

Alicia Luttrell's Ornament Tips

Mini Paper Chains

Materials: yearbook page, scissors, tape

1. Cut half-inch by three-inch strips from a yearbook page.
2. Form a loop. Tape. Continue adding each paper strip to the chain.

Tip: Use only colored photos or only black and white body copy for your chain.

Decoupage Ornaments

Materials: yearbook page, scissors, glue, water, small plastic trays, paint brush, glass ornament, clear glitter

1. Cut quarter-inch by two inch strips from a yearbook page.
2. Mix a bit of water with glue in a plastic tray.
3. Spread a thin layer on the ornament.
4. Apply paper strip to ornament and brush glue mixture over it.
5. Continue layering paper around ornament, glazing both sides.
6. Optional: Hold ornament over a small plastic tray. Sprinkle it with clear glitter. Reuse the glitter on other ornaments.
7. Place in a box to dry.

Tip: Make a pattern by aligning strips vertically from top to bottom for a linear look. You can use a small image or large letter from a yearbook as a focal point.

Swirly Ornaments

Materials: glass ornament, paint brush, acrylic paint (red, green, gold and silver)

1. Gently remove the cap from the ornament.
2. Squirt a little red or green paint, and then silver or gold.
3. Hold finger over opening and shake.
4. Turn ornament upside down to drain in ornament box.

Tip: Too much paint in ball can drain and cause ball to sit in paint. Start with three squirts from each bottle to get started.

Tinsel Ornaments

Materials: glass ornament, tinsel, paint brush

1. Gently remove the cap from the ornament.
2. Stuff tinsel into ball by using the end of a paint brush or pencil.
3. Replace the cap.

Tip: Use a variety of tinsel colors.

When ornaments are ready, tie a piece of jute or other string on the cap loop and personalize with a tag.

We topped our tree with a paper craft YERD found in a Herff Jones magazine from 2010.

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