

REINDEER DECORATION

Create your very own reindeer using your hands! Send this festive handmade gift to your local care home and make someone's Christmas extra special.

Equipment needed

- Card (for example a cereal box)
- Brown and red paint (water based)
- A red pom pom
- Paint brush or sponge
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- A brown or black pen
- Scissors
- String or ribbon



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Method

- 1) First, cover the area around you in newspaper or a wipeable table cloth to protect it from paint.
- 2) Next, place your card in front of you. If you are using a cereal box, you might need an adult to help you cut the back off. face it brown side up.
- 3) Cover the palm of your hand in brown paint. You may need an adult or friend to help you.



You can do this in two ways:

- Pour your paint into the cereal box that you've just cut up and use it as a pallet for your paint. Dip the palm of your hand into the paint and press down until it is covered





- OR, get someone to help paint your hand.



- 4) Place your painted hand down onto your card. Open up your fingers nice and wide, as your fingers will act as the antlers for your reindeer.



- 5) Wait for 10 minutes for your reindeer to dry. In this time, you can wash your hands.

- 6) Next get your googly eyes and glue them onto your reindeer. If you don't have googly eyes, draw some eyes on your reindeer using your pen.



- 7) Now for the nose! Either paint a red nose at the bottom of your hand print, or you can glue a red pom pom for an extra big red nose.



- 8) Draw some antlers with your brown or black pen.

- 9) Let everything dry.





- 10) Cut your reindeer out! Be careful using scissors - you might need to ask an adult to help.

When cutting, leave a little space at the top so that you can thread your hanging decoration.



- 11) Using the end of a pen or scissors, make a hole in the top of your decoration. You could also use a holepunch. Be careful using scissors - you might need to ask an adult to help.



- 12) Thread your string or ribbon through the hole. Tie a knot at the bottom and at the top so that your decoration can hang.



- 13) You're finished! Now it's time to send your word search to the care home. If the care home is close by, you could drop it off by hand. If not, you can send it via post.

We recommend that you also include card or letter with your decoration that introduces yourself:

E.g. "Dear....., my name is and I walk past your care home on my way to the park so I thought I would make you this reindeer Christmas tree decoration to bring you some joy."

Other things you could include in your message:

- Your favourite thing about winter
- Your favourite Christmas song or carol
- What Christmas means to you

