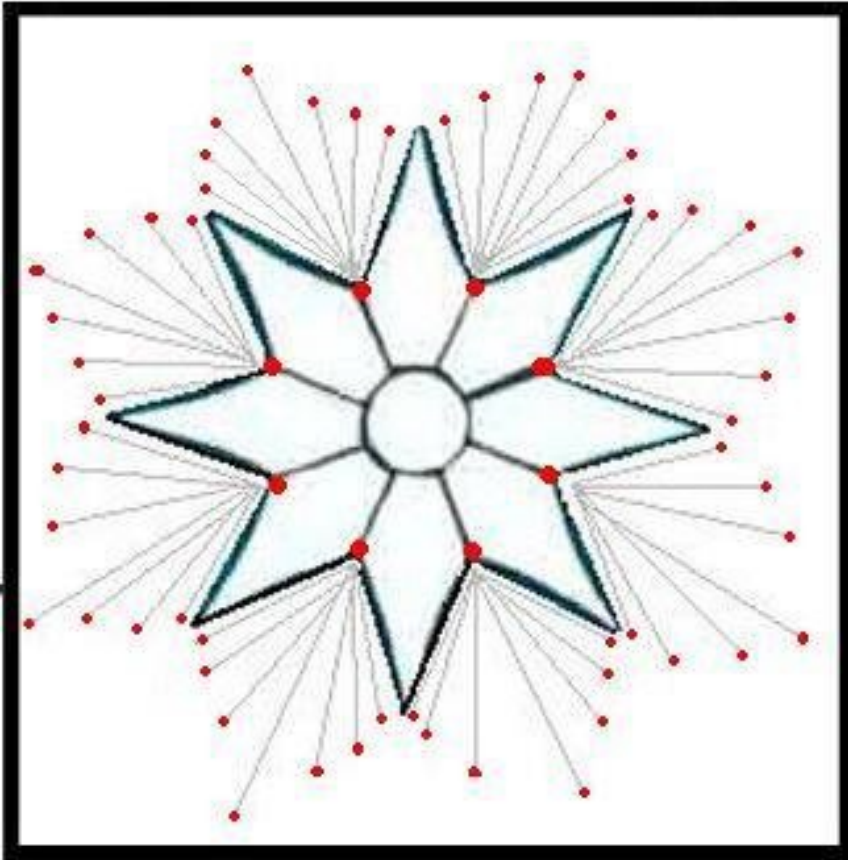
#### Instructions:

Trace the star on the fancy paper and cut out. You may use a different paper design for each diamond shape and the center circle or not trace the lines inside the star so it is all one paper design. Fold the card stock in half with the fold to the left. Lightly mark the red dots on the front of the card with your pencil.

Using the single strand of floss or thread make a single long stitch from the inner red dot to each outer dot in each of the group of lines between the star points. The thread should be taunt but not tight enough to pull or tear the cardstock. Use a small piece of tape to anchor the beginning and end of each set of stitches.

To cover the back of your stitching use the stick glue along the edges of the fancy paper and place it on the inside of the card. Write your message on the fancy paper on the inside of your card.

Glue the star on the front of the card covering the inner ends of the stitches and making sure the star points are between the groups of stitches.



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