

Christmas Ornaments with Styrofoam Balls

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Gather your materials, put in a good movie, and spend a cold afternoon creating these little ornaments that make nice office gifts or additions to gift baskets. You can really have some fun with these, and the good part is, if you make a mistake or don't like what you did, just pull out the pins and start over!

You will need:

3-inch and 4-inch styrofoam balls

small pieces of Christmas fabrics

sequin pins, preferably goldtone

an assortment of ribbons, beads, cording,

ribbon roses, gold stars, etc.

a glue gun.

Basic directions:

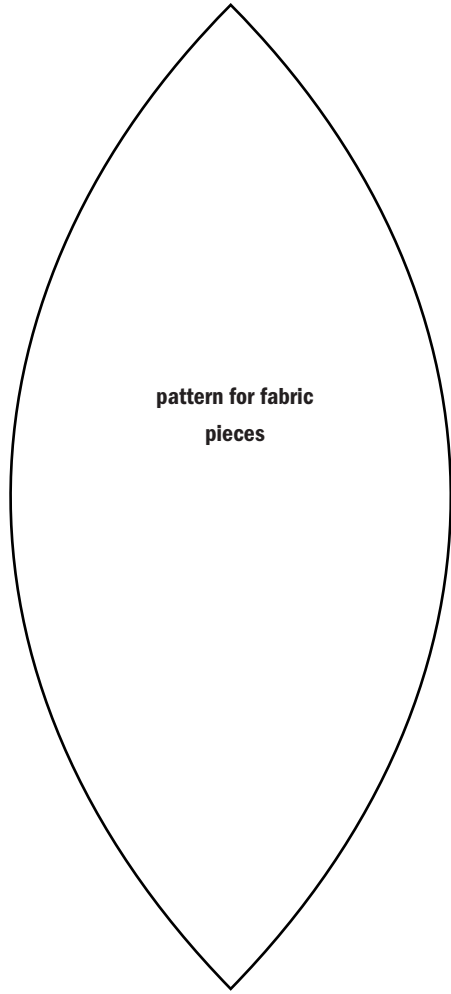
For the 3-inch balls, use the pattern and cut 6 pieces of fabric for each ornament. Pin evenly all around the ball, putting a pin at the top, a pin at the bottom, and a pin on each side of the widest part of the fabric. Use 5/8-inch wide ribbon or trim and starting at the top, pin the end, then bring the trim down around the seam and pin at the bottom, then continue up the other side, covering the seam and pinning again at the top. Repeat two more times until all the seams are covered.

Make a ribbon or cord loop and pin to the top of the ornament. Then continue to decorate with beads, stars, ribbon roses, etc. until you achieve the effect you like. Tie one or two bows and glue them to the top of the ornament, close to the hanger, and add hemlock cones or ribbon roses in clusters close to the bows, if desired.

Add bows or tassels to the bottom of the ornament, or string a few beads and make 3 dangling strands hanging from the bottom.

To cover 4-inch balls, cut seven 2-inch-wide strips of fabric 12-1/2 inches long for each ball. Use all the same fabric or several different coordinating pieces to create a patchwork effect. Press under the two long sides of each strip until they meet in the center back. Pinning one strip at a time, start at the top center of the ball, pin, and wrap the strip all around the ball. Continue with the next strip, overlapping the first strip just enough to completely cover the white styrofoam. Pin at the sides of the strip to hold in place, then continue around the ball. Do this until all 7 strips are pinned on and the ball is completely covered. Make a loop for hanging, and continue to decorate with gold stars, cording, and bows at the top with some silk holly leaves. Use drapery tassels with attached cord to wrap around the ball. Tie in a knot at the bottom and let the tassels hang down.





**pattern for fabric
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