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Christmas Art Ideas

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Materials

The ideas in this book use a variety of materials which can be found in art shops, craft shops and most stationers.

Papers

Under the heading on each project there is a suggestion for the kind of paper to use, such as watercolour paper, tissue paper, thin cardboard or wrapping paper.

Paints, pens and inks

Different kinds of paints, pens and inks are used throughout the projects. If you need to use a specific type, it will tell you in the step-by-step instructions which kind to use.

Glitter

Whenever you use loose glitter, lay the thing you are decorating on a newspaper. Shake any excess glitter onto the paper, then tip it back into its container. Glitter glue is easier to use and is less messy.

Poster paints and watercolour paints

Gold metallic pen

Glitter glue is ideal for adding sparkly patterns.

Loose glitter

Pipe cleaners and embroidery threads come in lots of Christmassy colours.

Glittery ribbon

Shiny crêpe paper

Scraps of patterned and shiny wrapping paper.

Tracing paper decorated with gold pens

Cartridge paper painted with watercolour paints

Tissue paper

Parcel ribbon

Ribbons and threads

Lots of the decorations in this book are hung from threads or ribbons. If you can't find them in a craft shop, look in a haberdashery department.

Sequins

Metallic confetti

Shiny stickers

Sequins and stickers

Sequins and stickers are an easy way to add shine and sparkle to your decorations. You can also buy packets of metallic confetti in lots of different shapes and colours from craft shops and haberdashery departments.