

Family Art from Home

Paper Ornaments

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Just in time for the holidays! Elevate your holiday decorating with these elegant handmade ornaments.

Supplies Needed

- Decorative Papers
- Elmer's Glue, Hot Glue
- Scissors
- Glitter, Beads, Decorative Objects from Nature or Spices (Star Anise, Dried Fruit)
- Stapler
- Hole Puncher

How to Do It

1. Gather your materials and start with cutting six (or more) ¼" inch strips out of the decorative paper.
2. Create two sets of layered strips by stacking three strips on top of another. Create a long layered strip by overlapping both in the middle and stapling together. This three layered long strip will be the base for your paper ornament.
3. Various shapes can be formed out of different lengths of strips or with pinching the strip to create edges. The strips in the middle will be the shortest ones and allow the shape to form. Hold the final shape you created with all the strips and secure with the stapler or with hot glue which can be potentially less tidy.

Note: Depending on the age of the child, this step might be done by an adult. To make curls run the scissor blade on the top of the paper strip inserted in between thumb and finger. For pronounced curls pull the strip between your thumb and the scissors blade rather firmly and quickly (the longer touch with scissors, the more curled strip you will make). For less pronounced curls, ease up the pressure and speed with the scissors blade.

4. Attach a beautiful ribbon at the top of the ornament. To make more pleasing to the eye, glue another decorative paper strip with curls and a hole in the middle to enable the ribbon to be pulled through to cover the ribbon attachment or to cover the staple.

5. Apply the Elmer's glue to the surfaces of your choice for the glitter to adhere to. Glitter, fancy beads or the natural materials (star anise, dried fruit) will provide a festive holiday touch and glamour.

Decorate your tree, your home or your neighbor's yard to your heart's delight!



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