DIY ORNAMENTS
Craft your way to a colorful Christmas with these DIY felt ornaments. Use our templates and step-by-step instructions to make them.

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TWO-TONE LANTERNS

MATERIALS:
• Template (on next page)
• Pencil
• Wool felt in assorted colors
• Scissors
• Stiffen Quik
• Iron
• Embroidery needle
• Bamboo skewer
• Paper straw
• Thin gold cording
• Large, medium, and small wood beads
• Hot-glue gun and glue sticks

HOW-TO:
1. Print out the star pattern on the next page and cut out.
2. For one lantern, trace one star pattern onto two contrasting colors of felt. (We used wool felt because it’s thick, long-lasting, and sturdy so holds a shape better than synthetic felt.) Cut out felt stars.
3. Spray each star with a light coat of Stiffen Quik. (This helps the felt hold its shape when you bend it.) Let dry on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then flatten with an iron as needed. Use an embroidery needle to make a small hole in the center of the star and about ¼” from each tip (Image A).
4. Cut a bamboo skewer to 4”, keeping the pointed end. Cut a paper straw to 2½” and a piece of gold cording to 10”.
5. Fold gold cording in half, then push tails through the hole of a large wood bead so they barely peek out the other side. Put a dab of hot glue in the hole where the tails stick out, and insert the cut end of the bamboo skewer (Image B). Trim off any visible tails; let glue dry. Knot cording at the bead.
6. Push skewer point through the middle of each star then through the straw (Image C). Push skewer through the holes in the tips of the star closest to the large bead (Image D) then through the holes of the tips of the second star (Image E).
7. Finish by hot-gluing a medium bead and small bead to the point of the skewer (Image F).
STAMPED SHAPES

MATERIALS:
• Scissors or crafts knife
• Craft foam sheets
• Wood crafts block (about 4"×6")
• Hot-glue gun and glue sticks (if needed)
• Sponge Spouncer
• Multi-surface crafts paint in assorted colors
• Felt
• Templates (on next page)
• Pencil
• Ribbon
• Fabric glue

HOW-TO:
1. Make stamp: Using sharp scissors or a crafts knife, cut strips from the crafts foam so they are ⅛" wide and to length of wood block. Using adhesive backing on foam (or hot glue), attach strips to wood block about ½" apart.
2. To stamp: Protect work surface. Dip Spouncer in crafts paint and dab onto the foam of the stamp to cover evenly. Press stamp onto a sheet of felt to create lines in one direction, reapplying paint as needed. Repeat in opposite direction to create plaid. Let dry.
3. Trace ornament shape onto felt twice. (You need one for the front and the back.) Cut out with scissors.
4. Cut 10" ribbon; fold in half. Lay one patterned shape face down and apply fabric glue to the back.
5. Place 1" to 2" of ribbon tails onto the glue at the top of the ornament. Set the matching shape face up on top, and press to secure. Let dry.
STAMPED FELT SHAPES

TEMPLATE A

TEMPLATE B