

**Chapter 1 : 75 Ways to Fill Clear Glass Ornaments { Homemade Christmas Ornaments } - Refunk My Junk**

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They hold up well here. If you want to branch out into a more durable medium, a base coat of latex house paint works well with acrylic for accents and details. This generally will not flake or peel. Nicola Gore 3 years ago can anyone tell me the best paints and markers to use. I am currently picking up ideas for waterproof paint and the type you recommend sounds like a great addition to the paint box. I am very lucky it is quite dry most of the time where I live so I get away with using Tempura. I appreciate your comments and your visit. I use liquid cel vinyl by cartoon color. It cost alot but its dry waterproof but removes with windex and a scraper with. My paintings have brought me a lot of joy. Areas that are prone to weather issues do require something more sturdy than Tempura. Use a base of latex, from your local hardware store, then do the designs and details with the acrylic paints. I can use Tempura because the weather in the desert drops in temperatures without the moisture. Thank you for visiting and taking time to comment. Now asked to paint at Country Club and am grateful for your advice. We are in a cold mountainous area, so am concerned with tempera and snow, have only used acrylic and know that tempera has to be easier, but am concerned. The process is fairly simple. You have to know my little secret --a spray misting bottle and little bit of patience. This takes about 15 minutes for a standard picture window. Thank you for your visit and comment! Just one question--does the paint come off easily once the holidays or other occasion are over? Let me know how it turns out! I would love to see your paintings. I would love to see what you get to do after reading this! Christmas art in window painting is an absolute thrill if you love Christmas as much as I do! Appreciate you comments, lady! Let me know how it turned out. Thanks for the visit! I love your lens! In a climate like Southern Nevada, you start with the base paints and work your way up on the outside of the windows. In an area that may be subject to extreme cold or heavy rains and humidity, starting backwards is the best course of action to follow. Thank you for the inquiry. It helps me develop better tips. To find out more, order the guide and it is all there for you in detail. And how do you do that? Merry Christmas to you as well! Merry Christmas to you. Paint your designs on the interior side of the glass. You need to be aware of the window "sweating" though. If it does, than acrylic or latex would be the way to decorated. There are tips for making your Tempura water proof in my book, too. Clean off is the same, but would take a bit more time and effort. Thank you for your visit today! It only takes one painting to get you hooked! Stencils are a great way to trace out design images to fill in with paint if you cannot draw. Designs and letters are included in the document when you download The Essential Window Painting Guide. Thank you for your visit! I have sliding glass doors for the first time in many years. RoadMonkey 4 years ago I love seeing the shop windows painted for Christmas and never thought about doing it for myself. I bet your windows freeze over. I would try doing a painting backwards where you live. Start with the outlines and work your way in. Removal is tricky with this project so make sure you tape off the area and use a drop cloth. I live in the Black Hills of South Dakota and it does get pretty cold. What I can recommend you can find in my book. The paint tips are written in detail there. What kind of climate do you live in? That makes a huge difference. Some people do use household latex to do windows, but it is a royal pain to remove. Paint flakes for me if the temperatures are too cold or the paint is really old or the wrong kind. I love the Blick Art Tempura as it has never let me down. Will the tempera paint you recommend do all of this? Do I need to add anything to the paint to make it stick better to the window? Do you ever have this problem? That is a really good age to start out. Let her practice on your sliding glass doors! It has taken me years to paint like this. I love the versitility of glass. It can be anything you want it to be. Thanks for your comments!

## Chapter 2 : About Your Privacy on this Site

*Set a festive holiday mood throughout your house with our simple Christmas decorating ideas. Every room can use a Christmas touch, and we cover all your indoor spaces with our classic Christmas inspiration. Whether you have a traditional home or prefer a more contemporary Christmas look in your.*

VirginiaLynne is a mother of five. She writes about parenting, crafts and games for children, family fun, and Christian ministry ideas. Point to the True Meaning of the Holiday! Want a manger scene in your yard to show the true meaning of Christmas? Here are 25 unique manger scene ideas. Some are homemade and original, others are store bought. In addition, my pictures show interesting ideas for displaying and lighting. So I made it my quest to photograph every different outdoor scene I saw to help other people get ideas of how to bring the meaning of Christmas to your home decorations. Flat Wood Painting Click thumbnail to view full-size This three panel painting is one of my favorites. A very clever idea! Many lovely Christmas Cards have pictures you can copy. You can have a talented friend do the outlining for you or use a projector for blowing an image up. You can purchase these or try making your own using the video below. Painting with acrylic or oils on wood also allows you to make mistakes and cover them up with more details. To get the best effect at night, you will probably need to use floodlights to illuminate. Can paint in any style from classical to country. Easy to fold and store. Can make a large display which makes a statement in a yard. Needs to have nighttime illumination. Requires some ability to draw, paint and sometimes cut wood. Wood Cut-Outs Click thumbnail to view full-size Cutting out wood is a harder project but allows you to spread the scene over your yard. Source You can also add figures every year. Source This is a smaller and simpler one. Source I think this country style painting is easier to do. These can be made in classic or country styles and any size. One of my favorite childhood memories is of life-sized figures being set up on a hill full of Olive Trees near my home. I saw a similar one this year near my home but unfortunately did not get pictures of it. Still, it is the one I eventually want to make! In the pictures above, you can see how these wooden figures vary in style and are all unique. These can be made at home with good woodworking tools and someone who can paint. You might be able to get someone else to do this for you who has these skills. These can be inexpensive to make but do take some time. These can be heavy to put up and store. You will need some sort of spotlight to illuminate them too. Collage Figures A local craft store offers several different collage type decorations made from wood and fabric. These Nativities are often in a country or rustic style with minimal painting. These would be simple to make since they are made mostly with 1" wood available at any hardware store. They have easy designs to paint too. You would only need a jigsaw or scroll saw to cut the wood shapes. You can color to match your house. If you use fabric, these are a bit more delicate. They work best next to a front door. Source Black figure of cowboy bowing before cross is a unique display. Source Silhouettes White silhouettes are what I see most frequently when I look on the web. The picture shows the most common scene that is often for sale on Amazon or eBay along with a much larger one which has many figures and stretches across a full front yard. In addition, I found an interesting cowboy bowing down to a cross which was in a yard near my house. These silhouettes are easy to purchase and set up in a yard and fold for storage. They look good in the day and night and are easy to see. If they are made of wood, they may be heavy. In addition, you can make these if you have a good hand with a jigsaw. Moreover, they could be easily re-painted when they start looking worn. If made of wood, these can be heavy and might require good support in the wind. In some neighborhoods, these can be more common, and less individual. Window Display Click thumbnail to view full-size Large ceramic sets are beautiful and probably expensive. Source You need to have large windows. Source Details of painting. Here is a wonderful window display I came across one day while driving. It had a large ceramic set displayed in a large bay window. Although I almost passed it by during the day, at night the display lights up dramatically. How to do a window display. Using a bay window and white drapery, this family has their ceramic set displayed in the front window. Using a large cardboard box draped with white sheets or fabric, you could create a stage for your figures in front of any large window. This type of display lets you share your set with others and decorates your house. I know a family who had their baby Jesus stolen from their small plastic

outside display, so if you are concerned about theft, this can be a good solution. In addition, I thought this would be a great way to display in places with lots of snow or bad weather. From inside, it might make the room darker to have the curtains drawn all of the season. Also, many people prefer to put their tree in the window. Trying to explain how Santa and the Nativity Story work together at Christmas? I find the Santa bowing figures an interesting way to explain this to kids. Another version is to have him kneeling in front of the cross. In one example pictured, they have the manger in front with the Santa kneeling in the back. Plastic Creche [Click thumbnail to view full-size](#) Purchased Plastic set with home made manger from logs and corrugated roofing. Source Lighted angels and star. Source Same set around a tree. Source Plastic Sets I love the old-fashioned smaller plastic Mary, Joseph, and Jesus sets which look like they are from the s. Some of them may actually be that old, but I did see them at Walmart a few years ago. In some cases the baby Jesus is removable so that you can leave the manger empty until Christmas. These scenes are easy to set up and can include just the three main figures or sometimes they have shepherds and animals too. I liked the way this yard made a simple stable from logs and brown corrugated plastic. That protects the scene from the weather and also helps to highlight it. This family also incorporated the white lighted angels and a lighted star effectively. They are also rather small and need to be connected to a light source. Since they are pretty light weight, they will blow around in the wind. The one grouping around the tree is right down the street from me and half the time when I drive by, I see the figures on the ground. Resin Figurines [Click thumbnail to view full-size](#) Source.

**Chapter 3 : | Southern Living**

*No Christmas tree is complete without a skirt to hide its base. Rather than using a store-bought tree skirt, transform a piece of canvas into an elegant, ruffled linen beauty using only cuts of linen, scissors and glue.*

The Yule Log The History of Christmas Trees The evergreen fir tree has traditionally been used to celebrate winter festivals pagan and Christian for thousands of years. Pagans used branches of it to decorate their homes during the winter solstice, as it made them think of the spring to come. The Romans used Fir Trees to decorate their temples at the festival of Saturnalia. Christians use it as a sign of everlasting life with God. Nobody is really sure when Fir trees were first used as Christmas trees. It probably began about years ago in Northern Europe. Other early Christmas Trees, across many parts of northern Europe, were cherry or hawthorn plants or a branch of the plant that were put into pots and brought inside so they would hopefully flower at Christmas time. Sometimes they were carried around from house to house, rather than being displayed in a home. The Paradise Tree represented the Garden of Eden. It was often paraded around the town before the play started, as a way of advertising the play. The plays told Bible stories to people who could not read. The first documented use of a tree at Christmas and New Year celebrations is argued between the cities of Tallinn in Estonia and Riga in Latvia! Both claim that they had the first trees; Tallinn in and Riga in Little is known about either tree apart from that they were put in the town square, were danced around by the Brotherhood of Blackheads and were then set on fire. This is like the custom of the Yule Log. You can find out more about the Riga Tree from this website: The man is dressed a bishop, possibly representing St. It is described as a tree decorated with "apples, nuts, dates, pretzels and paper flowers". The first person to bring a Christmas Tree into a house, in the way we know it today, may have been the 16th century German preacher Martin Luther. A story is told that, one night before Christmas, he was walking through the forest and looked up to see the stars shining through the tree branches. It was so beautiful, that he went home and told his children that it reminded him of Jesus, who left the stars of heaven to come to earth at Christmas. The Riga tree originally took place a few decades earlier. The custom of having Christmas trees could well have travelled along the Baltic sea, from Latvia to Germany. In the s and s, the countries which are now Germany and Latvia were them part of two larger empires which were neighbors. Another story says that St. Boniface of Crediton a village in Devon, UK left England and traveled to Germany to preach to the pagan German tribes and convert them to Christianity. He is said to have come across a group of pagans about to sacrifice a young boy while worshipping an oak tree. In anger, and to stop the sacrifice, St. Boniface is said to have cut down the oak tree and, to his amazement, a young fir tree sprang up from the roots of the oak tree. Boniface took this as a sign of the Christian faith and his followers decorated the tree with candles so that St. Boniface could preach to the pagans at night. There is another legend, from Germany, about how the Christmas Tree came into being, it goes: Once on a cold Christmas Eve night, a forester and his family were in their cottage gathered round the fire to keep warm. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. When the forester opened the door, he found a poor little boy standing on the door step, lost and alone. The forester welcomed him into his house and the family fed and washed him and put him to bed in the youngest sons own bed he had to share with his brother that night! The next morning, Christmas Morning, the family were woken up by a choir of angels, and the poor little boy had turned into Jesus, the Christ Child. The Christ Child went into the front garden of the cottage and broke a branch off a Fir tree and gave it to the family as a present to say thank you for looking after him. So ever since them, people have remembered that night by bringing a Christmas Tree into their homes! In Germany, the first Christmas Trees were decorated with edible things, such as gingerbread and gold covered apples. Then glass makers made special small ornaments similar to some of the decorations used today. In an unknown German wrote: The first Christmas Trees came to Britain sometime in the s. In Victorian times, the tree would have been decorated with candles to represent stars. In many parts of Europe, candles are still used to decorate Christmas trees. Tinsel and The Legend of the Christmas Spider Tinsel was also created in Germany, were it was originally made from thin strips of beaten silver. There are also folk stories about how tinsel was created - by The Christmas Spider! These tales seem to have started in Eastern Germany or Ukraine but are also told in

parts of Finland and Scandinavia. When the children go to sleep on Christmas Eve a spider covers the tree in cobwebs. Then on Christmas morning the cobwebs are magically turned into silver and gold strands which decorate the tree! In , the famous inventor Thomas Edison put some of his new electric light bulbs around his office. And in Edward Johnson, who was a colleague of Edison, hand-strung 80 red, white and blue bulbs together and put them on his tree in his New York apartment there were two additional strings of 28 lights mounted from the ceiling! In the Edison company published a brochure offering lighting services for Christmas. In another Edison advert offered bulbs which you could rent, along with their lighting system, for use over Christmas! There are records in a diary from where settlers in Montana used electric lights on a tree. Electric tree lights first became widely known in the USA in when President Grover Cleveland has the tree in the White House decorated with lights as his young daughters liked them! Another claim to the first widespread sale of strings of lights comes from Ralph Morris, an American telephonist. In , he used telephone wire to string together small bulbs from a telephone exchange and decorated a table top tree with them. Leavitt Morris, the son of Ralph, wrote an article in for the Christian Science Monitor, about his father inventing Christmas Tree lights, as he was un-aware of the Edison lights. In a hospital in Chicago burned down because of candles on a Christmas Tree. In insurance companies in the USA tried to get a law made that would ban candles from being used on Christmas Trees because of the many fires they had caused. However, people still used candles to light Christmas Trees and there were more fires. His family came from Spain and made novelty wicker bird cages that lit up. Albert thought of using the lights in long strings and also suggested painting the bulbs bright colors like red and green. Many towns and villages have their own Christmas Trees. She set the record on 19th December on the set of Guinness World Records: Die GroBten Weltrekorde in Germany. Artificial Christmas Trees really started becoming popular in the early 20th century. In many countries, different trees are used as Christmas trees.

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