

THE AFTERMATH HOLIDAY EDITION



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Supplies:

Shells (of your choice)
Hot glue gun
Twine or thread
Garland (also your preference)
Mallet
Screwdriver

DIY SEASHELL GARLAND

BY KAYLA BUCHANAN

When living in tropical states it's common to spend the holidays by the beach. This DIY will allow you to put a modern twist to a timeless decorative piece. This DIY takes about 30 minutes but it's sure to attract admirers.

Steps:

- 1: You need to have some twine and gather small shells and starfish (or whatever shells you have or want to design with).
- 2: Various methods may be applied to this task. I would strongly recommend using a small screwdriver and a mallet of your choice (preferably rubber) and making a small hole where you would like to string your shells and starfish.
- 3: Take your twine and thread it through the holes of your shells in the pattern you decide, but after remember to knot each shell and space them just how you'd like.
- 4: This step is all about preference. You may choose whichever garland you'd prefer but just tangle them together however you'd choose maybe like Christmas tree lights or just right across the front. Just secure the shells by using a

hot glue gun and putting it on the knots then after applying it to the garland you picked out.

Friendly Reminder: This is in-fact a DIY project. DYI stands for "Do It Yourself" so don't forget to add your own unique style. Take these instructions for inspiration. Happy Holidays.



DIY REINDEER ORNAMENTS

BY PERRIE BLANKENSHIP

A DIY reindeer ornament is a cute and simple way to add something new to your tree this year. This DIY project is fun and safe for children and adults of all ages. With some inexpensive supplies and just a few minutes you can customize the tree with your very own ornaments.



Steps:

1. Cut one cork in half (hamburger style)
2. Split both halves down the middle (hotdog style) these will be the feet
3. Now, take a full cork and cut $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch off of the end and move the large piece aside for your next reindeer
4. Attach the feet to the long side of a full cork using hot glue
5. Next, attach the smallest piece as a collar on top
6. Then, add the last full cork long ways onto the collar for the head. Your reindeer's body is now complete
7. Cut the pipe cleaners to the size of your linking and create antlers and a tail
8. Lastly, screw the mini eye pin into the top of the reindeer and attach the ornament hook

Optional

To customize your reindeer you can add googly eyes, tie ribbon around its neck like a collar, or paint it to add character

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Supplies:

- 4 wine corks
- Hot glue gun (and hot glue sticks)
- Pipe cleaners
- Mini screw eye pin
- Ornament hook
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Ribbon (optional)
- Paint (optional)

ORLANDO HOLIDAY EVENTS BY AVA BURIC

With the holidays right around the corner, many families and groups scramble around to find something to do to celebrate. Do you need a place that has a Santa meet and greet? Do you need some sort of snow? Do you need a special dining experience related to the upcoming holidays? Most of us here in Florida have the benefit of multiple attractions surrounding us and it's easy to find a Christmas-themed event to attend.

Theme parks in Central Florida are the biggest and best locations for Christmas events. The most popular and well-known theme park celebration is Disney's "Very Merry Christmas Party." For a certain price, you can visit Magic Kingdom with lowered wait times, exclusive parades and shows, and unlimited hot chocolate and cookies for free. The Disney World Resort also offers holiday events at their other parks. Epcot's celebration is "Holidays Around The World" where each country represented has their own Santa or holiday icon. These characters perform a small show explaining the traditions for each countries' festivities. Hollywood Studios' annual event, The Osborne Family Spectacle of Dancing Lights, is something you shouldn't miss. 2015 marks the last year of the dancing lights as the whole area will be replaced with a new Star Wars-inspired land. The Universal Orlando Resort is bringing back their holiday traditions at both parks including Universal Studios' holiday parade. This show uses actual balloons from the Macy's Thanksgiving parade in their giant New York environment. Mannheim Steamroller will also perform on certain nights. The Islands of Adventure park is also setting up their Grinchmas celebration that revolves around the "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" film. An elaborate yet entertaining stage show, roaming characters, and a memorable meet and greet with the Grinch himself will be present during the month of December. SeaWorld's

Christmas celebration is also returning with its animal themed shows and rides. Shows including Shamu, Sesame Street, and ice skaters will perform daily as the Polar Express attraction, which replaces the "Wild Artic" ride every Christmas, will welcome riders all day.

There are also many other events in non-theme park locations. The Gaylord Palms Hotel is the king of Christmas festivities with their large amount of attractions. The most notable is "ICE!" where dozens of colored ice sculptures are on display in rooms with freezing temperatures. This year's theme is "T'was The Night Before Christmas" and now includes an ice slide and an Alpine snow tubing center. Santa appearances and a Christmas-themed breakfast are also involved as the hotel's main hub is decorated with thousands of lights. Light Up UCF is another popular seasonal celebration. This event is located in front of the CFE Arena at the University of Central Florida and includes dozens of carnival rides, ice skating, light shows, and film festivals. The I-Drive 360 area, which recently opened with the Orlando Eye and other attractions, is also adding new things for the holidays. The Orlando Eye is including Christmas-themed capsules on their giant ferris wheel with decorations resembling things such as a gingerbread house, candy canes, winter forests, and other settings. A package can also be purchased to have Santa ride with you in your capsule while telling a story. An ice skating rink will also be present at I-Drive 360's new "Froestival."

Whenever you need a holiday event to go to, you're definitely in luck. It's hard to ignore all of the seasonal celebrations happening in Orlando!



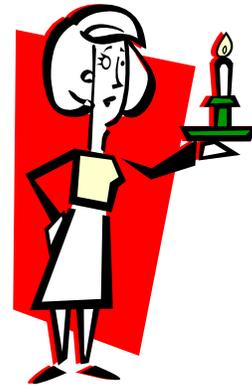
DIY HANUKKAH DREIDEL

BY CHARLIE MARTINEZ

When having guest come over for the holidays, it's tradition to serve snacks. This fun and easy DIY is sure to get praises from the kids. This will take around 15-30 minutes to prepare and serve warm wishes for the year to come.

Steps:

1. Use the plastic knife to spread the frosting all over the marshmallow
2. Roll the marshmallow in the bowl that contains the blue sugar. Make sure to completely cover the frosting leaving no trace of it.
3. Take pretzel stick and press it against one of the flat side to create the handle for the dreidel.
4. Apply frosting to the Hershey kiss so it will stick to the flat side of the marshmallow. This will be the "spinner" part of the dreidel.
5. Wait 5 minutes for the frosting to harden



FAMILY MATTERS

BY MIKAYLA MACKAY

The holidays are an amazing and special time to spend with family and friends whether they are close or far in distance. You may dread your relatives coming to stay for the week and associate it as an annoyance, but just stop and think about how far they came to see you and how they've gone out of their way to spend time with you around the holidays. Whatever it is you're celebrating around this time of year, you tend to find yourself being more upbeat and kind to those around you. We feel the true meaning of this holiday season is to appreciate all the things you have and show kindness towards others, no matter if they're close or just mere strangers. Even just a smile could brighten someone's day, you don't know how their day has been but that act of kindness could turn it around. Another great thing around this time of year is giving back to your community and helping those in need. The holidays are not time for greed; helping give back could change a life and even other lives.

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Supplies:

Marshmallow
Frosting (Store bought is fine)
Hershey Kisses
Pretzel Sticks
Sugar Sprinkles (Blue)
Bowl (For Sugar)
Plastic Knife (To spread frosting)

DIY NO-SEW CHRISTMAS PILLOW

BY NATALIA VELAZQUEZ

Steps:

1. Grab the white fabric and fold it in half to make a square with even sides.
2. Measure it and arrange it for the size you want it to be and trace it with the writing utensil.
3. Cut the traced line you made.
4. Put fabric inside out and cut both into two separate pieces.
5. Flip one over having one face correctly and the other backwards.
6. Glue thin line onto the edges of both squares but leaving a small gap at the top of the squares to insert the pillow stuffing.
7. Hold it until you feel it cool down.
8. Flip the fabric inside out again with the small gap that you left on the pillow.
9. Stuff the pillow until it is the right amount and it's fluffy enough for you.
10. Once you're done fold the edges of the gap and hot glue them together to close the pillow.
11. Hold it until you feel it cool down.
12. Go on the internet and find a deer silhouette that you like and print it out.
13. Cut it out with the xacto knife but only the inside to make a stencil.
14. Shake the gold glitter fabric paint and open it.
15. Put a little bit onto the foam brush.
16. Get the stencil and tape it to the pillow to stay in place.
17. Dab the Paint onto the inside of the stencil.
18. Remove the stencil while it's still wet to prevent any smudges.
19. Wait until it's dry and you're done!

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Supplies:

White fabric
Scissors & Xacto knife
Pillow stuffing
Deer Silhouette found on internet
Gold glitter fabric paint
Writing utensil (pen/pencil/sharpie)
Foam Brush
Hot Glue gun



DIY CHRISTMAS TREE

BY CHRISTINA AUSTRIA

Do you want to have a tree of bright lights but don't have the money for a big fancy tree? No problem! Here's a step by step guide to a cheap holiday classic:



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Supplies:

Twist ties/yarn/string
Strand of Christmas lights
2 or 3 Christmas Garlands
small ornaments
6 wire coat hangers

Instructions

1. Put the hangers into three groups of two and tie one of the corners together in each group with twist ties or yarn. Arrange the pairs of hangers with the hooks in the middle, and tie together. You should have a tripod at this point, with the hooks hanging down in the middle.
2. Spread out the pairs of hangers so all six fan out. It should look like the frame of a tree, with the hooks sticking out at the bottom. Secure each hook to the wire hanger next to it to make your tree more stable.
3. Let the plug for the lights dangle down the middle of the tree so the first light after the plug is at the top of the tree. Fasten the plug to the bottom of the tree (leave it as long as you like) with a twist tie.
4. Wrap the lights around each hanger. Use a longer strand if you want the lights to be closer together. Secure the lights with twist ties or yarn occasionally.
5. Wrap the garland around the tree, starting at the top. Secure it at the top and let a bit of it dangle down the middle of the tree. Try not to leave any gaps. Poke through any lights that aren't showing through the garland.
6. Hang small ornaments of your choice.

