

25 Days of  
Easy  
Christmas  
Crafts

For Toddlers & Preschoolers

(and older children, too!)

I don't know about you, but one of the things my children LOVE doing is crafts. It can be so very hard to take the time to do crafts with them, because it can make a HUGE mess! This year, I decided, that we were going to focus on some easy Christmas crafts. I was originally planning to do one a day, every day until Christmas, but since I decided to write this e-book, we did them a little quicker than that! We have had so much fun! The children couldn't be happier and they can't believe that I am encouraging them to make a mess! They keep begging me to do crafts! I feel a little bit bad that I don't do this more regularly. I plan to try to set aside some time for crafts more often throughout the year.

I have written this e-book so that you can either pick and choose which crafts you'd like to do throughout your Christmas season, or you can choose to get everything for the whole month and do it as an Advent Calendar while counting down to Christmas. I tried to choose easy projects that wouldn't take too long. Toddlers and preschoolers are the focus, although you will find that my older girls loved jumping in and taking over on many of the crafts! I also tried to choose projects that would use supplies already in your home, but I'm sure you won't have every last thing! Be prepared to shop. Check the \$1 store first. I found a good amount of what I needed there. I will note what items I was able to find at the \$1 shop on your shopping list.

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# Supplies List

## Tools:

Scissors  
Stapler  
Hole Punch  
Hot Glue Gun  
Sponge Paint Brush for Mod Podge  
Saucepan  
Cookie cutters  
Rolling Pin  
Ice cube tray or foam egg carton

## Craft Supplies

Construction Paper (especially need red, green & brown)  
Glue  
Yarn or String  
Wax or tape for end of yarn  
Four, 4" tiles (can buy for about 20 cents at Lowes or Home Depot)  
scrapbooking paper in Christmas colors/designs (or use printable at end of book)  
Mod Podge  
Cork or Felt pieces for bottom of tiles  
Sealer Spray (for tiles)  
Cardboard  
Foil  
Ribbon (red and green, can get for 50 cents each at Walmart)  
Brown paper bags/freezer paper (for wrapping paper)  
Christmas Stickers (\$1 store item)  
Old Christmas Cards (optional)  
Markers  
Rubber Stamps in Christmas patterns  
Popsicle Sticks (\$1 store item)

White paper  
Cookie Cutters  
Food Coloring  
New paintbrushes (or a kitchen one)  
Glitter Glue (we got ours at the \$1 store for a pkg of several)  
Toilet Paper Rolls  
Beans, rice, pennies, popcorn or anything to make music shaker  
Red or green tissue paper (\$1 store)  
Coffee Filters  
Paper Plate (\$1 store)  
Egg Carton  
Glitter (\$1 store)  
Jingle Bells (\$1 store)  
Small baby food jar with lid  
Small Toys or ornaments that fit into the jar (\$1 store)  
Pipe Cleaner  
Brown Paint  
Googly eyes  
Black & Red craft foam (I bought Christmas theme craft foam stickers at \$1 store and cut some of them up)  
Clear Contact paper OR clear packing tape  
straw or toothpick  
Pinecones  
Candy canes  
Red pom pom or construction paper for nose  
White paper or paper plates cut in 3 circles of increasing size  
Cotton balls

### Food:

1 1/2 cups butter, softened  
2 cups white sugar  
8 eggs (for sugar cookie recipe + die to put on top)  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
Cereal (Cheerios or Fruit Loops)  
Food Coloring  
Graham Crackers  
White Frosting (to use as glue)  
Candy to stick on the sides of gingerbread house  
2 cups salt  
1 cup cornstarch

# Day 1

## Christmas Chain



### Supplies Needed:

Red & Green Construction Paper

Scissors

Glue



## Directions:

Cut several strips of red & green construction paper and loop them together with glue. Connect each loop to the chain, alternating colors.

Idea: Cut 25, and tear one off each day until Christmas OR make it long and use it to hang your other crafts of the month onto it.



# Day 2

## Strands of Cereal Garland



### Supplies:

Cereal

Yarn or String

Wax or tape for end of yarn

## Directions:

Figure out how long you would like your garland and cut your string that length. Dip the end of your yarn in wax from a lit candle (you may want to do that while no one is watching!) and form it to a point, so it will be easier for your little one to string the cereal onto it....or you can make a point out of tape, but the wax seems to work a little better



String the cereal onto the yarn until it is the desired length of your garland! Hang it on the tree to enjoy for the whole season!

**Idea:** After Christmas, take it outside; wrap it around a tree for the birds to enjoy!

# Day 3

## Christmas Coasters



### Supplies:

4" tiles (can buy for about 20 cents at Lowes or Home Depot)  
scrapbooking paper in Christmas colors/designs (candy cane paper available as a printable at bottom of book in template section)

Mod Podge

Hot Glue Gun

Sponge Paint Brush for Mod Podge

Cork or Felt pieces for bottom of tiles

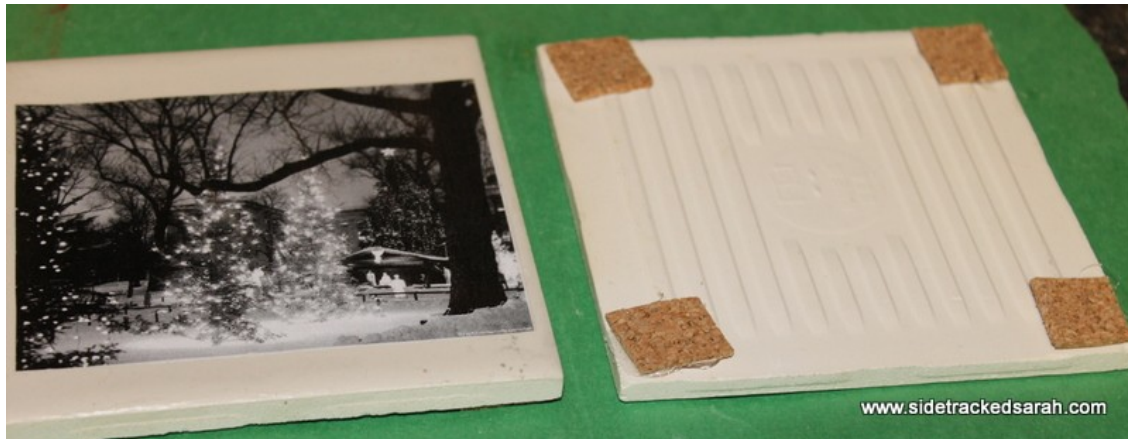
Sealer Spray (to protect them from moisture)

## Directions:

1. Cut Scrapbook Paper just smaller than the tile (We found a black and white Christmas picture to print as I don't have a color printer).
2. Glue on with Mod Podge and put another layer of Mod Podge on top.



3. After dry, coat the top of the scrapbook paper again with Mod Podge. Let dry.
4. Glue on felt or cork to the bottom with hot glue gun (unless you buy the presticky felt)



5. Spray sealer on tops of coasters in a well ventilated area, preferably away from your children. Use during the Christmas season and enjoy!

# Day 4

## Star Ornament



### Supplies:

Cardboard

Foil

Scissors

Ribbon or string

Hole Punch



## Directions:

Trace a star pattern onto cardboard (template available in template section). Cut out a star (or several) and wrap with foil. Hole punch one end of the star and put a string or ribbon through it. Write: Luke 2:11 on it, "Today in the town of David, a Savior is Born to you, He is Christ the Lord" (printable available in template section)

# Day 5

## Reindeer Antlers



### Supplies:

Brown construction Paper

Scissors

Glue, Tape or Stapler

### Directions:

1. Trace hands on brown construction paper
2. Cut out hands



3. Cut out a 2-3" thick band of construction paper that would fit around child's head. Glue, tape or staple it in place.
4. Glue, tape or staple hands onto the band and let your child run and around and have some fun being a reindeer for the day!

# Day 6

## Wrapping Paper



### Supplies:

Brown paper bags/freezer paper/or other paper you can use

Stickers and/or old Christmas cards

Markers

Stamps

### Directions:

Lay paper out and let child decorate it with the stickers, cut out Christmas cards, rubber stamps and drawings. Wrap presents with it! Your children will think that it is super special to see the presents under the tree with “their” wrapping paper!

# Day 7

## Christmas Trees



### Supplies:

Popsicle Sticks

White paper

Glue

Scissors

Markers

## Directions:

Lay out the popsicle sticks in a triangle on top of a piece of paper for a Christmas tree shape. Glue them down to the piece of paper. After glue is dry, trim the paper around the triangle. Color green and decorate like a Christmas tree with your markers. Cut a trunk out and glue that to the bottom. We did this one a few years ago. They lasted and lasted over the years! The younger kids were happy to make their own, since they didn't get a chance to the first time we did this craft.



# Day 8

## Painted Cookies



### Supplies:

Sugar Cookie Dough (recipe below)

Cookie Cutters

Egg Yolks

Food Coloring

Ice cube tray or foam egg carton

New paintbrushes (or a kitchen one)

### Directions:

1. In a small bowl, gently stir several egg yolks until mixed together.

2. Spoon a bit of egg yolk into several compartments of an old ice cube tray or a foam egg carton.
3. Tint each egg yolk with food coloring



4. Before you bake, paint each cookie with small paintbrushes dipped in the cookie paint. (You may want to remind them not to taste the paint before it's cooked since uncooked eggs could contain salmonella)



5. Bake and enjoy!

## Sugar Cookie Recipe

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

### Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).
2. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.

# Day 9

## Christmas Gift Tags



### Supplies:

Gift Tag Template Printed on Card Stock (Template provided at end of e-book)

Stickers

Glitter Glue (we got ours at the \$1 store for a pkg of several)

Rubber stamps (optional)

Markers



## Directions:

Print several gift tags onto a piece of paper and cut out. Let child decorate them for Christmas presents! Use them to label the Christmas presents you wrap.



# Day 10

## Christmas Music Shakers



### Supplies:

Toilet Paper Rolls

Beans, rice, pennies, popcorn or anything to make it shake & make music

Red or green tissue paper

Construction Paper to wrap it with and attach to ends

Staples, tape, glue or rubber bands for the ends

## Directions:

Cover toilet paper holder with construction paper. Cover one end with paper and glue or tape shut. Put several noise making items into the tube and cover the other end with paper and fasten it into place. Glue some tissue paper onto it or decorate it with markers, stickers or however else your child wants to. When you're done, turn on some Christmas music and dance and shake your shakers to the music!

# Day 11

## Snowflakes



### Supplies:

Coffee Filters

Scissors

### Directions:

Fold your coffee filters in quarters and make a few small cuts. Fold again and make a few more. You can even fold one more time and make some more cuts. Open it up and see how beautiful your snowflake turned out.

# Day 12

## Gingerbread House



### Supplies:

Graham Crackers

White Frosting (to use as glue)

Candy to stick on the sides

## Directions:

Arrange your crackers into the shape of your house using the frosting as glue to stick it together. Use candy to decorate. Be careful though, the graham crackers will collapse under lots of candy weight. You will need lots of “glue” to get it to stay together very well.



# Day 13

## Paper Plate Wreath



### Supplies:

Tissue Paper in Christmas colors

Scissors

Paper Plate

Glue

Ribbon Bow

## Directions:

Cut the tissue paper into small squares. Cut a hole in the middle of the plate so it looks like a wreath by gently folding it over and cutting a circle out of the middle. Let child glue squares around the wreath. They can either be wadded up so it looks fluffier, or laid flat. It depends on how much time you want to spend gluing. The wadded up will take longer as it won't cover as much area.





# Day 14

## Egg Carton Bells



### Supplies:

Egg Carton

Foil, glitter, etc. (to decorate with)

Jingle Bells

Markers

Ribbon

### Directions:

Cut an egg carton into individual pieces. Paint, decorate with glitter, or cover with a small square of aluminum foil. Make a small hole in the top of each egg cup. Cut ribbon into 6 inch pieces and poke one end

through the hole in the top of each egg cup. Thread the bottom piece of string through a jingle bell and back up through the hole at the top of the cup. Knot the ends. Have fun, jingling it throughout the house. Use it on a door knob or the Christmas tree.



# Day 15

## Christmas Book Marks



### Supplies:

Template (included below) printed or traced onto Cardstock paper

Markers

Stickers

Hole Punch

Ribbon



## Directions:

Print out book mark templates on card stock and cut out. Decorate with Markers and stickers. Punch a hole in the top and attach a Ribbon to it. Give it to a friend or family member, or keep for your family to use in your favorite Christmas story book.

# Day 16

## Christmas Snow Globe



### Supplies:

Small baby food jar with lid

Glue Gun

Small Toys or ornaments that fit into the jar

Water

Glitter

1/4" ribbon

### Directions:

Use the hot glue gun to glue the ornament or small toy onto the lid.

Let dry. Fill jar with water and add glitter. Place lid on the jar tightly

(can even glue the lid on). Glue ribbon to the edge of the lid to seal it. Shake it up and see a snowstorm inside!



# Day 17

## Feet & Hands Angel



### Supplies:

Construction Paper

Scissors

Glue

Glitter, foil, tissue paper, etc for decorating

Pipe Cleaner

## Directions:

Cut out child's 2 hands out of construction paper for wings. Cut out around both feet together so it will look more like an angel robe. Cut circle for angel head. Decorate robe and wings with glitter, tissue paper, foil, etc. Glue on hands as wings and glue on head. Use pipe cleaner for halo. You can attach the halo with glue or staples. Attach poem from printable templates section at end of book onto the back of the angel.



# Day 18

## Handprint Wreath



### Supplies:

Construction paper

Scissors

Glue

Or

Construction paper

Green paint

## Directions:

There are 2 ways to do these wreaths. You can both cut out several hands and attach them in a circle, gluing them together to make a wreath

OR

Dip child's hand in green paint and make hand prints in a circle until it looks like a wreath.

# Day 19

## Thumbprint Reindeer



### Supplies:

Brown Paint

Paper folded in half

Brown Marker

Googly eyes

Black & Red craft foam (or construction paper) for noses

Glue

## Directions:

Have each family member in your home dip their thumbs in brown paint and put one on the page. Glue on googly eyes and a black or red nose (Red for Rudolph!), then draw on brown antlers. I ended up drawing on the black noses with a permanent marker and that worked well, too.

# Day 20

## Christmas Place Mats



### Supplies:

Construction paper or light cardboard

Markers

Glitter

Used greeting cards and/or old magazines

Glue

Clear Contact paper OR clear packing tape

## Directions:

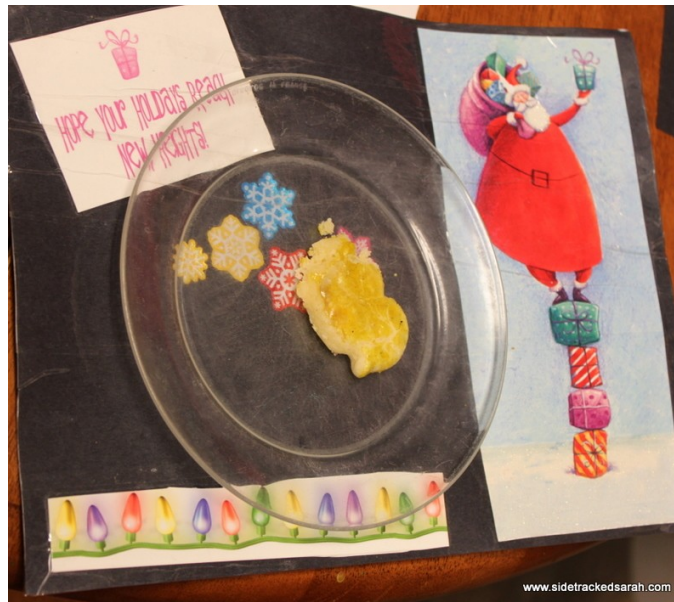
Cut up old Christmas cards or magazines and glue onto paper.

Draw or glue artwork onto paper. Decorate with markers and glitter.

Cover with clear contact paper or clear packing tape and use it for a special Christmas season place mat!



Pressing down her creation so the glue will stick!



About to enjoy a cookie on her new placemat!

# Day 21

## Dough Ornaments



### Supplies:

2 cups salt

2/3 cup water

medium saucepan

1 cup cornstarch

1/2 cup cold water

rolling pin

cookie cutters

straw or toothpick

paint, glitter and other decorative material

Ribbon (for hanging)

## Directions:

Mix salt with  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup water in saucepan. Stir and boil. Add cornstarch and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water and stir. If the mixture doesn't get thick, set it back on the stove. Sprinkle some extra cornstarch onto the table, roll out the dough with a rolling pin and cut with cookie cutters. Use a straw or toothpick to make a hole at the top for hanging. Dry & decorate with paint, glitter, etc. Tie ribbon through hole and hang on tree or give as gifts to grandparents.



Here is how you make the hole for the ribbon.



They got creative and formed their own reindeer, too!



# Day 22

## Christmas Thank You Cards



### Supplies:

Construction paper  
Old Christmas Cards  
Markers or Crayons  
Glitter  
Glue  
Cookie Cutters  
Stickers

## Directions:

Fold a piece of paper in half or in quarters. Decorate it with crayons or markers. Have child decorate it with one or some of the following ideas:

1. stickers
2. trace around child's hand
3. trace around cookie cutters on wrapping paper and glue on
4. cup up and glue old Christmas cards onto cards



This is the inside of one of my 2-year-old's cards.

# Day 23

## Christmas Pinecones



### Supplies:

- Pinecones
- Glitter Glue
- Ribbon

## Directions:

Put glitter glue on the tips of a pine cone. Make it look as fancy and shiny as child wants. Hang ribbon from the top and hang as decoration on Christmas tree or around house.



# Day 24

## Rudolph Candy Cane



### Supplies:

Candy canes

Googly eyes

Red or brown pipe cleaners

Red pom pom or construction paper for nose

Red ribbon

Glue

## Directions:

Place the pipe cleaner under the curved neck of the candy cane. Twist it into a V-shape. The curved end will be the face of the reindeer while the rest will be its body. Bend each end of the shape into a zigzag shape until it looks like the antlers of the reindeer. Glue two small googly eyes (I ended up cutting eyes out of paper because my googly eyes were too big for the candy cane). Tie ribbon around the curve of the candy cane. Use as a gift embellishment, hang on the tree or give to a friend!

# Day 25

## Snowman



### Supplies:

White paper or paper plates cut in 3 circles of increasing size

Cotton balls

Glue

Googly Eyes

Felt scraps or Construction Paper

Scissors

Stapler

## Directions:

Staple the circles together so that one is his head and 2 are his body. Glue on cotton balls. Cut out a scarf, buttons, eyes, nose, mouth and hat from felt scraps or construction paper and glue on the snowman.



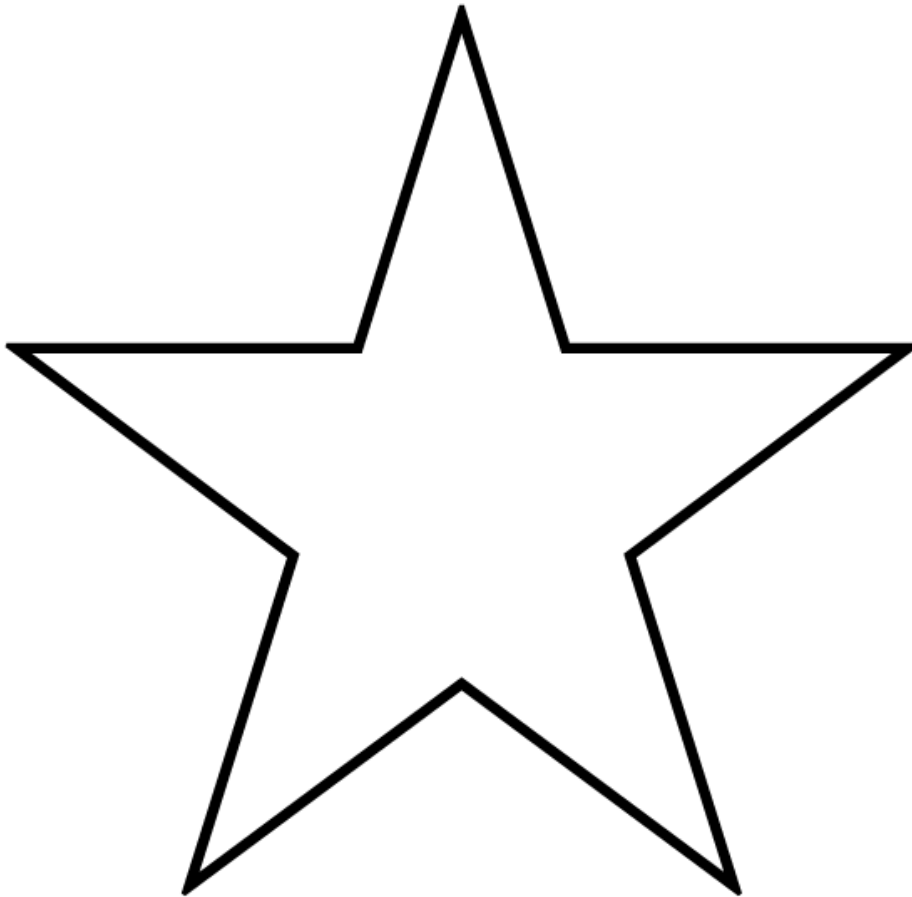


# Templates:

## Day 3: Christmas Coasters



Day 4 Star Ornament:



## Day 4 Star Ornament: Bible Verse

Luke 2:11

Today, A Savior has been  
Born to you; He is  
Christ the Lord

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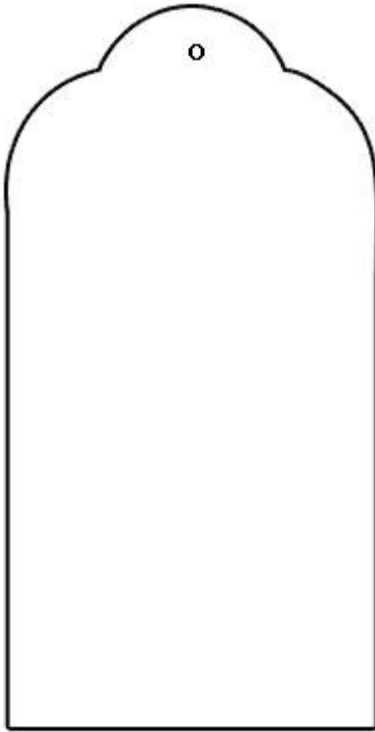
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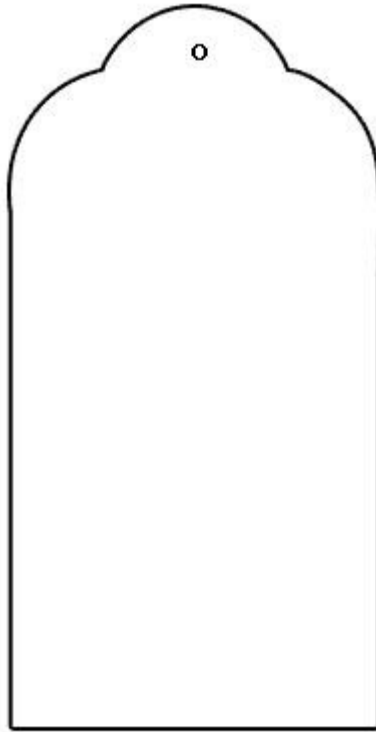
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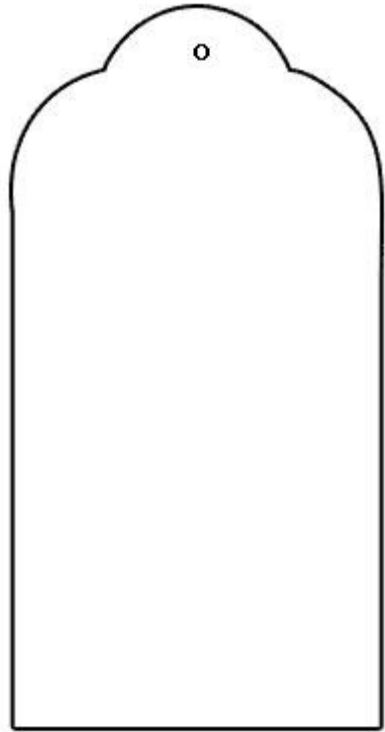
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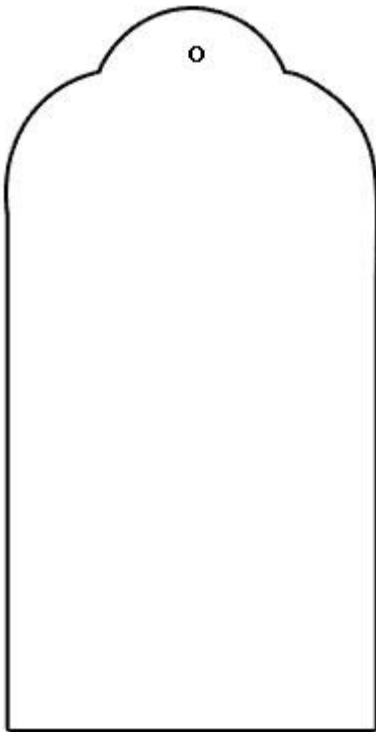
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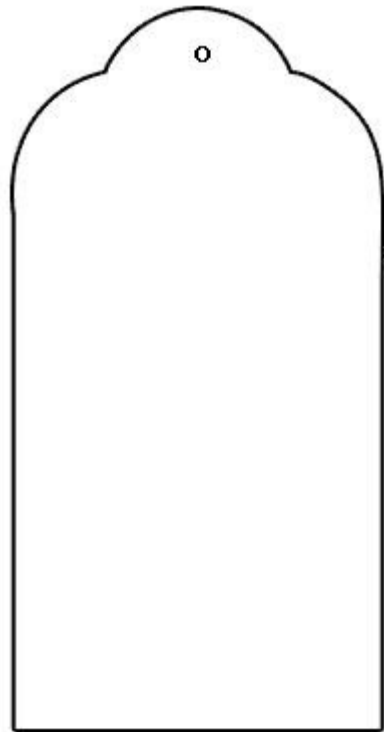
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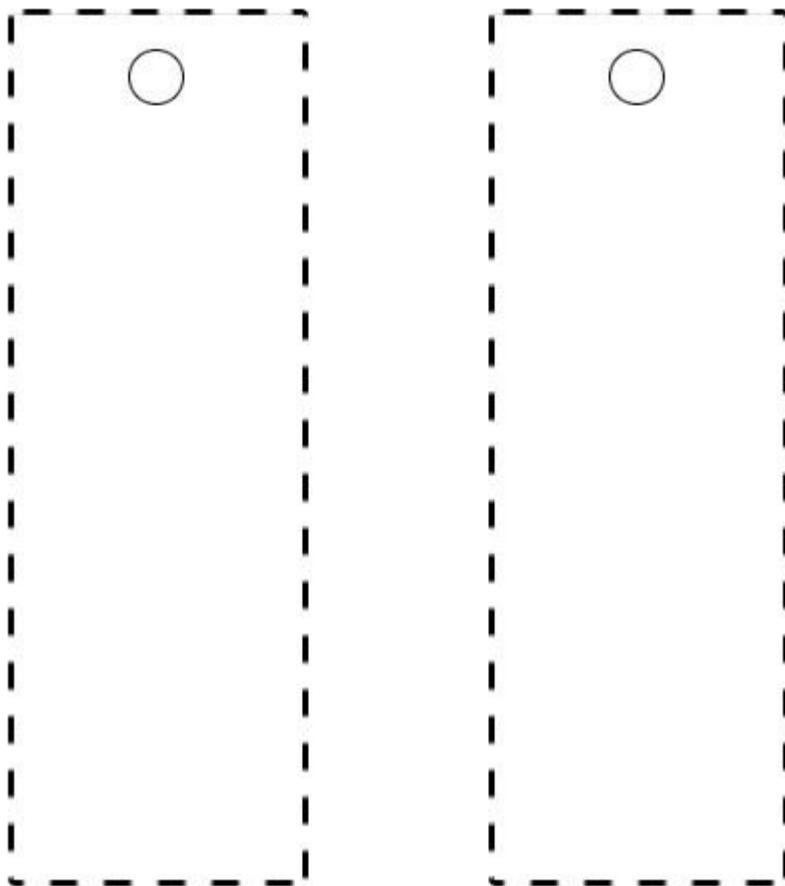


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# Day 14: Christmas Book Marks



## Day 17: Hands & Feet Angel

This little angel is special you see;  
Because she is a part of me.  
Her wings are my hands,  
Her body my feet,  
And on the tree she'll look very sweet.